



## Building the Future Home of Hospice

**As we enter the summer months, the progress on the new building is moving steadily towards structural work completion with a view to the roofing work starting in the new year with completion in mid-year.**

"It's really great to be this far along" says Hospice Tairāwhiti General Manager Barbara Grout.

"This wouldn't be possible without the incredible backing we have had from the community - all the way from individuals who have made small donations, bought raffle tickets for the Mitre 10 Outdoor Furniture raffle, held events like the 'She Shed Gisborne' and of course the large grants too; Trust Tairāwhiti - \$1 million, New Zealand Community Trust (NZCT) - \$500k, Eastern & Central Community Trust - \$140k, Sir John Logan Campbell Residuary Estate \$20k, and Gisborne Wainui Lions Club - \$10k, for which we are incredibly grateful."

The 750 square metre building will triple the hospice's current space and allow Hospice Tairāwhiti to offer more of their much-needed services to the community.

Hospice Tairāwhiti Rural Health Nurse, Linda Hauraki, takes trips up the East Coast once a month to visit rural clinical teams and patients. She shares her views on how having a purpose-built space will help support those patients who live so far out of town.

"The new spaces like the whānau room and day room will allow opportunist visits from patients that live far from town," explains Rural Health Nurse Linda Hauraki.

"Our current space is too small and we struggle to accommodate patients and extended whānau visiting.

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updates on our  
Future Home.



Week 23 of the build: Barbara Grout stands in front of what will be her new office. Expected to be ready mid 2021.

Once we are in our new home we will be able to welcome visit from our patients. This might include; offering a peaceful and quite space whilst they wait for a hospital appointment; it could be an opportunity for the patient and family that live in town to meet the Hospice team and have a hui with the Hospice Whānau Support Co-ordinator; or for an additional update and the opportunity to meet with the full team and spend as much time with us as they need. "

Our community support will not alter once we are in the new building, and we will continue to provide rural visits monthly. During these visits we see patients and their supporting clinics. Having regular contact strengthens relationships between clinical services and caring for the patient. These services will not change, though will offer a base for rural patients to visit when they come to Gisborne. This will prove to be a valuable extension of our services. 🙌



Dennis Saywell, Site Manager. Says roofing will start in the new year.

# Volunteer Profile: Christmas Packs



Christmas Gift Packing Team

Every year a team of volunteers come together to spread Christmas cheer, ensuring every Hospice Tairāwhiti patient receives a Christmas cheer pack.

Work starts in the winter months with gift tag making, moving on to our talented bakers who bake the short bread and conclude with a packing team (pictured) to make the packs up in December for our

community nurses to distribute on visits to the Hospice Patients.

Hospice Tairāwhiti Volunteer Co-ordinator Jane Kibble said 70 packs had been made up to ensure those living with life-limiting illnesses had a little Christmas joy. 🍪

"This year we have had a generous \$200 donation from the Gisborne Cosmopolitan Club for the packs," she said.

"It is a really lovely end to the year. Giving a gift of kindness to people our volunteers have never met is for me what the Christmas spirit is all about."

Hospice Tairāwhiti Whānau Support Co-ordinator Rochelle Walker said the Christmas packs were always well received.

"The gift bags from our volunteers bring joy and happiness to those living with a life-limiting illness throughout the festive season. They also offer a distraction as it reminds them of something normal, at a time when most other things can be abnormal." If you are interested in volunteering contact [jane@hospicetairawhiti.org.nz](mailto:jane@hospicetairawhiti.org.nz) and help make a real difference in our community.

## Staff Profile: Meet our new Hospice Team Members



Dr Laura Gilding - Hospice Doctor

### Dr Laura Gilding - Hospice Doctor

Dr Gilding continues her General Practice Role at Te Whare Hapara Medical Centre where she has built a strong following of patients since moving to Gisborne in 2015 and will be consulting for Hospice Tairāwhiti on Thursday and Friday mornings.

