Living Every Moment hospice Tairawhiti

Supporters NEWSLETTER

Summer 2017

Save the Date to Celebrate

Celebrate is back. The highly successful Hospice Tairawhiti fundraiser of 2016 which kick-started the organisation's new building fund to the tune of $70,000 will be held again in 2018.

Beautiful local goodies . . . Celebrate event coordinator Bridgette Penny and The Vines chef Bryn Lewis with a few of the lovely ingredients likely to feature on the menu at the Hospice Tairawhiti fundraiser next year. Photograph by Diana Dobson/The Black Balloon

Planning is already well underway for the March 9 event, and once again it will celebrate all that is good about the region and wider community.

Event coordinator, and Horizon Energy Group marketing advisor, Bridgette Penny says Gisborne's diverse culture has been the inspiration for a gorgeous wine-matched global gastronomy menu designed by The Vines chef Bryn Lewis.

"The food has always been something we set a very high expectation on," says Ms Penny. "People know if they come to a Hospice event they'll get a good night, great food, fab company and may go home with a little something as a bonus."

She says Mr Lewis' flair, creativity and passion with food will no doubt once again create an event to be remembered.
Mr Lewis, who has been involved with Hospice events for many years, has cooked internationally and is promising a real "melting pot" of Gisborne flavours that celebrates the region.

"It will be like having a flight that stops over at all sorts of fantastic destinations around the world," he says. "It is an event I always look forward to and for such a great cause."

Ms Penny is looking for work from local artists, wines and "bucket list" experiences for the auction. "Those experiences will create memories, which is very much what Hospice is about too, reflected in their motto 'Living Every Moment'," she says."It would be fantastic if we could meet or better the $70,000 we raised last time. We know a lot is asked of our community – for them to support a number of worthy organisations, and we really appreciate those who chose to support Hospice."

Tickets for the March 9 event will be limited to just 200 and are expected to sell out quickly.
"We have huge support from our sponsors who like to host guests and employees," says Ms Penny.

Hospice Tairawhiti general manager Barbara Grout says plans around the new building are progressing.
"We're close to a decision about where the new building will be sited," says Mrs Grout.

All money raised through Celebrate would go into the fund which has been growing since the 2016 event through funding allocation and donations. It is estimated it could cost up to $3 million.

"It is very important to me that we find that balance between community need, future proofing and affordability," says Mrs Grout. "We are building with growth in mind."
The new building project will help take the region's palliative care services to a new level of excellence.

"But we also hope it will change people's perception about death and dying. We don't want it to be a hushed subject, but rather something that is talked about, understood and regarded as a stage of life that is just as important as all the other stages. Dying is a part of life."

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Katie Brown

Volunteer Profile: Katie Brown

Joining Hospice as a youth Ambassador has given me the opportunity to learn and see what Hospice does.

Seventeen year old Katie Brown has been one of our Youth Ambassadors for two years. Katie has had a chance to enjoy working with youth from different schools and been able to help at many of our fundraising events.

As Katie leaves school and moves to Tauranga to start her Travel and Tourism degree, she has been busy recruiting new Campion College students to be part of our Youth Ambassador programme next year. By holding meetings at school and promoting Hospice in the school newsletter Katie has managed to recruit four new volunteers.

Katie has really enjoyed her time with Hospice and we would like to wish her all the best for the future.

Staff Profile:

Kelly Simpson - Funding Development and Public Relations Co-ordinator

Kelly Simpson

Coming from a background in hairdressing for over 20 years meant that when applying for the Funding Development and Public Relations position at Hospice Tairawhiti I knew it was going to be a challenge, but a challenge I was ready for.

My role at Hospice is quite diverse. Which is really quite exciting as every day at work is different.

The event management part of the job is exciting but can also be very stressful. Knowing that I have a great team of staff and volunteers there to help is quite often my saving grace.

Sponsorship is another huge part of the job. Getting to go out and meet a lot of new people and talk to them about what Hospice offers to the community is very rewarding. We really are very lucky here in Gisborne having such great support from local people and businesses.

Building relationships with people has been the easy part of the job. Social media and writing for the newsletters has been something I have had to work on. I am lucky I have two teenagers in my home to help with the social media side of it.

Raising money and awareness for such a great organisation makes every day I go to work very rewarding.

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Clean Care Supporting Hospice

A huge thank you to Lyndsay and his team at Clean Care Supplies, who have generously cleaned all of our office furniture, carpet, and patient lazyboys.

Our small community is so giving and Hospice is very thankful for all of the support they receive. If you are looking for someone to clean your carpets please support those that support us and give Lyndsay a call.

Fashion Show Fundraiser

With the weather behaving itself, we couldn't have asked for a better afternoon at Bushmere Arms.

The gardens were breathtaking, the scent from the roses and the shade from the trees made for a picturesque setting for the Long Lunch and Fashion Show.

