

HOSPICETALK

Community Newsletter



LOOKING BACK WITH THANKS - LOOKING AHEAD WITH CARE

Warmer, stable weather has finally arrived and that time has come again when we look forward to Christmas and the new year ahead and reflect on the year that has been.

For our hospice service, 2025 has been another period of financial challenge and sector change. Central government health reforms continue although we are still without clear system and funding decisions to aid our future thinking. It's also been a year of looking for savings and efficiencies to help manage growing patient numbers and maintain our specialist levels of palliative care delivery. The year ahead will see a range of service and structure reviews.

From our teams to you and yours, thank you for your kindness, generosity, and the trust you place in our service.



Merry Christmas and kind regards,

Paul Lamb
Chief Executive



HOSPICESHOPS UPDATE

Our HospiceShops continue to grow and evolve, thanks to your support by donating and shopping. Recent updates include:

- Improved in-shop signage to help customers understand the impact of donating and purchasing.
- Each of our HospiceShops (Westown, Waiwakaiho, Waitara, Stratford & Hawera) have active Facebook pages. Please "follow" them to increase our reach.
- TV screens showcasing special items for sale and the difference every purchase makes to patient care.
- Removal of the **payWave**  and credit card surcharge.
- **Afterpay**  is now available in all shops for added convenience.

Our focus remains on providing excellent customer experience, honouring every donated item and raising vital funds for patient care.

TE RANGIMARIE AND OUR CARE TEAM ARE HERE FOR YOU - 06 753 7830

Te Rangimarie will remain open throughout the Christmas season and our nurses across Taranaki will continue providing care and 24/7 telephone support. If you are a patient or a caregiver and have any concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out - we are here to support you whenever you need us.



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HospiceShops & Warehouse

CHRISTMAS HOURS

MONDAY 22 DEC

ALL shops open
9am-3pm

TUESDAY 23 DEC

ALL shops close at noon

WEDNESDAY 24 DEC

Warehouse closes at noon

REOPENING

SATURDAY 3 JAN

Warehouse open
Normal hours
9am - 3pm

MONDAY 5 JAN

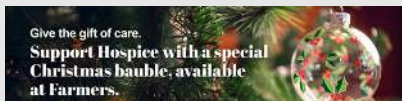
ALL SHOPS OPEN
(except Stratford)
9am - 3pm

TUESDAY 6 JAN

All Shops & Warehouse
9am - 3pm



HAPPENING NOW



Our TREES of REMEMBRANCE are available across the region.

HAWERA - Hawera Library Plus situated in the new, purpose-built building - Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga in High Street.

STRATFORD - in the TSB

NEW PLYMOUTH - Farmers, Centre City

Farmers (Centre City) are also selling beautiful Christmas baubles with 100% of proceeds **donated to Hospice Taranaki**.

GENEROSITY KNOWS NO BOUNDS...



A heartfelt thank you to **PARADISE BERRY FARM** for once again donating an incredible number of strawberries - a tradition many of our HospiceShop customers look forward to each Christmas.



We are also deeply grateful to **CUNNINGHAM CONSTRUCTION** whose annual charity golf fundraiser raised an amazing **\$15,000** thanks to the generosity of everyone involved.

LOOKING AHEAD

AWHI DAY 2026

This March, during the 'short week' of Tuesday 10th to Friday 13th, tamariki across Taranaki are invited to join Awhi Day - decorating colourful shorts as a fun, visual reminder that our lives can be filled with colour, meaning and expression.



We're delighted to already have these schools on board:

Avon - Mangorei - Norfolk - Waitoriki - Urenui - Manukorihi Intermediate - Spotswood Primary - Welbourn - Westown - Devon Intermediate - Marfell - St Joseph's Waitara - Westend - Manaia - The Green School - Huirangi - Merrilands - Uruti - NPGHS - Hawera Primary

Learn more: <https://awhi-day.raiselysite.com/>

MORE COMMUNITY EVENTS SUPPORTING HOSPICE TARANAKI

A huge thank you to the wonderful groups choosing to support Hospice through their events:

Friday 2 January:

NEW PLYMOUTH BOWLING CLUB
Annual Charity Bowls Day

9-11 January:

EGMONT COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL - their final festival. Details on their facebook page.
<https://www.facebook.com/crawfordlm50>

Friday 20 February:

MARSH CHARITY GOLF
Raising funds for our Syringe Driver Programme

THANK YOU

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to you, our Taranaki community. Your generosity, kindness and belief in the work we do make an extraordinary difference every single day. Because of your support — whether through our HospiceShops, donations, sponsorship, partnership, events, or quiet acts of care — we are able to stand alongside people in some of the most vulnerable moments of their lives. Your commitment ensures that care remains free, local, and available to those who need us most.

Right now, your support helps us provide ongoing care to around 254 people and their whānau, offering 24/7 guidance, home visits, specialist nursing and essential loan equipment. This is a very special kind of service, grounded in dignity, compassion and humanity. We are proud to offer it on behalf of this community — and proud that it is the people of Taranaki who make it possible.

Thank you for helping us be there, every day, for those who need us.

GRIEF DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON



For many people, the holiday season can bring a mix of emotions. Alongside moments of connection and celebration, there can also be a deep sense of absence, sadness, or longing.

Grief does not follow a set path, and it looks different for everyone. There is no right or wrong way to experience grief, and no expectation to feel a certain way.

If you or someone close to you is navigating grief this season, you may find comfort in gentle, compassionate resources that acknowledge how challenging this time can be.

You can explore these resources at:

<https://www.grief.org.au/ga/ga/Resources.aspx>

Above all, please be kind to yourself and to others. Grief is personal, and support — whether through reading, conversation, or quiet reflection — can help people feel less alone.

 **Hospice Taranaki**
Te Kahu Pairuri ki Taranaki

you're the best



