

Hospice News 2023

Otago Community Hospice Newsletter | August

CEO Message

Kia ora koutou

With the days starting to lengthen after the shortest day, it is time for us to look forward to spring and summer and for us here at Hospice that means quite a line-up of fundraising events. These events, more often than not, are run by volunteers in the community – supporting us through car rallies, dinner events, golf tournaments and Christmas raffles.

I always find it catches me by surprise how much people do for us year after year. We consider ourselves incredibly lucky to have a community which supports us so wholeheartedly, despite many facing challenges of their own.

This year, we too are facing the impacts of inflation and this is challenging us like no other time, with a new fundraising target of \$3.2 million – nearly three times what our target used to be just seven years ago.

We know we need more sustainable fundraising to be able to reach this target, and that is why we are absolutely thrilled to have added the two Wānaka Hospice shops to our network, thanks to the very generous Upper Clutha Hospice Trust who developed these shops and handed the keys of both to Otago Community Hospice on 1st June this year. See the extended story in this newsletter.

Our shops continue to raise a significant amount of money – this last year an incredible \$1.3 million. And the new shops will add more to this.

Our service remains a vital one for so many patients and their whānau all around Otago – making a tremendous difference for those facing terminal illness. But to do this for free we still rely heavily on our donations, so please keep us in mind as you think about your donation dollar.

As always, a very big thanks for all your support, I hope you will continue to support our Hospice, ensuring our free, excellent palliative care service for all those who need it.



Ngā mihi mahana

GINNY GREEN
CEO
Otago Community Hospice



SAY GOODBYE TO THE BEARD

In late 2022 Blair McLean's mum, Jeanie, found out she had pancreatic cancer. Her strong-willed Glaswegian spirit kicked into high gear, going straight into treatment and as that saw her saying goodbye to her hair, her son Blair decided to embark on his own journey of hair loss. In February Blair created a Givealittle campaign "Say Goodbye to the Beard" and in just three months raised an incredible \$4,831 for hospice services – and lost a sizeable beard in the process. Sadly, just weeks later Jeanie died with Hospice and her family by her side. Blair shared this message on the Givealittle page on the 26th May.

Final Thank You From Mum

On the 22nd of May, a sunny Monday morning, Mum passed away peacefully in her sleep with Graham by her side with her children, Scott, Stacey, and myself, joining Graham in the short minutes after her passing.

I just wanted to reiterate how humbled and grateful mum was for all of the kind messages and donations received by all of you. The care and support she received by the Otago Hospice during her stay there was outstanding and this organisation with their incredible staff are so deserving of all and any donations received.

Thank you again.

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THE INFAMOUS LINDY CHICKS STRIKE AGAIN!

On Sunday 30 April the Green Island Civic Hall was filled with fascinators, delicious treats raffles and auction items galore as over 100 women from the community supported the High Tea fundraiser. Thanks to the generous Lindy Chicks (named that for their shared loved of Lindauer) and their supportive friends and family a grand total of \$7,804. A fabulous afternoon was had by all.



The Lindy Chicks with Fundraising Coordinator Amy raising a tea cup to celebrate.

NEW CROMWELL HOSPICE HUB

Last month the Central Otago team were thrilled to move to their new Hub at 156 Ripponvale Road, Cromwell. The new Cromwell Hospice Hub provides plenty of space for consultations, counselling and education delivery for colleagues in primary health, patients and whānau. The growing team are looking forward to building more connections in the community as they continue to provide quality specialist palliative care throughout the Central region.



NURSING EXCELLENCE AWARDS



A clean sweep at the recent Te Whatu Ora Nursing Excellence Awards with Sharyn Clearwater (right) taking out the award for Clinical Excellence, Sharon Stewart (left) the Excellence in Leadership Award and Denise van Aalst achieving the Quality Improvement and Innovative Practice award for her work on the Ending Life Well podcast series. Since its launch, just a year ago, the podcast has been downloaded over 4000 times in New Zealand.