Laura strives to improve patient's health and wellbeing through good medical care, education and health promotion. Her areas of clinic interest include minor surgery, women's health and palliative care.

We are excited to welcome Dr Gilding to the Hospice Tairāwhiti team. We hope you all take the time to welcome her to our whānau. 🍪

### Rochelle Walker - Whānau Support Co-ordinator

Rochelle joins our Team from Te Waipounamu (West Coast, South Island), to take up the role of Family Support Coordinator. She is a registered social worker and counsellor with twenty-five years of experience, specialising in the areas of assessment, psychosocial support, and case management with children, young people and their whānau.

Her work history includes time at DHB's, Oranga Tamariki, and NGO's, giving her a broad working knowledge of many of the systems our families need to navigate, and the challenges they face. Rochelle looks forward to bringing her knowledge and experience into the role, while also gaining new learnings.

She is available at the Hospice Office Monday through to Thursday from 8.30 – 5pm. 🍪



Rochelle Walker, Whānau Support

## The Long Lunch with Specsavers Gisborne

Fun, fashion and fundraising in the Vines! With a nervous run into the event due to COVID restrictions, we were relieved to host this sell out event at the Vines mid October.

Thank you to our wonderful guests and the supportive local businesses who contributed to the event through product donations, auction items and service support.

We are extremely pleased to announce that with all this generous support Hospice Tairāwhiti Long Lunch raised well over \$15,000. All of this funding will be filtered into our palliative care and support services throughout the Tairāwhiti Region. 🍷



## Strawberry Festival with Advanced Tree Solutions

Thanks to our generous sponsors the Strawberry Festival was bigger than ever raising over \$10k with many activities to keep families entertained with the gymnastics tumbling, Advanced Tree Solutions (ATS) bucket truck rides, face painting, bubble wrap fun, bouncy castle, Lions train rides, strawberry spoon races and the best lolly scramble in Gisborne thanks to ATS.

As usual thanks to Pak n Save Gisborne, we had a full range of delicious strawberry treats with Strawberry Sundae, Victoria Strawberry Sponge Cake, Strawberry Tarts and Strawberry Salads. The Gisborne Wainui Lions Foundation also supplied hot food on their BBQ.

The event started slow with the looming grey clouds and cold start to the morning, but the sun burst through to ensure that everyone had a great time. We were even honoured by a visit from the PM and her family.

A huge thanks to all our supporters and the families who joined us. It was a great family day out. 🍷



## A&P Show Raffle with Mitre 10



Raffle Winner Trudi Wanoa (centre) with Sarah Kirkpatrick, Hospice Fundraising and Carolyn Taylor, Co-owner-operator of Mitre 10.

For the second year running, Mitre 10 donated a summer garden enhancing raffle for the Hospice Tairāwhiti Spot at the Poverty Bay A&P show. Congratulations to our raffle winner Trudi Wanoa, who won the five seater outdoor lounge suite plus ottomans.

The raffle raised \$3,400 and the funds will be used to help fit out of the new home for Hospice. This helps with the cost to furnish areas we do not currently have like the new patient clinical area, complementary therapy space, group counselling room and the day programme area.

Thank you so much to everyone who purchased a ticket. Your contribution to fitting out our new building will be very much appreciated by our patients and their whānau. 🍷

# She Shed Tour Gisborne

The sell out event "She Shed Tour Gisborne" raised \$9,500 for Hospice Tairāwhiti. On this, its fifth event it can only be described as a massive success.

She Shed 2020 was supported by 1000 people who toured ten gardens throughout Makoriki and Wainui filled with amazing artworks created by talented local artists.

"The enthusiasm is just fantastic. It's a community event everyone looks forward to, and I feel really proud about that," She Shed organiser Cheryl Scott said.

We appreciate how much work goes into putting on an event of this size, with all the artists producing fresh pieces of art to display, so a huge thank you to all of the artists involved and Cheryl Scott and her organising committee.