Top notch clothing from the Hospice Shop kicked off the afternoon. With two youth ambassadors Ollie Simpson and Samuel Morgan escorting the models down and up the stairs. The models weaving their way around the tables, taking their time so everyone could get a good look and feel of the clothing and shoes before making their way out the back.

The addition of local businesses Footloose and Evolution on Gladstone allowed them to showcase their range of summer clothing and shoes. Trish from Footloose and Jenna from Evolution were excited knowing that all of the money raised is for a great cause.

Summer dresses from the Hospice Shop finished off the afternoon of fashion. A lot of people took the opportunity to have a look through the racks and purchase their favourite outfits, while some chose to enjoy the sunshine and gardens once more before making their way home.
Hospice would like to thank Robin from Bushmere Arms for the faultless meal, also everyone who played a part in making this afternoon a success.

Elouise Foot showing off one of the summer dresses from the Hospice Shop

Volunteers Christmas Party

All of our volunteers do an amazing amount of work for Hospice Tairawhiti each year.

We were delighted to be able to host 100 of them at a Christmas afternoon tea at the Holy Trinity Church Hall on the 2nd December.

It was a great afternoon and a chance for all to mingle with other volunteers and Hospice Tairawhiti staff. It is always nice to give back to those who give so much. Thank you.

Our Youth Ambassadors and Volunteer Co-ordinator Jane Kibble enjoying their afternoon tea at the Volunteer Christmas Party

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Thank you to the following groups and individuals who have assisted Hospice Tairawhiti recently with grants, donations and bequests of over $500

- Women's Welfare League
- Three Rivers Medical
- Adrian Cave
- Clean Care
- Jim's Aqua Filters

Starts & Departs

Starts: Shelly Moloney – Clinical Nurse Specialist

Departs: Helen Te Puni – Counsellor (ARC)

Upcoming Events

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Tractor Trek

A cavalcade of Vintage Tractors, Jeeps and Trucks trekking 2600km from Bluff to Cape Reinga over 26 days. Raising funds for hospices throughout New Zealand

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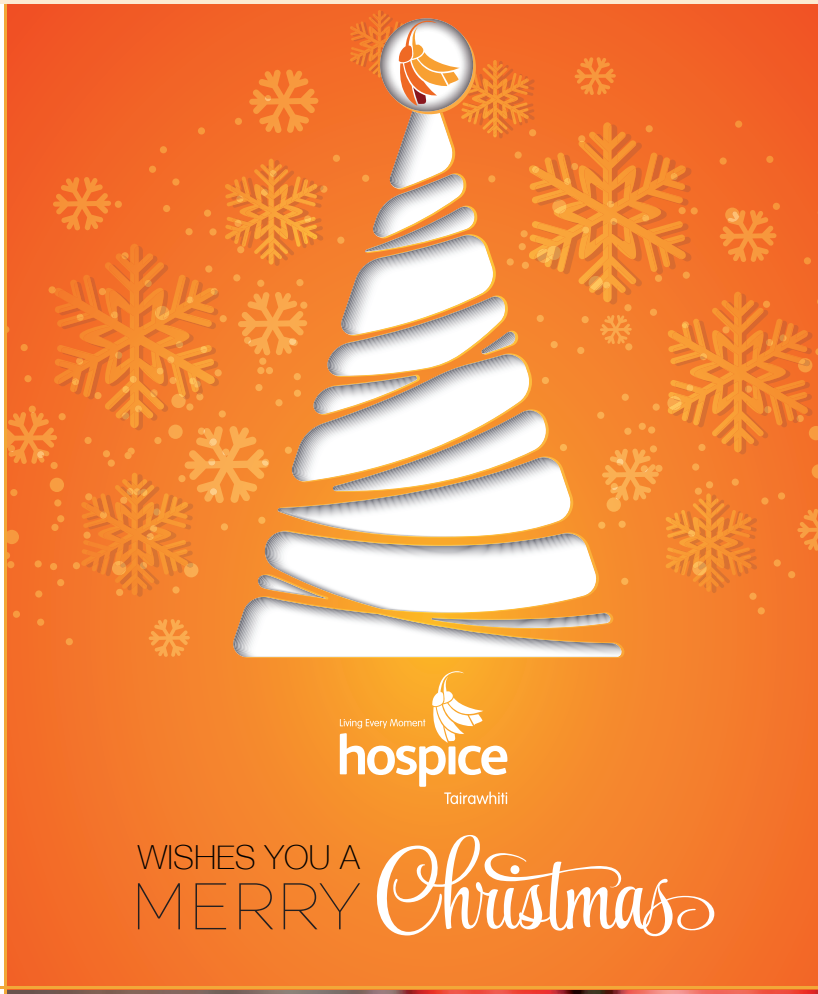

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9 March 2018 at... The Vines

Jo Segar coming in May for Hospice week