ENDING LIFE WELL

A podcast series for carers

AVAILABLE ON:



More information here: <https://otagohospice.co.nz/patient-services/kowhai-programme/carers-podcast/>

A PERFECTLY TIMED GIFT

Lots of celebrating as the Upper Clutha Hospice Trust (UCHT) handed over the keys to its two Wānaka retail shops. The shops were established to supplement the donations received to set up and operate the Trust's Stina Mooyman Palliative and Respite Care Suite, located within the Aspiring Enliven Care Centre. Hospice CEO Ginny Green said the gift of the second hand shops was perfectly timed, as the Hospice faced increased patient and associated costs in the Central Otago region.



L to R: Ginny Green, CEO Otago Community Hospice (OCH) Russell McGeorge, Chairman (UCHT), Cat Callanan, Retail Development Manager (OCH), Jill Milward, Shop Manager (OCH), Ross Parry, Trustee (UCHT) and Neville Dippie, former Trustee (UCHT).

BECOME A FRIEND OF HOSPICE TODAY



Consider becoming a Friend of Hospice by setting up an automatic payment.

Contact our Fundraising Administrator
Amy McDonald

0800 682 464

or email

friends@otagohospice.co.nz

ANNUAL STREET APPEAL



Otago Community Hospice's annual street appeal raised over \$38,000 on Friday 3 March. A heartfelt thank you to the wonderful volunteers, drivers, regional coordinators and businesses who made this year's appeal such a success. To everyone who donated – thank you for digging deep for your hospice!

\$38,000 RAISED



HIGHLANDS WINTER DRIVING EXPERIENCE

The Central Otago team picked up lots of valuable skills during the Winter Driving Experience and it has to be noted that only one orange cone was knocked over. Huge thanks to the awesome crew at Highlands for not only sponsoring the team through the course but showing such warm hospitality too. The team have a new found confidence as they head out in these winter conditions to visit patients.



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION EVENT

Otago Hospice's volunteers are a crucial part of our service equation – with a contribution worth over \$1 million each year. Without these volunteers – right across the Otago region – Hospice could not do what it does.

If you are interested in becoming part of the Hospice Volunteer Crew, please call us on 03 473 1012, email: volunteer@otagohospice.co.nz



Some of our valued volunteers at a recent celebration.

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Round up the girls for a fantastic day out at the Otago Golf Club!



Date: Friday 24 Nov 2023 - Entries close Monday 20 Nov
Format: Ambrose – 9 holes
 Teams of 3, playing in a group of 6
Time: Shot gun start 2pm
Venue: Otago Golf Club
Entry Fee: \$300 per team: includes Green Fee
 Entry to the Edinburgh Realty Bubbles & Cheese Tent | Buffet Dinner | Dessert
 On course snacks | Non-alcoholic beverages
 1 x Raffle Ticket

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HOLES

Prize for Best Dressed!

A HOSPICE FUNDRAISER SPONSORED BY
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SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR CORPORATE SUPPORTERS

PLATINUM



GOLD



SILVER



BRONZE



THANK YOU!

Our heartfelt thanks to the following trusts who recently supported us with extremely generous grants:

McPherson Trust

NZ Lottery Grants

Downie Stewart Trust

The Blueskin Trust

Otago Service Clubs Medical Trust

Healthcare Otago Trust

Lions Club of Cromwell

Otago Masonic Charitable Trust

Bendigo Valley Sports & Charity Foundation

Trust Community Foundation

Alexander McMillan Trust

HOSPICE EVENTS COMING UP

Wednesday 13 September
BNi Bingo Fundraiser

Friday 6 October
Central Otago Dinner Club

Saturday 7 October
Mornington Taphouse Charity Car Run

Friday 27 October
Aotearoa Gaming Trust Golf Tournament

Wednesday 15 November
Christmas Trailer Raffle

Sunday 19 November
Charity Car Cruise

Monday 20 November
Farmers Christmas Campaign

Friday 24 November
Edinburgh Women's Golf Tournament

Friday 1 March
Otago Hospice Annual Street Appeal

Go to our events page to keep up to date on these events and much more.

otagohospice.co.nz/support-us/events