

Hospice News

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Otago Community Hospice Newsletter

CEO Message

As we start another financial year, we all need to take a moment to look back and give ourselves, and you, a pat on the back for reaching our fundraising goal. A significant target, and one that was met because of all the wonderful community support we have.

And then that moment is gone, and we turn our eyes towards the next financial year and our new target of \$2.5million. Gulp.

We pride ourselves on our ability to build a service built partly on DHB contract and partly on community support. Being able to provide a free specialist palliative care service to anyone who needs it in the Otago region – no matter what a person's illness, no matter what their age and no matter where they live – makes us all incredibly proud.

Our service is held up by many parts – and in this newsletter I want to do a shout out for the truly significant contribution of volunteers. We are lucky to have a very strong network of volunteers – 380 in total – who contribute at all levels from shop assistants, to receptionists and kitchen assistants as well as Inpatient Unit volunteers.

We could not provide the service we do without the talented and committed support of our volunteers. They make our Hospice better.

On that note, this newsletter is chocker with events, programme initiatives, supporters efforts and trust grants that have been a feature of Hospice over the last few months.

We are also looking to improve our communications with you, but we need to know more about you – our supporters network. I urge you to take the time to answer the questionnaire sheet – we are happy to hear your response by phone, email or post!

It would be terrific to hear from you, so we can do more for you.



Ginny

Big Hearted Heroes



Wayne, Karl, Flynn and Donnie Sefton with Matt Stuart (Donnie's Dad)

Father and son Wayne and Karl Sefton have built a satellite Hospice fundraising hub at their pub Mackies in Port Chalmers.

Wayne has had several friends die in the Hospice over the last decade, and Wayne and Karl were both strong support crew for Matt Stuart, the father of their grandson/nephew, who died aged 31 in the North East Valley IPU two

years ago. Their experiences with Hospice triggered a strong desire to raise funds to help support the service.

Wayne and Karl have tackled fundraising with gusto, along with help from Mackies Hotel Social Club members, raising close to \$10,000 in the last year. They participate in the annual Golf Tournament at St Clair Golf Club and run raffles at Mackies, garnering fabulous support from Mackies regulars and the broader West Harbour community. In the last six months they have established a Hospice wall at Mackies where companies or individuals can buy a brick with the proceeds going to Hospice. The brick features a brass plaque with the individual or company name and purchase date.

The Hospice is indebted to heroes like Wayne and Karl; people committed to supporting our service with novel and continuous fundraising. Our hats go off to them.

If you or your company would like to purchase a brick at Mackies contact Wayne on 0274 376 578.



Ginny in front of the Hospice brick wall at Mackies

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Otago's Hospice and Freemasons celebrate 20 years of fundraising

During this year's Hospice Awareness Week, Otago Community Hospice and the region's Freemasons celebrated 20 years of collaboration for the Hospice's Annual Street Appeal.

Freemasons from all over Otago have supported the Hospice by leading the Hospice Awareness Week appeal since 1998.

Hospice CEO Ginny Green describes the partnership as integral to what is one of the charity's biggest annual fundraisers.

"The Masons have been incredible across the years, turning up rain or shine to raise funds for our service during Hospice Awareness Week. We are so grateful for their continued support right across our region. And it's not just during awareness week – they support us with grants and other fundraising efforts throughout each year."

In June 1998 an organising committee was formed to assist Hospice with the Annual Street Appeal, with Masonic lodges helping to organise the collection in their local communities.

Back in 1998 \$7000 was raised. Since then the collection has grown to average \$40,000. The funds go directly towards service provision for the 700 people on the Hospice programme each year.

Freemason Mel Darling, the chairman of the appeal's organising group, says that charity is one of the cornerstones of Freemasonry.

"The association with the Hospice is rewarding; to be able to directly assist the hospice in supporting the terminally ill and their families all over Otago is a real privilege. There is now a legacy for the Freemasons, and we are very proud of what we have achieved as a group for the Hospice."

\$37,500 was raised during the Hospice Collection this year. A huge thanks to all those volunteers across Otago who generously donate their time for this big day!

HOSPICE CHAMPIONS

Every year, at the end of June we do a tally up of our corporate supporters who have generously supported us through the previous 12 months. We want to do a shout out to all those fabulous companies, and their teams, who really are our champions on so many levels. So here's to all of you!

We are lucky to have many organisations who contribute goods and services to the Hospice free of charge.



Tammy Warrington, Hospice cook, happily receives the regular deliveries from Kaan's Catering Supplies.

Kaan's Catering Supplies
Otago Polytechnic
Mitre10 MEGA Dunedin
Pacific Fineline
Firebrand
Serviceman Dunedin Ltd
Total Carpet

TAK Flooring
Erbas Spa
Mobility Solutions Centre
Initial Dunedin
Dynamic Distribution
Antidote – Meridian
Foleys – Plumbers

We also have a large number of corporate supporters who make very generous cash donations which enable us to reach our fundraising target.

Mercy Hospital
Farmers's Trading Company Ltd
Colliers International
Otago Packaging Supplies Ltd
Mackies Hotel

Spivey Real Estate Ltd
Ultraspan
City Forests
Delta Utility Services Ltd



One of our regular supporters is Colliers who this year sponsored our Gala – *A Night Under the Stars* – with a significant donation of \$40,000



The Monarch Club takes a trip

The Monarch Club went for an armchair trip to Vietnam in July with House of Travel's Anthony Boomer (seen in the photo with his family).

These events are a small way of the Hospice saying thank you to this special group of people who have made future bequests in their wills to the Otago Community Hospice.

The Monarch Club bequests go directly to our foundation trust, which is a critical and sustainable source of funding for us to continue our important work long into the future.

