

2024

NGĀ MIHI O TE
TAU HOU!
HAPPY NEW YEAR

#HOSPICETALK NEWSLETTER FOR OUR COMMUNITY

IS THIS YOU?



- You are compassionate, and you care
- You care about your community
- You are willing to make a difference to our patients, and their family's lives
- You are keen to meet like minded people
- You would like to find a role that suits your skills and experience
- You would like to benefit your health and wellbeing
- You have a spare few hours per week

12 reasons to be a Hospice volunteer (according to our volunteers)



*Find
your
happy
place!*

1. "A personal tie to Hospice, a way of paying it forward"
2. "Volunteering is a great way to gain work experience"
3. "It's a great way to connect with other members of your community"
4. "Volunteering looks good on your resume"
5. "Great staff and management to work with"
6. "Volunteering can offer unique and exciting opportunities"
7. "Great social aspect, sharing morning tea and choccie biscuit"
8. "Volunteering creates empowerment and motivation"
9. "Volunteering gives you a reason to wake up in the morning"
10. "Volunteering can help you do what you love - ie working with books"
11. "Volunteering gives greater perspective and self-awareness"
12. "Make friends for life, people you can have a laugh with"



*Make
new
friends!*

Could YOU be a Hospice Volunteer?

Te Kahu Pairuri Hospice Taranaki's five retail HospiceShops are staffed with the support of a huge team of skilled and dedicated volunteers. The contribution of volunteers enables Hospice Taranaki to raise vital funds so care is available for patients and whānau within the Taranaki Region. The Hospice Warehouse on Borrell Ave, New Plymouth has a large team of skilled and dedicated volunteers, using their various backgrounds to assist Hospice make the most of each and every item donated.

All HospiceShop sites need more volunteers! Could this be YOU?

Or, if you have any specialist skills which you think may be of help to Hospice, please contact Lianne McElroy either phone 067537830 or email lianne.mcelroy@hospicetaranaki.org.nz



Celebrating our Volunteers! ALIC GOODE, 92

"Alic has been a volunteer at the Westown HospiceShop for 22 yrs!
At 92 years old, he still manages 2 shifts a week at the shop, and, he makes a dozen pots of the very best marmalade (Paddington Bear quality), every month for us to sell at the shop. Alic just gets on with the task at hand and never complains. He will do anything, sweeping, spraying weeds, checking suitcases and electrical items. He even had an altercation with a car on the pedestrian crossing a few years back and after a few days in hospital he was back to his volunteering with gusto.

When writing this piece, I looked back at Alic's first volunteer forms. In an appraisal in 2003 about his volunteer work he was asked: what was the least satisfying aspect of volunteering? he responded "Being elderly sometimes I feel a bit tired after my shift", this was when he was 70 years old thank goodness he preserved for another 20 years!

The most incredible thing about Alic is his; happiness, contentment, and kindness. I think we can all learn a lesson or two about our way in the world from him."

Jess Sinclair, Group Retail Manager



OPEN HOURS

Monday - Friday 9am - 3pm
Saturday 9am - 1pm.
Waitara & Stratford
HospiceShops
(closed Mondays)

Westown: 112 Tukapa St,
New Plymouth
Phone: 06 753 8640

Waiwhakaiho: 1 Katere Road
New Plymouth
Phone: 06 758 8647

Waitara: 37 Princess St,
Waitara
Phone: 06 242 1006

Stratford: 36 Miranda St,
Stratford
Phone: 06 765 0900

Hawera: 104 High St,
Hawera
Phone: 06 278 4593

Donations of re-salable goods are welcomed at Waitara, Stratford, Hawera and Waiwhakaiho HospiceShops during shop open-hours.

HOSPICESHOP WAREHOUSE

Donations of resalable goods are gratefully received.

OPEN HOURS:

Mon - Sat - 9am - 3pm
19 Borrell Ave, Westown,
New Plymouth

Mike Brooke, Chairman of the Board

His incredible journey with Hospice Taranaki



Mikes connection with Hospice was sparked by a connection with Kevin Nielsen, the inaugural Hospice Taranaki General Manager. Originating from a Lions Club fundraising project, where \$70k was generously directed to Hospice, Mike's involvement deepened as he embraced the inspiring vision.

Ascending to the role of Chairman, Mike navigated challenges, including staffing and funding issues, resiliently guided by leaders like Kevin and Paul Lamb. Three praiseworthy accomplishments illuminate his tenure: Colin's Shed, a lucrative tribute; an independent ultramodern IT system enhancing efficiency during Covid; and a groundbreaking Solar Power installation ensuring substantial savings.

Yet, the struggle persists, with government funding covering a mere 43% of operating costs amid DHB mergers. Collaborating with Hospice New Zealand, the focus is on lobbying the Health Minister for due recognition. While progress unfolds, Mike envisions an organisation excelling in care, adequately compensating staff, and liberating the CEO from perpetual fundraising efforts.

His dream is of an unwavering commitment to align government offers with these aspirations. Concurrently, fundraising persists in the five HospiceShops, where secondhand goods metamorphose into first-class care.

EMBRACING JANUARY: CARE AND COMPASSION

Let's take a moment to reflect on the heartwarming connections and meaningful care we've woven during January.

Patients: 275 in total. (Regionally - North: 187, South: 45, Central: 43)

Home Visits: 1534, bringing the warmth of our care directly to homes.

Social Work: 191 meaningful connections

Counselling: 145 empowering sessions

Tax Credits for donations...

Check out ird.govt.nz to find out how you could receive a tax credit on any donation over \$5.

You may be eligible to claim 33.33c for every dollar donated to Hospice Taranaki Inc.

Donate Today

TSB Bank: 15-3948-0365008-080
Reference: surname + phone number
Hospice Taranaki is a registered Charitable Trust - CC10437

ARE YOU ABLE TO HELP US WITH THE PURCHASE OF NECESSARY ITEMS?



WHAKATAUKI

Ahakoia he iti kete, he iti nā te aroha.

Although the basket is small, it is given with affectionate regard.



Hospice Taranaki
Te Kahu Pairuri ki Taranaki