



**Bonnie with Anna Richardson**

## HONOURING MUM, WITH A 40-DAY FUNDRAISER

**Meet Bonnie!** Bonnie Kahui has just turned 40 and wanted to do something a little *different* to celebrate! So, in honour of her beautiful mum Julie Gray, Bonnie started fundraising! Not just for one, or two days, but for an amazing '40 days of Fundraising'!

Collaborating with her family, friends and business associates she produced a spectacular range of community events. The successful campaign included Bingo / Quiz nights, fashion shows, raffles, prize draws, photo shoots, restaurants donating a percentage of sales, she even had a stall at the local seaside market with her friends and family to spread hospice awareness! Bonnies events page on Facebook was buzzing with support and generosity from the Taranaki community.

With a goal of \$4,000, Bonnies hard work, amazing energy and passion paid off, raising just over \$7,000!

We could not be more grateful for this generous donation Bonnie, and acknowledge the very special reason behind it, your beautiful mum Julie. We are certain she would be more than proud of what you have achieved. Thank you. "*Aroha atu, aroha mai. Given with love, received with love*".

## Music really is the best medicine!

Retired eye surgeon Kevin Taylor has been playing the piano and composing for many years but only recently put pen to paper, "it's all just been in my head – the ideas, the music".

Calling on his son, a professional musician based in Wellington, they spent hours trawling through sheets of music before finally settling on a performance setlist of 18 spectacular pieces of music.

Pulling together a band of fellow NZ musicians, Taylor and his team prepared for his goal – a benefit charity concert at the supportive 4<sup>th</sup> Wall Theatre, with all funds raised being generously donated to Te Kahu Pairuri Hospice Taranaki.

Taylor's generosity, determination and talent was rewarded, with the shows on Sunday, April 13 being completely sold out. The feedback has been tremendous with those in attendance asking when the next concert will be! Some hospice staff who managed to attend came away feeling deeply touched, not only by the connection to hospice but by the music. "I felt so connected to the music; it had a profound effect on me" (Hospice Dr). This effect has rippled through our organisation for which we are truly grateful.

Kevin and his team raised an amazing \$9,100, which proves that *Music really is the Best Medicine!*



Kevin Taylor on piano at the 4<sup>th</sup> Wall Theatre

**TO ALL OF OUR  
WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS**

*Thank you!*

**YOUR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION IS  
DEEPLY APPRECIATED**