



Hospice Tairawhiti New Board Chair

Having come from a very modest background, Barry Atkinson was brought up to think of others and help when needed.

Barry knows how hard it is to get people to join boards and committees which is why five years ago he accepted an



Barry Atkinson with wife Sue

invitation to become a trust member for Hospice Tairawhiti. Having had a personal relationship with hospice made his decision that much easier.

When Glenda Stokes stood down as Board chair recently it wasn't a hard decision for Barry to put his hand up for the position. "I see it as natural progression, particularly with the new build coming up and my expertise in the building area" says Barry. With a bit of overseas travel already lined up leading into the new build, the board decided to elect a deputy chair who could cover the role in his absence. Jane Williams was appointed and the pair are set to make a great team. "Jane and I have different areas of expertise and skills sets. I think we complement each other very well and this will be great for the future of Hospice Tairawhiti".

Barry owned his own business, Electrinet, for many years. Through his business, and personally, he and wife Sue have supported a number of local organisations over the years with Electrinet being Hospice Tairawhiti's major sponsor for over six years. "Sue and I have been lucky enough to help the community financially as well as through services.

Selling the business last year doesn't mean he is looking at slowing down. He enjoys travelling overseas and normally spends a couple of months away each year and when home he is involved with several other local organisations. In addition to this, he is the local Court Panel Manager responsible for the Judicial JP's who sit on the court bench in Gisborne. In his spare time he enjoys model engineering, walking and cooking.

Earlier this year Barry was humbled to be on the 2018 New Year Honours List as a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit (MNZM) for services to Philanthropy and the Community. Barry says "I have always had a determination to succeed and to do what I can for others" - and as the new Board Chair of Hospice Tairawhiti that is what he plans to carry on doing. 🍌

Successful Shorts Day and Street Appeal

On the shortest day of the year, and probably one of the coldest, Hospice volunteers and supporters dusted off their shorts and pulled them on, all for a good cause – 'because life is short'.

This was our second year taking part in Shorts Day, which is also run by a number of other hospices around the country. We decided to run a Street Appeal at the same time, so armed with buckets, high-viz vests and wearing their most outrageous shorts our collectors took to the streets of Gisborne where the community

donated generously. A number of local businesses joined in the fun and showed their support by wearing shorts to work, and our PR Co-ordinator Kelly was there to snap a picture as proof. Emptying our buckets at the end of the day is always a great feeling, knowing that all the money raised will go towards providing free hospice services in the Tairawhiti area.

Watch out for the event again next year – we hope it will be even bigger and better.

A total of \$507.40 was raised from Shorts Day and \$1,645.70 for The Street Appeal. Fantastic result, thank you to everyone involved. 🍌



Carmel O'Neill and Sandi Mettrick standing outside Paper Plus with their buckets and wearing shorts, of course



Margaret McLennan

Volunteer Profile: Margaret McLennan

When asked “Why Hospice?” Margaret replied “Hospice chose me”.

When Margaret retired from the bank four years ago she had always said to herself “when I retire I want to learn to bake and to garden”. Both of which she has managed to do.

The Hospice Shop was looking for volunteers at this time and Margaret was asked if she might be interested in helping as they needed people who were confident around money and working a till. With Margaret coming from a banking background this was right up her alley.

Its nice for customers to go into the shop and see familiar faces every week. Margaret works at the shop behind the till on a Thursday and fills in when someone is sick or away on holiday, she also works as a host serving cups of teas at the hospital oncology clinic.

“I really enjoy volunteering my time” she said. “I like the men and ladies I work with, they are so funny, they remind me of my mum”.

When Margaret is not at the shop, gardening or baking she enjoys playing solitaire, reading and travelling. Margaret has a quote she would like to leave us with. ‘no matter what you have to face in life, life must go on’ 🍂

Staff Profile: Clarice Alderdice : Education Coordinator

Providing a dying person with comfort and dignity is the responsibility of all health care providers no matter where they work.

Our patients are cared for in their homes, aged residential care and hospital by a variety of care providers. That is why the education we provide makes a real difference to the care our patients and families receive. My role is to facilitate and provide palliative care education and training for these health professionals and volunteers.

The first thing I did when I arrived from California four years ago was to join Hospice Tairawhiti as a volunteer for both patient/family support and

biographies. The Hospice staff were very welcoming, so when the Education Coordinator role opened up I was happy to join the team. I knew my nursing education and background were a perfect fit for the role. I love to learn and running the regular programmes like Fundamentals of Palliative Care and our monthly “Breakfast Sessions” enables many opportunities for that. In addition, I am fortunate to be able to offer our community one or two seminars each year.

