

hospice matters

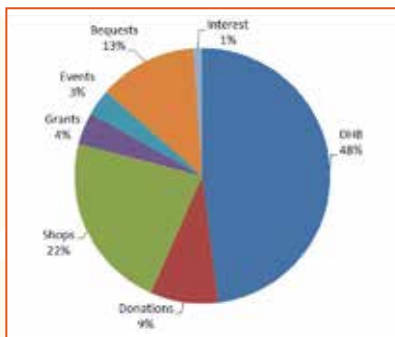
SUMMER 2014



From the CEO It takes a Community

You will be aware of the huge amount of funding support your Hospice needs each year to continue to provide the care and support of individuals in our community faced with a terminal illness, as well as supporting family impacted by their condition. This year our operating budget is just over \$3.6m with under half that funded by the Southern District Health Board. That means Hospice Southland must raise over \$1.8m in the current year, or around \$5,000 per day, seven days a week!

Breakdown of Hospice Southland's Funding Sources 2014-15:



From the graph you can see that in order to do this we rely on a wide range of community support. From donations small and large, sales at our three Hospice Shops, grants from community funders like the ILT, events such as Town vs. Country in May, and generous bequests, where individuals leave an enduring legacy to the community by leaving a sum in their will to Hospice.

As a community we can be proud of the service Hospice Southland provides, and I believe we can all be proud of the huge commitment we as a community make to ensure this continues. It truly is the Southland way; to make sure those in need are looked after well. In a previous newsletter I spoke of why I felt Southlanders were the

happiest in the country, and I feel passionately that it is this sense of community that makes the difference. It is a true sense of connection to fellow Southlanders which means everyone cares enough that no-one in need should miss out on the very best care possible.

With the DHB funding not increasing for three years now we have become increasingly reliant on your support. So it was pleasing to hear Prime Minister John Key in his visit to Hospice Southland just prior to the election, reiterate the National Party pre-election promise to increase Hospice funding to 70% of operating expenses. When this will happen we are still not certain however it was pleasing to see that the government saw significant value in the specialist care provided by our team here at your Hospice and other Hospices throughout the country.

With this increased funding support from government, and your ongoing support, we will be in a good position to continue to deliver on our vision: "To ensure all Southlanders have access to the highest quality palliative care, ideally in the setting of their choice."

Thank you for your support of Hospice Southland and I hope you have a very Merry Christmas.

Andrew Leys – CEO



Hospice Shops

The Invercargill and Gore Hospice Shops continue to fulfil their vision of "turning second hand goods into first class care." This past financial year has seen a 13% increase in the combined shops' turnover, the appointment of a full-time Regional Retail Manager in the Invercargill Shop and the opening of a third Hospice Shop in Winton in November.

The sterling work undertaken by Kay Mortimer and Sue Neiman and their respective Invercargill and Gore Hospice

shop volunteers, and more recently by Maree Ronald in Winton – together with the generosity of those who donate goods for sale – continues to make an invaluable contribution to bridging the gap between our funding and the cost of delivering Hospice services throughout Southland.

Regional Retail Manager, Kay Mortimer says it's great to have a presence in Winton. "It's a fantastic shop with a group of bright, caring volunteers and we are continuing to build on that strong volunteer base. The opening of the Winton Hospice Shop allows us to raise more funds to support the palliative care work

of Hospice Southland. We all deserve first class care and the shops allow us to achieve that," she said.

Kay says all of the shops are exceeding expectations. "I'm pleased we have been able to keep affordable prices and such a high standard of goods due to the overwhelming support of the communities. Thank you for your support this year and I wish you a very merry Christmas."

All three Hospice Shops will be closed over the Christmas period from Wednesday 24th December, re-opening on Monday 5th December.



A lasting gift to Hospice Southland

In October, Hospice Southland received an extremely generous gift – a stunning feature for the gardens for patients and visitors to enjoy.

Cliff Broad was travelling in Vietnam and called into an art store where they were carving marble statues.

One particular statue caught his eye because of the beautiful expression on her face. Mr Broad said the expression on her face was one of compassion and he thought that Hospice Southland would be a suitable place for her.

Mr Broad arranged for the statue to be sent to Invercargill and says he is pleased with the positioning of the statue in the Hospice gardens.

“It was a privilege to contribute to Hospice Southland and I hope many people enjoy it,” Mr Broad said.



Hospice Southland receives around 50% of its funding from the government each year, which leaves a shortfall of approximately \$1.8million. This amount is raised through the generosity of the communities in which we operate, through grants, fundraisers and donations.

