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# Hospice Matters

• SUMMER 2018 •

## HOSPICE HONEY STORY



Hospice honey is a community based business that proudly supports Hospice Southland. Beekeeping is my passion so I look after my bees in a careful way so they can produce delicious honey. Hospice honey is specially crafted from the Clover fields in Southland to ensure the end customers get the best possible product consistently.

Making the community a happier place is a goal we should all strive for. My ambition is to become a commercial beekeeper that produces a quality

product time after time while at the same time making the community a better place. I believe that every terminally ill person in need of palliative care should have the support and access they need. To fulfil my mission I have decided to combine two elements; a passion for bees and a love for Hospice. We never know when we may need hospice in our lives so I've decided to start giving back now. As a result I have decided to donate a certain percentage of my sales to Hospice, which makes the community a stronger, happier place. I'm a proud beekeeper knowing that the community is benefiting from both the bees and my work.

Just as the bees help each other in colonies, we need to help each other within the community and at Hospice. Caring for others makes us better people and the people around us happier. Just like a bee does when they nurture those surrounding them.

Hospice Honey CEO – Marcel Vergeer

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# DUTCHY - PROSTATE TALK

I am a survivor ....

Should be the message for Donal 'Dutchy' Vermeulen. Dutchy is a Prostate cancer survivor who speaks to groups about his journey and about the importance of testing for prostate cancer and being proactive about prevention. Our volunteer co-ordinator, Robyn had organised this and invited volunteers (with a focus on our male volunteers) and visitors to come and hear what he had to say. Dutchy certainly embraces our "living every moment" an amazing and witty man with a fantastic outlook on life.



# WAIAU TOWN & COUNTRY CLUB

Our CEO Andrew, went and collected an astounding \$5,486 from Waiau Town & Country Club (Tuatapere) on Tuesday night from their annual Wild Food Fest Fundraiser evening held earlier in the year. We're so grateful to be the recipient of this fabulous donation, thank you.



# 'LOSE THEIR HAIR'

Errol Thurlow sadly said goodbye to his wife, Yvonne, in February 2017 after her battle with cancer. Before she died, Errol had made a promise to Yvonne that he would cut his hair on his birthday for her.

Rallying in support of their friend, Steph and George also said they'd "lose their hair" ... so in 2017 four people in support of Errol and Yvonne, shaved their heads and raised \$2,324.30. After the amazing first time success, they set out to up their anti and try it again this year and had more than ten people register to 'lose their hair', however due to time restrictions they could only have ten people. The effort ... \$7,214.30 raised on the night. Make sure you keep the last Saturday in October free in 2019, they're going out to smash this years' record – so it's bound to be a great time for an amazing cause!



# SIMS PACIFIC METALS

An amazing annual donation of \$1000 from Sims Pacific Metals. With thanks to Bradley Roberts for making this happen, we really appreciate your support Brad, thank you!



# VOLUNTEER CHRISTMAS LUNCH

This year we celebrated and thanked all our amazing volunteers at the Ascot Park Hotel with food, drink and entertainment and spot prize gifts! A spectacular day with over 100 of our dedicated volunteers joining us as a small token of gratitude for the astounding work they selflessly offer. Without their ongoing support we wouldn't be able to achieve the funds required to help keep Hospice Southland operating.



## EVENTS UPCOMING

### FEBRUARY

- 8th Hospice Southland Street appeal
- 23rd Rotary Cycle Challenge
- 26th Race – 4 – Life

## SHOP CLOSING DATES

### FRIDAY 21ST

- Invercargill close at 12pm.
- Winton close at 4pm.
- Gore close at 2pm. Reopen on Monday 7th January 2019.
- Queenstown are closed on Stat Holidays only.
- Te Anau are closed only on Christmas Day.

# FARMERS

Once again all Farmers stores will be raising funds for hospices throughout the country in the lead up to Christmas.

As well as having the Trees of Remembrance in all 58 stores – Farmers are also selling a specially designed hand-painted glass bauble.

The 2018 design features a sparkling heart representing the importance of being surrounded by love at Christmas.

The baubles are available exclusively online and in each Farmers store. They are \$10 each and 100% of the purchase price is donated back to hospice to help keep our services free of charge in our community.

Last year's bauble sold out, so don't delay! Visit your local Farmers store to purchase this collectible piece



# FISH TANK CLEANING STUFFS

This is Henry and friends. Henry needs help maintaining his living area and is a little shy in asking for help! Do you have any water conditioners or additives that would help make his water clean and fresh to make his viewing area pretty to all those around? Please contact the office@hospicesouthland.org.nz



# KNITTING FOR WORLD RECORD

We are in a knitting fervor here at Hospice Southland. We're looking for enthusiastic knitters to help with our goal to knit the world's longest scarf! Please email Robyn at robyn.bye@hospicesouthland.org.nz to register your interest.



 **DONATE NOW**

To make a direct credit, please make donations to:  
**HOSPICE SOUTHLAND, 03-1745-0005791-00**  
 Please use your name or organisation along with phone number as a reference.

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# Thank You

— TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS —

Lions Club of Otautau.....	\$2,097.00	Donation
Pat Tippen.....	\$1,000.00	In Memory Of Donation
Invercargill Licensing Trust.....	\$2,000.00	Grant - Volunteer Christmas Lunch
Graeme McKenzie.....	\$1,000.00	In Memory Of Donation
Sims Pacific Metals Ltd.....	\$1,000.00	Annual Donation
Southern Indoor Charity Dog Trial.....	\$9,500.00	Charity Dog Trail Event
Southland Sports Bar - Sihld Tavern.....	\$7,214.30	Heads Shaved for Hospice
James Hargest College.....	\$1,078.20	Mufi Day Proceeds
E Hayes & Sons.....	\$1,210.00	Community Donation Box

## KEEP UP TO DATE

Want to keep up with the great things Hospice Southland is doing? Like and follow us on Facebook  
<http://www.facebook.com/hospicesouthland>

## WISH LIST

- Tissues
- Olive Oil
- Toilet Paper
- Cheese
- AA Batteries
- Lemonade
- AAA Batteries
- Cheese
- Coffee
- Butter
- Biscuits
- Eggs
- Serviettes
- Gingerbeer
- Paper Towels
- Janola
- Tinned Fruit
- Laundry Soap
- Condensed Milk
- Powder

## ALSO....



### COIN COUNTER

With a lot of our donations coming in and with our annual street appeal just around the corner, a coin counter would be a fantastic asset to save the fingers of our volunteers!