

Hospice News 2024

Otago Community Hospice Newsletter | February

CEO Message

Kia ora koutou,

As we welcome in 2024 I wanted to give you a rundown on what the year ahead holds for us. Well, what we can plan for! Much of what we end up doing and investing in is in response to changes in demand and what is going on around us. We have become very skilled at adapting and doing so at pace.

We kick the year off with excitement about growing our partnership with the district nursing services in Dunedin and changing up what we offer to aged care providers across Otago.

Infrastructure work is high on the agenda. Our Oamaru Hub had to close due to issues with water tightness. We are working through options while the shop and clinical team are housed elsewhere.

Renovations are underway at our busy Brownston St shop in Wānaka as we expand into the Messenger space next door. And our Central Otago Hub on Ripponvale Road is also expanding to allow space for onsite counselling and education/training for our colleagues across the sector.

After a server failure late last year, reviewing our IT systems, processes and infrastructure will also require a big focus.

The bigger picture focus for 2024 will be on working with our Te Waipounamu / South Island colleagues on a formalised collaborative way of working. We will also be getting to the sticky end of some important national work with Hospice NZ around the development of a sustainable model for funding our services.

Every year I say that a period of consolidation is required.....and every year that invariably doesn't happen as we get thrown more curve balls!

The curve balls we are predicting will be largely those thrown at us from the newly configured government. I predict we'll see more change and uncertainty that we'll need to put our minds to. Specifically, funding uncertainty, further pay equity issues and palliative care's 'place' in the new system.

We have plenty on the agenda and you can rest assured we will continue to evolve our services to meet the ever changing needs of our community.

Recently we received some feedback from our suggestion box that I believe validates the significant work done in 2023 around transitions for patients between home and the inpatient unit, coupled with exemplary performance by all the team.

What was appreciated: The professional expert nursing care. The calm aura and atmosphere. The focus on the smallest details and the big picture. The connection between home and hospice is outstanding.



Feedback like this gives me absolute confidence that we are travelling in the right direction - this is only possible because of your support. If you are in a position to do so, please give generously as we enter this new year.

Ngā mihi mahana

GINNY GREEN
CEO
Otago Community Hospice

1600KM CYCLING CHALLENGE



Grant Campbell's passion for cycling and appreciation for hospice services inspired an epic challenge and fundraising journey over the holidays. After setting a hefty 1000 mile (1600km) target to pedal his way around South Canterbury, Otago and Central Otago he thought why not make it a fundraiser for Otago Hospice.

"When my sister Tania passed away this year after a short battle with cancer the Otago Community Hospice staff were absolutely wonderful. The support and reassurance they provided for Tania and the family along with the genuine compassion, respect and dignity was just so appreciated."

As Grant clocked up the miles his givealittle page was clocking up generous donations in support of his cause with his \$1,000 goal quickly being surpassed.

We are inspired by his determination and appreciate every single dollar. At last check \$2,300 had been donated in four weeks.

In order to keep our service free of charge, we have to raise \$3.2million every year. We rely on amazing people like Grant to fundraise on our behalf and help us toward that target.



Grant with sister Tania and their parents.

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ROTARY TRAILER RAFFLE

Once again, a big thank you to Rotary Club of Dunedin South for organising the trailer raffle and a big shout out to Mitre 10 Mega team who sponsor the trailer raffle with such excellent prizes and support. And to the wonderful volunteers that help sell tickets across various locations in Otago - Thank you!



BNI BINGO BONANZA

Hospice supporters and bingo lovers alike packed the Green Island Club in September for the BNI Bingo Bonanza. With an entry line as far as the eye could see, this event exceeded our expectations. Special thanks to the Green Island Rugby Club, Two Fat Ladies Bingo, BNI Dunedin City, BNI Aspire, BNI Larnach, our lovely volunteer raffle sellers. THANK YOU!



MORNINGTON TAPHOUSE CHARITY CAR RUN

Huge shout out to Murdoch and the team at the Mornington Taphouse for another brilliant car rally. Massive thank you to all the generous sponsors and everyone that took part.



\$20,000 DONATION

An eye popping donation from funds raised at the Annual Latitude 45 South Charity Event. Dean & Joe, Colliers Otago, were thrilled to present the GIANT cheque and we were equally thrilled to receive it.



CENTRAL OTAGO DINNER CLUB

Central Otago residents came out in force on the 6th October to support the Annual Dinner Club, proudly sponsored by Pioneer Energy. Held at the stunning Packing Shed, guests were treated to a delectable feast. Jonathan Usher left guests amazed & in fits of laughter and an incredible array of auction items went under the hammer, courtesy of Peter Hishon - Tall Poppy Central Otago Real Estate. A record breaking \$40k was raised. Thank you to everyone that contributed to the night's success!