Another way in which Hospice Southland is supported is through bequests. In the past few years, Hospice Southland has received a number of substantial bequests, or lasting gifts that have helped us to continue to provide our services free of charge.

How do I make a bequest?

A bequest can be made through your Will and you can make specific bequests of property, possessions or money. As a will is a legal document, it is important to seek the right advice and wording. Your solicitor or trustee company can help you with this. If you have a current will, your solicitor or trustee company can easily make an addition to your existing will, to incorporate your bequest to Hospice Southland.

A lasting gift

To ensure Hospice Southland's services remain free and accessible to all indefinitely, we have established the Hospice Southland Foundation. Capital from this fund will be invested and the interest will be used to support Hospice Southland's services. Contributing to this fund with a bequest means you can express your thanks and support in a practical way.

Christmas Card Competition Winners

We received almost 300 fantastic works of art from Southland schools for our annual Christmas Card Art Competition.

Thank you to those who entered, Southland has some very talented young artists!

Thank you also to Craigs Design and Print and H & J Smith for their continued sponsorship of this competition.

Congratulations to the winners and runners up below. Each will receive a prize from H&J Smith and the winners' art (pictured) will be on the cover of next year's Hospice Southland Christmas cards.

Year 1 & 2 Winner:

Harrison Millwood (Rimu).

Runner Up:

Emma Cillekens (Rimu)

Year 3 & 4 Winner:

Jessica Gallagher (Hedgehope).

Runner Up:

Sky Lackner (Edendale)

Year 5 & 6 Winner:

Hannah Crowley (St Mary's).

Runner Up:

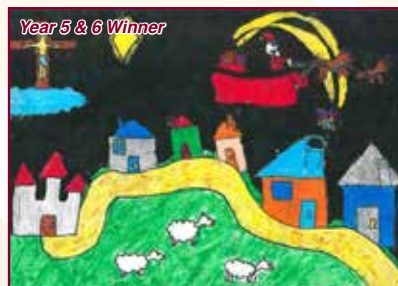
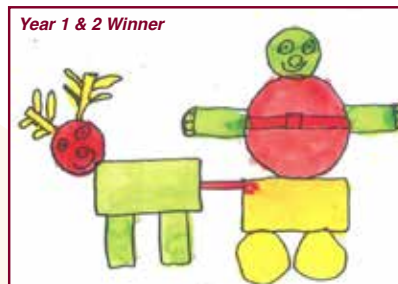
Dylan Rasmussen (Edendale)

Year 7 & 8 Winner:

Erin Forde (Limehills).

Runner Up:

Bree Mehrtens (Hedgehope)



A special treat

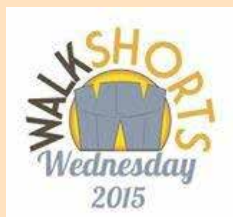
During a discussion in the Day Programme, one of Hospice Southland's day patients, Rob Smith, mentioned that the nicest port he had ever tried was from Clevedon Hills Vin Alto Vineyard.

After hearing others in the group particularly liked port, Rob decided to contact Newstalk ZB announcer and owner of the Clevedon Hills Vineyard, Leighton Smith. Leighton generously gifted two bottles of port for the Day Programme patients to enjoy during their Christmas lunch.

Looking forward to 2015

Walk Shorts Wednesday – Wednesday 11 February

Register now for www.walkshortswednesday.co.nz a celebration of New Zealand fashion and daringness.



If you are an individual or organisation get yourself some walk shorts and walk socks, some slip-on shoes, or maybe some Roman sandals and a pocket protector. Dress up, submit your photo, register online and you have a chance to be selected for our "Legs 11" lunchtime fashion parade on the 11th February.

Walk Shorts Wednesday is all about public displays of flexion and the opportunity to win some great prizes. All proceeds will go to Hospice Southland. Due to a world shortage of walk shorts if you have any spare we would love for you to donate them to the Hospice Shops to on-sell. Please like us on Facebook and of course by supporting Walk Shorts Wednesday – You'll never walk alone.

For further details contact Andrew Moreton on 027 2343 781.



Hospice Southland Annual Street Appeal - Friday, 6 March

The 2015 Hospice Southland Street Appeal will be held in various locations throughout Southland on Friday, 6 March. We need volunteers Southland-wide so if you're interested in collecting on the street, would like to have a donation bucket in your business, or would like to organize volunteers for the day at a collection location, please contact Renee on 03 211 2287 or email renee.goldup@hospicesouthland.org.nz

Craigs Investment Partners Hospice Classic – Friday 20 March



The inaugural Craig's Investment Partners Hospice Classic held in April was a fantastic day out and with an outstanding field of players; it proved to be a very close competition. The event raised just over \$10,000 for Hospice Southland's specialist palliative care services. The success of the event has allowed us to make this an annual event for Hospice Southland.

