

hospice matters

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From the CEO *Hello, I'd like to introduce myself; I'm Andrew Leys, newly appointed CEO at Hospice Southland.*



Some of you will know this is a return to Southland for me after almost six years away in Dunedin and I'm certainly enjoying re-establishing old friendships and associations back here.

I was aware of the fabulous community support for Hospice Southland before taking up the role but have been over-awed by the enthusiasm of so many in their heartfelt appreciation of the services provided. The huge amount of fundraising, donations and volunteer hours put in to keeping our Hospice going is a testament to the Southland spirit we see replicated time and time again, all helping to make Southland such a great place to live.

I've particularly enjoyed hearing individual's stories of a loved one's positive experience with Hospice Southland. These stories are precious to me as they reflect the values of Hospice and remind us all of the very real positive difference we strive to make in peoples' quality of life. To hear from a daughter whose 94 year old mother is "up-lifted and enlivened every time she calls in to see the team at Hospice"

helps us all appreciate the importance of what we do and the positive impact we can have thanks to your support.

One of the first official functions for me as CEO was to attend the Invercargill Workingmen's Club annual "Spud Dig". It was the 24th year of the fundraiser and it made for a fun Sunday afternoon of great humour and banter as a huge array of donated goods from individuals and organisations throughout Southland went up for Auction along with the prized potatoes grown by the club's members. It was great to see so much fun enjoyed by all in support of "our" Hospice and the organising committee is to be commended. This support is greatly appreciated and showed a true feeling of community ownership and pride.

I should also thank all those of you who supported our annual Street Day Appeal. We had over 200 volunteers at almost 40 locations throughout Southland on the day.

Over the next few months I hope to be out and about working to continue raising awareness of what Hospice Southland does for our community and I hope we get the chance to meet up sometime soon. I am very grateful for your on-going support.

Annual Spud Dig

The Invercargill Workingmen's Club annual Spud Dig held on Sunday, 9th March was a huge success with \$6,800 raised on the day for Hospice Southland.

J Currie had the heaviest shaw at 13.8kg and P Little had the heaviest spud at 1.4kg. Shirley Fortune took away the Kevin Herrett Memorial Baking Trophy with her jelly sponge. Geoff Scott allowed his hair and beard to be dyed red during the event, which raised \$506 for Hospice Southland.

The Invercargill Workingmen's Club has supported Hospice Southland through its annual Spud Dig for the past 21 years and the event has contributed more than \$120,000 towards Hospice Southland in that time! Thank you for your continued support!



Supporting Hospice Southland

Hospice Southland receives just 50% of its funding from the government. This leaves \$1.6million to be raised each year to continue providing our specialist palliative care services to those with a life-limiting illness in Southland and Queenstown, free of charge.

This shortfall is met by the generosity of individuals and businesses in the Southland and Queenstown communities, through grants, events, fundraisers, bequests and donations. Hospice Southland is extremely well supported by the communities in which it operates.



One such business that supports Hospice Southland through regular donations is E Hayes & Sons. In the past 12 months alone, E Hayes & Sons has made numerous donations to Hospice Southland totaling more than \$2,800. The organisation raises this money through donations from customers.

There is a collection box situated beside the World's Fastest Indian replica in store. Customers make a donation after they have viewed or been photographed sitting in the replica itself. Money has also been raised through CRT members' days along with E Hayes & Sons own donations.

Store owner/operator, Neville Hayes, says he chose to support Hospice Southland in this way because he knows the money that is raised by his Southland business, stays in Southland. "The Hospice is a vital service in any community, but in a small, tight-knit community like Southland, you'd be hard-pressed to find someone who hasn't had a family member or friend who has been cared for by Hospice Southland. We are pleased that we are able to support such a worthy cause".

Great community support for our annual Street Appeal

Hospice Southland's annual Street Day Appeal was held on Friday 7th March. We had more than 200 volunteers collecting in businesses and on the streets at almost 40 locations throughout Southland. Southlanders once again showed their tremendous support for Hospice Southland. With your generous donations, our Street Appeal raised \$18,700 to be put towards the delivery of our specialist palliative care services in Southland and Queenstown!

Thank you to the Invercargill City, Southland District and Gore District Councils for giving us consent to collect on the streets of Southland and to the businesses that allowed our volunteers to collect both inside and outside their doors.

Special thanks to More FM for advertising the event and to Simon for helping us collect on the day. Thanks also goes to ASB, Windsor Take Note, BNI Invercargill Chapter, Environment Southland, Family

Works, Dipton Dairy, The Lodge of Remembrance, Southern Southland Federation, Holy Trinity AAW, Sacred Heart Catholic Women's League, St Theresa's Catholic Women's League, Waikaka Lodge, Hokonui Lions Club, Winton Rotary Club, Riverton Lions Club, Maitaia Lions Club, Land End Garden Club, Bernie Cournane, Brian Padget, Elizabeth Robertson, Brian Thoms, Westpac and ACM for counting all of the donations!

A huge thank you to our wonderful volunteers, those who collected for the first time this year, and those who have been volunteering for this event year after year – you give up your time to collect for Hospice Southland rain, hail or shine and we can't thank you enough as this event cannot happen without you!