Ginny Green, OCH CEO, gifting a beautiful print to Fraser Jonker, Pioneer Energy CEO, for their incredible support. Special thanks to Grahame Sydney and Gallery de Novo.

MASTER PAINTERS GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Annual Master Painters Golf Tournament took place recently and raised \$2,500. We are SO grateful to everyone involved with making the day such a success. THANK YOU.



From left: Campbell Prentice (Guthrie Bowron), Simon Tangney (Decorating Services Ltd) Ginny (Hospice CEO) and Gavin Mead (Master Painters Otago).

WOMEN'S GOLF GAINING HUGE MOMENTUM



Tournament organisers, L to R: Merrin Bath, Edinburgh Realty Commercial, Shelley Duncan, Otago Golf Club and Amy Ruthven, OCH.

The Annual Edinburgh Women's Golf Tournament, sponsored by Edinburgh Realty Commercial and hosted by Otago Golf Club Inc, teed off on Friday 24 November with 24 teams entered. The day turned out the sunshine, with many keen golfers (and a few newbies) and Hospice supporters turning on the food, beverages, prizes. A big thanks to all who attended, and if you are keen on participating this year as a player, sponsor or supporter, please email amy.ruthven@otagohospice.co.nz



\$13,500 RAISED

Thank you to our guest speaker, Rowena Davenport and the following business: Bay Rd, Beresford Heights Farm Stay, Blacks Rd, Cooke Howlison BMW, Catalyst, Edinburgh Realty Commercial, EuroVintage, Gardens New

World, Harraways, Kaans, Knox Unichem Pharmacy, Meenans Liquorland, Millbrook Resort, No.8 Distillery, North Otago Golf Club, Otago Golf Club, Titi, Whitestone Cheese, Wild Dispensary.

LEXUS EXPO

Cooke Howlison Toyota held a Lexus Expo in October, showcasing all things Lexus luxury while raising thousands of dollars for Hospice. A launch party with a silent auction, a donation per test drive and Lexus sale resulted in a whopping \$7,040 being raised.

A heartfelt thank you to Matthew Downing and the team. Special thanks to Quartz Reef, Kaan's Catering Supplies, Darling Realty, Otago Daily Times, Quadrant Gallery, Latitude Homes, Dunedin Symphony Orchestra and Lexus New Zealand.



\$7,040 RAISED



\$35,264 RAISED

FARMERS CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN

Farmers stores partnered with Hospices throughout New Zealand, for the 10th year of the Farmers Christmas Bauble and Trees of Remembrance campaign.

Alongside the sale of the baubles was the Christmas Trees of Remembrance – an opportunity for families to remember a loved one by writing a message in a card and hanging it on the tree, whilst making a donation to their local Hospice.

Staff at the Dunedin and Oamaru stores go over and above every year supporting this campaign and we can't thank them enough.

CHARITY CAR CRUISE

The 14th Annual Otago Community Hospice Charity Cruise & Car Show saw near on 200 cars attend the event at Hancock Park on 19 November. The live music from The Foxy Tones was a brilliant addition this year as well as the trailer load of biscuits that will go out to our amazing shop volunteers. A HUGE thank you to Ken and the team for putting on another well-oiled event.



\$8,500 RAISED

ICE ICE BABY

Members of BNI Octagon, showed superhuman resilience as they put their bodies and minds on the line during their Ice Bath Challenge in August. A great big thank you to everyone involved. What a cool bunch!



\$2,284 RAISED

Despite the dismal weather attendees at the 17th Annual Aotearoa Gaming Trust Hospice Golf Tournament ploughed on to raise \$46k for hospice services in Otago. We can't thank you ALL enough for your dedication to the cause. As usual an enormous shout out to Kevin Galliven (Gully) and the team at Aotearoa Gaming Trust for another cracker day. Surely we'll get sunshine next year?!



FOUR SEASONS IN ONE DAY!

\$46,000 RAISED



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HOSPICE EVENTS COMING UP

Friday 1 and Saturday 2 March Otago Hospice Street Appeal

Friday 15 March Harcourts Hospice Degustation, Glenfalloch

Sunday 7 April The Lindy Chicks High Tea

13-20 May Hospice Awareness Week

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

otagohospice.co.nz/support-us/events

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Lions Foundation
Central Lakes Trust
John Lemon Charitable Trust
Dunedin City Council

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VOLUNTEER

Our volunteers are a crucial part of the Hospice service equation – with a contribution worth \$1 million each year. On any given week, we have 400 volunteers helping us out across 900 work hours.

If you are interested in becoming part of the Hospice Volunteer Crew, please call us on

03 473 1012
or email volunteer@otagohospice.co.nz