Planning is well underway for the 2015 Craigs Investment Partners Hospice Classic to be held on Friday 20th March. The Invercargill Golf Club was an excellent venue and will host the 4 ball best ball stableford event again next year.

If you are interested in sponsoring a hole on the course, sponsoring a prize or entering a team of four in the tournament, please contact Renee on 03 211 2287 or email renee.goldup@hospicesouthland.org.nz



Other events to look out for:

Fashion Show – 18 April

National Hospice Awareness Week – 9th–16th May

Town vs. Country – 16 May

Farewell to Kate

With mixed emotions we said farewell to Kate Mackintosh after 20 years of service to Hospice Southland.

Kate started her journey with us as a casual nurse working in the Inpatient Unit, progressing to Clinical Coordinator and then shaping the Nursing Director role.

One of the things we will remember Kate for the most is the heart she has for this organisation, the belief in the care we provide and the absolute belief in the nursing team, the wider hospice team and volunteers.

Many memories were shared and we wish Kate well in her retirement with time to enjoy the grandchildren, gardening and some downtime.



Merry Christmas from Hospice Southland!

Hospice Southland staff, along with the Board of Trustees, would like to wish you and your families a very merry Christmas and all the best for the New Year.

Thank you for your support during the past year, whether through donations, as a volunteer, in kind support or corporate sponsorship. We look forward to continuing these relationships into 2015 and beyond.

Happy holidays!



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Finny gives it up for Project Knit

Finny heard about Hospice Southland's attempt at the world record for the longest scarf knitted by a team and decided he'd like to donate the value of his fleece to the cause. It's not a decision he made lightly because as a Tefrom/Finn cross his luxuriant wool would buy quite a few sheep nuts, and Finny is nuts about his sheep nuts.

To provide the wool to keep those busy knitting needles flying, Finny also challenges some of his Texel, East Friesian, Romney and Finn relatives to do the same. In fact he's prepared to extend his challenge to any breed of sheep. If there's a sheep on your property who would like to donate the price of a fleece, he/she can deposit online to Hospice Southland Charitable Trust 03 1745 0005791 00 reference WOOL. Alternatively cheques can be posted to Hospice Southland, P O Box 7020 Invercargill. All donations are tax deductible.

Almost every week new knitters are joining our record breaking attempt. Thanks to social media, people from all corners of New Zealand are involved. Knitters in Australia, Singapore, South Africa and the UK have also joined in. So far 258 metres of knitting has been delivered to the hospice and the vibrant multi-colour scarf lengths are bringing joy to many people. Keep them coming knitters; we will bring the record home!



Thanks to our generous donors!

Vernon Hall Trust Fund	\$2,560	Grant for a syringe driver
Alliance Group Ltd	\$2,211	Grant for Annual Report printing
Club Southland Incorporated	\$1,000	Donation
Lions Club of Ohai Nightcaps	\$3,450	Grant for a bariatric mattress
Estate B F McLeish	\$5,000	Bequest
Harrex Group	\$2,000	Donation
Lion Foundation	\$10,000	Grant for emergency power supply upgrades
Mrs Mary Howard	\$1,000	In Memory donation
JBW McKenzie Trust	\$3,000	Donation
Mrs Kathryn Allen	\$1,000	Donation
Mr Athol Blackmore	\$1,000	Donation
ILT Foundation	\$35,000	Grant for operational funding 2014/2015
Invercargill Licensing Trust	\$40,000	Grant for operational funding 2014/2015
NZ Lottery Grants Board	\$23,000	Support Services Co-ordinator Salary
Gore District Council	\$1,150	Grant for Gore Hospice Shop tip fees
Rural Women of NZ - Sthld Provincial	\$1,500	Two iPads for the Day Programme
The Hugh Anderson Charitable Trust	\$5,000	Donation
Northern Southland Trotting Club	\$1,650	Auction proceeds from race meet
Counselling & Human Relations Centre	\$5,000	Patient and Family Support
Ms Erin McElhinney	\$50,000	In Memory donation
New Zealand Aluminium Smelter	\$3,012	Wax 'n' Shine Event

Wish list

- Festive goodies for patients and their families over the holiday season
- Grocery vouchers
- 9volt batteries (alkaline)
- Wheat bags for patient use

Thank you to everyone who supports us through our "wish list!"