Hospice Tairāwhiti would like to congratulate the other



Jayda Taiapa, Community Nurse and She Shed Organiser Cheryl Scott

benefactor of this years She Shed tours the first young artist to receive the She Shed Scholarship is Serenity Hemaloto-Ngatu. The \$500 scholarship will go towards her tertiary study next year. 🍌

## Te Hapara Student Led Fundraising



Te Hapara Students Shae, Chyla and Bailey Student leaders raise \$100 for Hospice Tairāwhiti through Washing Cars and Home baking.

## Toimatapu Art Exhibition and Auction

The three disciplines of whakairo (carving), raranga (weaving), and rauangi (mixed media) were on display at the Toimatapu exhibition and art auction at Te Wananga o Aotearoa Whirikoka Campus.

The Tauira (students) of the Toimatapu school have worked throughout the year to create the mahi toi (artwork) to allow them to run this charity auction, with all proceeds donated to Hospice Tairāwhiti and the 28 Maori Battalion C Company Memorial House. Whakairo tutor Tiopira Rauna says the exhibition shows the accomplishments of the tauira who worked hard throughout a challenging year.

"They worked online, which meant in the middle of their studies they had to learn to adapt," Mr Rauna said.

"A lot of our students found they would rather be in a social atmosphere where they can bounce ideas off one another — where their creative energies flow."

Hospice Tairāwhiti offers congratulations to all the Tauira who, despite having to work in isolation and away from the studio, raised \$2,173 for Hospice Tairāwhiti through the art auction and sale of their work. 🍌

## BNI Gisborne Wine and Dine for Hospice

A different theme, a new host and great fun had by all as BNI Gisborne Members passed the batten and each held a fundraising dinner evening for Hospice Tairāwhiti.

Over the course of the year the BNI Gisborne Group raised \$2000 for Hospice and strengthened their relations in the process. BNI help members grow their business by teaching them how to build long-term, profitable relationships with other quality business professionals. Their values of compassion and caring for one another reflect the principles of Hospice, which is why they have chosen Hospice NZ as a national charity partner.

We have two BNI groups in Gisborne. BNI First Light has provided the speaker for the Long Lunch, Katie Jane Wellness. Others donated auction items and Advanced Tree Solutions stepped up to be the major Event sponsors for the Strawberry Festival. 🍌

## Lynne took on the Rotorua Marathon for Hospice

Lynne Gray, Oncology Nurse Practitioner for Hauora Tairāwhiti, walked the Rotorua Marathon this September and made it worthwhile by raising funds for her chosen charity, Hospice Tairāwhiti.

Thanks to her friends and family who supported Lynne. She raised a total of \$817. A huge amount and a great effort.

Congratulations Lynne.

If you want to take on a challenge for Hospice Tairāwhiti and get your friends and family to show their support by backing you with donations, please email [funding@hospicetairawhiti.org.nz](mailto:funding@hospicetairawhiti.org.nz) for more information. 🍌



# NAMOT Achievement Awards : Jayda and Linda



Jayda Taiepa, Community Nurse and Linda Hauraki, ARC Liason and Rural Health.

**Hospice excellence recognised by numerous external practitioners at the annual Nurses and Midwives of Tairawhiti (NAMOT) achievement awards.**

Hospice Tairawhiti nurses Linda Hauraki (ARC Liason and Rural Health Nurse) and Jayda Taiepa (Community Nurse) were honoured by their Tairawhiti peers with achievement

awards at the annual Nurses and Midwives of Tairawhiti (NAMOT). These honours are awarded through a nomination process. We are proud of the impact our Nurses are having in our community as they received nominations from numerous external practitioners.

Hospice Tairawhiti nurse Jayda Taiepa says it is a great privilege to work in palliative care. That may be a difficult concept for many to comprehend, but she describes her work as "a special role" where she helps individuals and their family/whanau in their most vulnerable moments. Jayda won The Director of Nursing New Graduate Award at the NAMOT.