Last but certainly not least – thank you to everyone who gave generously on Friday 7th March. Your donation has made a difference!



Support us with Bartercard

We are delighted to be an official charity of Bartercard. Bartercard uses an electronic currency called a Trade Dollar. One Trade Dollar is equivalent to one New Zealand Dollar for all accounting and taxation purposes. Did you know that if you have a Bartercard account, you can support Hospice Southland by donating your Bartercard dollars to us? We can then use those Trade Dollars to purchase items and equipment that we need from local retailers who accept Bartercard.

Contact your Bartercard Trade Broker for more information on how to donate.

Entertainment Book

The 2014/15 Dunedin, Invercargill and Queenstown Entertainment Book is now available. Hospice Southland receives \$11 from every Entertainment membership purchased so support us by ordering your book today!

This year you can choose between the hard copy book and a digital membership, which gives you the ability to redeem offers directly from your smart phone.

Entertainment memberships include over \$20,000 worth of valuable 2-for-1 and up to 50% discount offers from many of the best restaurants, attractions, experiences, accommodation and more! Both the book and digital membership cost \$55 and you only need to use your membership a couple of times to make your money back.

Order your Entertainment membership using the enclosed flyer or contact Renée on 03 211 2287 renee.goldup@hospicesouthland.org.nz



Rocking with the stars

Prepare yourself for a night of rocking good fun for the whole family because Rocking with the Stars is back this year!

The event is a collaboration between Hospice Southland and the Invercargill Rock 'n Roll Club.

The inaugural event was held in 2011 and raised almost \$20,000 with the proceeds shared between the two organisations. We are hoping to make this year's event bigger and better!

Rocking with the Stars 2014 will be held at Stadium Southland on the evening of Saturday 28th June. 10-12 Southland entertainers, sports stars, and politicians will entertain and impress with their dance moves, with one being crowned the "Rocking with the Stars Champion".

Corporate tables and general admission will be available and the event is open to all ages. Tickets will go on sale from Hospice Southland in late May.

Trees of Remembrance

Thank you to H & J Smith Invercargill, Gore, Te Anau and Queenstown and to those who volunteered their time for our Trees of Remembrance in December.

Christmas can be a difficult time for those who have lost loved ones. The Hospice Trees of Remembrance provide an opportunity to remember loved ones by leaving a message on the tree.

The event is not a fundraiser but last year those who visited the trees donated more than \$3,000 to Hospice Southland.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A VOLUNTEER?

Did you know that our Hospice Shops are staffed primarily by volunteers? If you're interested in helping in either our Invercargill or Gore Hospice Shop, contact us today!

We are looking for volunteers to help prepare meals for our patients. Each shift is between one and two hours and can either be a regular spot on the roster or a back-up volunteer on a calling list.

Week days: 5pm - 7pm
Weekends: 11:30am-1:30pm &
5pm - 7pm

We are also looking for volunteers to assist at Hospice Southland with cleaning and flower arranging. Maintaining a clean and welcoming environment for our patients and their families helps to make their stay here more comfortable.

If you would like to volunteer for Hospice Southland in any of the above roles, please contact Lisa Ngeru on 03 211 3081.

Place Address label here

Wish list

Individually wrapped cakes of soap
 Liquid soap – Not antibacterial
 Liquid body wash & lotion – not heavily perfumed
 Talcum powder – not perfumed
 9 Volt batteries (for Syringe Drivers)
 Grocery vouchers
 Felt pens/colouring -in pencils
 Colouring-in or activity books
 Coloured paper or card
 Card games
 Mini games
 Puzzles
 Books
 Small soft toys

Wishlist changes:

Our wishlist system has changed somewhat with the change of House Manager.

In the past we have requested a number of general grocery items; however, this has led to us receiving a great deal of one or two items in particular. Whilst any gifts to Hospice Southland are greatly appreciated, we only have 6 patients staying in the In-Patient Unit at any one time so we don't go through bulk amounts of any one product. We would hate for anything that is gifted to us to go to waste due to using only some of the item and the rest not keeping long, or items reaching their expiry dates. With meals we aim to make whatever the patient wants to ensure their stay is as comfortable as possible, this means the items and ingredients can vary greatly. As a result the wish list to the left does not contain food items. Should you prefer to donate food items to us, please give Sandra a call on 03 211 3081 to find out what items are needed.

Thanks to our generous donors!

Anonymous	\$10,000	Donation
J B W McKenzie Trust	\$1,000	Donation
Estate of M K Aynsley	\$5,000	A lasting gift to Hospice palliative care
Southland Vintage Car Club	\$3,000	Proceeds from the Vintage Motorcycle Display held during the 2013 Burt Munro Challenge
John Littlejohn	\$1,000	Donation
Estate Thomas Greanery	\$65,047	A lasting gift to Hospice palliative care

Thank you!

The Invercargill North Rotary Club 2013 Christmas Raffle raised a huge \$11,400 for Hospice Southland!

The Club has been supporting Hospice Southland through its annual Christmas raffle for more than 24 years and in that time has raised more than \$400,000 for Hospice Southland!

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