If you are thinking about your will, and would like consider leaving a future bequest to the hospice, please contact Becs Wilson becs.wilson@otagohospice.co.nz. If you have already made a bequest, please let us know so we can thank you personally and ensure you get invites to our Monarch Club events.

Become a volunteer for your hospice

Volunteers love working with the Otago Community Hospice team. And we really love our volunteers. They make a significant contribution to our service, and in turn volunteers get a lot out of their roles.

Quote from a kitchen volunteer – July 2018

“I am sure we all volunteer for different reasons, but being openly appreciated means a lot, and aside from what we gain on a personal level, it reinforces our commitment to the Hospice and the wonderful people within it. It is my pleasure to contribute my time to such an invaluable asset to our community.”

We are always looking for volunteers to support our services. We guarantee clearly defined roles, volunteer induction, development and a great team to work with.

Contact Rebecca Shaw on 03 473 6005 for more information about our regular Volunteer Introduction sessions.

Nurse Practitioner steps up for Hospice in Central Otago



Otago Community Hospice Central Otago services have been boosted with a newly graduated nurse practitioner in the Central Otago Community Team.

Louisa Ingham has worked for Hospice as part of the Cromwell-based Hospice team as a Care Co-ordinator for the last six years. During this time Louisa completed her Masters Degree at The University of Auckland and graduated as a nurse practitioner in March this year.

Hospice CEO Ginny Green says adding this extra layer of expertise to the Central Otago Team brings a real strength to the service that delivers Hospice care to the region.

“Central Otago has its challenges, being our fastest growing population whilst at the same time our most distant. Louisa will be focussed on providing education and support to the carers in Aged Residential Care. Increasing palliative care knowledge within these facilities will promote confidence in staff and enhance symptom control for people with palliative needs. Louisa will also be instrumental in progressing the practice of teaching family carers to administer medications by injection, which can be essential to enable people to stay at home close to the end of their life. To be able to progress this aspect of training in Central is very exciting.”

Louisa says that working rurally is always challenging.

“But with my new scope I’ll be able to work collaboratively with the GPs as well as the wider team to better meet the needs of our patients, and enhance our primary health carer palliative knowledge.”



Central Otago News

Upper Clutha Hospice Trust and Otago Community Hospice to work together

The Upper Clutha Hospice Trust and the Otago Community Hospice in June launched a collaboration, which includes fundraising and financial support for hospice services in Wanaka region.

The Upper Clutha Hospice Trust, which funded the Stina Mooyman Palliative and Respite Care Suite at the Enliven Care Centre in Wanaka, will make a financial contribution of \$30,000 to Otago Community Hospice for the 2018-19 financial year. They will also use their deep community links to help out with the Otago Community Hospice’s Annual Collection in 2019 as well as working with fundraising staff to develop new initiatives in the community.

“We recognise the valuable services provided by the Otago Community Hospice’s community team in the Upper Clutha, and we want to support this service. Not just financially, but also via our team of fundraisers,” says Trust chair Russell McGeorge.

Hospice CEO Ginny Green describes this new collaboration as a great step forward for the Hospice service’s sustainability in this region.

“Wanaka has many challenges, being our fastest growing population and also our most remote.

“The Trust has gathered great momentum in Wanaka, and we are excited to be working with them. To have this extra support is very welcome. We look forward to growing this partnership.”

Pinot Noir makers donate \$25,000 to Otago Community Hospice Service in Central

The Hospice also received a very generous \$25,000 from the Central Otago Pinot Noir Charitable Trust auction held earlier this year. Every year Central Otago Winegrowers combine to produce a Central Otago Cuvée. In January, futures on the Celebration Cuvée were sold at the highly successful auction held at the Central Otago Pinot Noir Celebration on behalf of the Central Otago Pinot Noir Charitable Trust. The conference makes a significant amount every year through the auction and this year the Otago Community Hospice was their chosen charity.

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Hospice Spring Events

Hospice Champions Evening

Date: Wednesday 8 August 2018

Hospice corporate sponsors networking event at Otago Community Hospice.

Upper Clutha Supporters Evening

Date: Thursday 6 September 2018

Venue: TBC

Email becs.wilson@otagohospice.co.nz if you'd like to become an Otago Community Hospice supporter in Wanaka.

BNI Dunedin Charity Gala & Auction

Date: Friday 12 October 2018

Venue: The Village Green, Sunnyvale.

Email: becs.wilson@otagohospice.co.nz for tickets.



THANK YOU!

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

Bendigo Valley Sports & Charity Foundation: \$90,000

William Sheriff Charitable Trust: \$66,537

Upper Clutha Hospice Trust: \$30,000

Lions Foundation: \$30,000

Central Lakes Trust: \$62,648

Hospice NZ Grants Programme: \$6,064



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Facebook

We are trying to keep our facebook page FULL of great information about events, volunteering, our supporters, our teams and Hospice services. So if you haven't already, please like our page and share it with your friends and family to help strengthen our network of supporters!



Coming Up

Cromwell Dinner Club

Keep an eye out on the Facebook page for date and venue (and our soon to be announced Cromwell Dinner Club partner!)

Hospice Hub Opening – Summer 2018.

Oamaru is going to have a night to remember with the opening of the fabulous new Hospice Hub. The building tenders are coming in, and North Otago community will see some activity on the building in the next month. Our wishlist is up on the website – we need everything, so check it out. There may be something you can donate to our hub.



Oamaru's Spivey Real Estate team partnered up with Otago Community Hospice for a Dinner Club in April this year – raising \$7,000 for Hospice service provision in North Otago. This event is set to become a regular on Oamaru's social calendar.