For Linda Hauraki, whānau have been a huge part of her decision to become a nurse, and her journey in the profession so far. Linda won the Excellence in Community Services Nursing Award at the NAMOT.

Messages of support have been flooding in after the awards were announced. Our nurses make a huge difference in the community and with your support they can continue to go above and beyond. 🍁

## Volunteer Awards: Betty Stephen

Our very own volunteer Betty Stephen, who leads the hospice songsters was awarded the Nan Evans Award for 2020 at a special event hosted by Tairawhiti Community Voice.

Betty has been voluntarily coordinating our songster group for the last 12 years. Under her direct leadership, the current 50 strong volunteer group has flourished.

The hospice songsters are a very popular entertainment group for our communities aged care and rest home facilities.

Bettys kindness, coordination and organisation skills and all inclusive attitude has enabled this service to grow from strength to strength.

"Betty is the glue behind this wonderful group of volunteers. As an organisation, we are blessed to have her in our team and as the volunteer manager, I am so very grateful and inspired by Bettys commitment and dedication." Jane Kibble 🍁



Betty Stephen and the Hospice Tairawhiti Songsters

## Hospice Youth Ambassadors Recognised



Volunteer Centre Awardees: Daniel and Raana

Hospice Tairawhiti Youth Ambassadors were recognised in the Gisborne Volunteer Centre Youth Awards. Hospice Tairawhiti volunteers recieved two of the six awards this year for their volunteer work in the community.

The awards recognise the impact in the community that both Daniel and Raana have made. Getting involved and doing the best you can is all you can really ask of volunteer. Well done to both, we appreciate all that you do in our community. 🍁

## Upcoming Fundraising

### Christmas is a time to remember at Farmers.

Farmers Gisborne is raising funds for Hospice Tairawhiti with a limited edition Christmas Bauble and the traditional remembrance tree. 🍁



### Merry Christmas from the Hospice Shop

On behalf of the our wonderful shop team we send our heartfelt wishes to all the incredible volunteers , generous donors, and extremely loyal customers. Even through the adversity of our roof materials being stolen, and then lockdown restrictions, the shop has done incredibly well because of you. Please continue to donate and shop with us.

The Hospice Shop will be closed on all public holidays over the festival period. Please can you only drop off donations when the shop is open over the holidays. 🍁



Jacqui Ritchie and Glen Barber

### Forty years of providing Palliative Care to Gisborne.

In 2021 Hospice Tairawhiti will celebrate 40 years of operating as a registered trust, providing community-based hospice care for the people of Tairawhiti, from Morere to Potaka.

Hospice or palliative care is specialised care for people with life-limiting conditions. Our focus is on improving the quality of life for the person and providing support for the whanau.

Next year will be an exciting one as we celebrate our anniversary and move into our purpose-built new home and expand our services.

Hospice Tairawhiti receives 70% government funding with the remainder donated by the community of Tairawhiti. If you are interested in taking on a challenge or organising a fundraising event during our anniversary year, please contact funding@hospicetairawhiti.org.nz. 🍁

### New Date for Celebrate Friday 16th April 2021

Thank you all for your continued support and patience around the rescheduling of Celebrate Gisborne.

It is important to us that we deliver a high quality event and, to achieve this, we need to ensure we have key people on board. We are delighted to tell you the Bridgette Penny is back as event organiser, Jackie Clarke and Matai Smith as MC's, and the event will be held as planned at Te Poho o Rawiri Marae.

To make this happen we have had to shift the date again. We can confirm that the date will now be Friday 16th April 2021.

As this is a sold out event, if you find you are not able to attend please let us know so that we can release your tickets. Of course a full refund will be given. If you would like additional tickets, we are happy to put you on our waiting list.

Please contact Bridgette if you have any questions or would like further information [bridgette@plusbusiness.nz](mailto:bridgette@plusbusiness.nz) 🍁

**Hospice Tairawhiti wish you all,  
A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**