My favourite part of the job is promoting Advance Care Planning (ACP), from presenting workshops and educating community groups to working one-on-one developing individual ACPs.

I get a huge amount of satisfaction from being part of the Hospice team. 🍂



Clarice Alderdice



Thank You

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

- Mr Les McGreevy
- Neil McGregor
- NZ Tractor Trek
- John Mackill Jazz Collective
- Hikurangi Forest Farms Ltd
- Stephen Bull
- Gary Simmons
- Mr & Mrs Mohlmann
- J & T Hickey Charitable Trust
- C M Laing Trust

Starts & Departs

Starts: **Joy Cairns**
Clinical Nurse Specialist
Laura Robertson
Community Hospice Nurse

Departs: **Jenny Jensen**
Palliative Care Nurse Liaison

Hospice Patron Ambassador

Hospice Tairawhiti couldn't have wished for a better way to kick off Hospice Awareness week than to have Patron Ambassador Jo Seagar visit.



Jo Seagar

An Evening with Jo Seagar was a sell-out, with 250 excited guests filling the marquee at The Vines. As everyone took their seats they were all treated to a small bag of Jo's goodies.

Jo was energetic, funny and full of some great cooking tips. With a relaxed vibe in the room, guests were able to ask lots of questions as Jo demonstrated a few of her favourite recipes. Jo made the cooking look so easy as she

demonstrated a number of kitchen tools to cut down preparation and cooking time.

Paper Plus were there with a collection of Jo's books, and our local kitchen shop Interiors had a stand with some of the tools Jo was demonstrating.

Both businesses kindly donated a percentage of their sales on the night to Hospice. After a good couple of hours of entertainment, it was time for everyone to leave. Paper Plus was busy with Jo signing her books and Interiors sold out of some items. A huge thank you to Bronwyn Kay Agency for sponsoring the event and Electrinet and Pak N Save for sponsoring the food. 🍷



Pop-Up Café

The opening of our Pop-Up Café in the Hospice Shop was extra special, with Jo Seagar visiting and having coffee and cake with the customers.

The shop was buzzing with people coming to try the coffee and homemade baking when the doors opened at 10am Monday morning. There was a steady flow of customers all day, as the smell of coffee wafted out the door and down the street.

As the week went on it was getting hard to find a seat as news of this great little café spread, with new and returning customers keen to sit back and enjoy the atmosphere.



Hospice Shop Pop Up Café set up and ready for customers.

Who would have thought that a small idea could turn into something so great!

With great feedback from the week and a flourish of new customers to the shop, we will definitely have to do this again next year.

A huge thanks to Far East Coffee Company who provided the coffee machine, EIT Tairawhiti for the fabulous baristas, and Anchor for the milk. 🍷



Congratulations Bronwyn Kay Agency'

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Barbara Grout & Kelly Simpson joined long term supporters BK Agency to help them celebrate 10 years in business – Gatsby Style at the Dome.

From Left: Kelly Simpson, Taan Suwanduang, Bronwyn Kay, Barbara Grout

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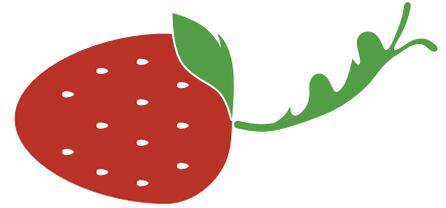
HospiceShop
Fashion Show

\$15
(Includes drink on arrival, nibbles and Spot prizes)

**Wednesday
3 October
2018**
Doors open 5:45pm

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TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM Hospice Shop 66 Peel St All proceeds to Hospice Tairawhiti



HOSPICE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

**Sunday
18 November 2018**

**10am – 1pm at
Waikanae Surf Club**

Buy a delicious Strawberry and Ice cream sundae and support Hospice, \$5 per serve.

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Visit your local Farmers Store to remember someone special this Christmas.

Friends of Hospice

It's the start of a new financial year and time to remind all our Friends to make their annual donation.



If you are not already a Friend of Hospice please consider joining. As an organisation relying on community support for 30% of our income it is difficult to budget, not knowing from year to year how much we will receive. Friends' donations give us some certainty in funding and enable us to commit to providing services to patients and families.

Use the enclosed donation form or visit our website www.hospicetairawhiti.org.nz to make an on line donation.

Remember to email us with your details so a receipt can be sent. 🍓