



Handmade Taonga for Mokopuna

Popsy will always be close to his mokopuna thanks to the efforts of Hospice Tairawhiti and East Coast Cancer Society volunteers.



A special place . . . Manaaki-Tau Kapa nestles amongst cushions made from his grandfather's t-shirts.

When Tau – Tauranga – Kapa died this year he left a gaping hole in the hearts of his whanau, and particularly his 15 grandchildren.

But Hospice counsellor Nicola Carroll suggested that they turn some of his many t-shirts into cushions.

"This is something we have done in the past for families," said Nicola. "I knew Tau had a lot of family and that he loved his t-shirts. His grandchildren were missing him so much, so we wanted to create something for the kids to feel close to him."

Tau's wife Robin says the resulting cushions were perfect.

"I just burst into tears when I saw them," she said. Robin and Tau have 15 grandchildren, ranging in age from 22 years old to four months old.

"Tau just loved his grandchildren," said Robin. "They were the love of his life, and the kids just love their cushions. They take them to bed each night. Tau always used to cut the sleeves off his t-shirts and one special lady even left little sleeve bits on her cushion. They are all so special."

Seven of the children will soon arrive from Australia for Christmas, and will receive their special cushions.

"We had no idea these were going to be so awesome . . . this way a piece of Popsy is always with them." 🍌

Fashion Show Fundraiser

Hospice Summer Fashion Show with a twist. This year the Hospice fashion show was taken to a whole new level. Lunch at the Bushmere Arms and the addition of two local businesses, Shoe Envie and More and Colliers Menswear.

Although the weather was not very nice for a walk in the garden, the setting inside at Bushmere Arms was just perfect. With a full afternoon ahead, 120 guests sat back and enjoyed food, drink, fashion and great company.

The Hospice Shop kicked off the afternoon with a range of top notch summer clothing. Isaac Kinder a Hospice Youth Volunteer escorted our models down the stairs before making their way around the room stopping every so often to give everyone a chance to have a look at the clothing being modelled.

New summer clothing and shoes from Shoe Envie and More and Colliers gave everyone a chance to see what colours and styles are in for this season. "We were more than happy to be a part of this event, especially when all of the money is going to such a great cause," said Tracey and Tasj from Shoe Envie and More.

With a bridal theme to finish off the afternoon everyone was free to have a look at the clothing and make a purchase. By this time the sun had come out and a few people took the opportunity to have a look round the gardens before making their way home.

Hospice would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that helped make this event such a success. A total of \$3000 was raised and Hospice Tairawhiti are hoping to make it an annual event. 🍌



Carmel O'Neill and Margaret McLennan

Staff Profile:

Dr Moira Cunningham, Hospice Doctor

I made Gisborne my home 19 years ago and have worked with Hospice Tairāwhiti for all of this time.

Hospice staff have come and gone but the things that remain constant are each new staff member has a phenomenal caring attitude and dedication to doing the best they can for the patients and their family/whānau. As a doctor working in this field I have to accept that patients all have a life threatening illness that no longer has a hope of cure but this does not stop me being able to help. The team manages symptoms, gives meaning to each day, provides equipment and people to help and support them during their illness. The most important thing we seem to do is educate and encourage families to successfully take on

the challenge of caring for their loved one as best they can. With our support, and when it is safe, a patient can often continue living in their own home and die there surrounded by those who matter most to them. It is a common wish to die in your own home and watching this process evolve and seeing a family grant that wish is a very special thing. 🌿



Moira Cunningham

Volunteer Profile:

Tina Swann, Board of Trustees

My first experience of Hospice was after my mother was diagnosed as terminal and lost her battle with cancer in 2008, then again at the end of last year when my father was also diagnosed with terminal cancers.



Tina Swann

The empathy, advice and support from the Hospice team has been and remains without question, nothing short of amazing and my family and I are honoured and privileged to have met such special people to be with us through this difficult journey.

The impact of how thoughtful and sensitive the Hospice team have been to us is extremely humbling and truly profound with their high level of professionalism allowing our parents to maintain dignity and peace of mind during a truly stressful time for all involved.

Travelling this journey with your loved ones is a hard road that no family wants to take but when you have the guidance and support of an experienced team like Hospice Tairāwhiti, it certainly puts your mind at ease to know you are in good hands.

Coming into this role on the Board at the beginning of this year was a natural step for me after mum's passing enabling me to bring the experience of having gone through the process already and encouraged me to give something back for the many other families that Hospice have reached.

I come from a background in Corporate Services at EIT Tairāwhiti, BDO and am currently employed at Te Runanganui o Ngāti Porou and due to complete my Bachelor in Business Studies degree in 2017.

As my family continue this journey with my Dad and having recently lost my brother-in-law who was in the care of Hospice Wellington, words cannot express how grateful I am for the steady guidance, constant support and heartfelt understanding that my family have received from Hospice both here in Tairāwhiti and in Wellington.

I am proud to be associated with Hospice and the awe inspiring volunteers who give their time freely in order to help others deal with the end of life stage of their loved ones. The unspoken understanding is there in the eyes of every staff member and volunteer you meet and whether your journey is short or long, I am sure their unwavering support will touch your heart as it did mine leaving you with nothing but respect and awe for these angels in disguise.

"He taonga rongonui te aroha ki te Tangata"
– Goodwill towards others is a precious treasure.



Hospice Youth Ambassadors

On Thursday 6th October we held an induction night just for our new Hospice Youth Volunteers.

Pupils from Gisborne Girls High School, Gisborne Boys High School and Campion College all came together. It was a good chance for them all to meet and get to know each other. Lots of learning and laughs were had that night.

Community events and fundraising events will be their main role within Hospice but they will also have the chance to volunteer in the shop. Once they have attended two or more events they receive one of our youth badges which they are required to wear along with their name badges when they are volunteering for hospice.



Hospice Youth Volunteers.

It is so nice to see our youth stepping up and making a difference in our community. Without our team of dedicated volunteers Hospice would not be able to provide the services we do for free within the Tairāwhiti region. 🙌

Footloose Fashion Show

A huge thank you to Trish and her team from Footloose Gisborne. Also her sponsors, Juve and Koco Boutique.

Hospice Tairāwhiti were lucky enough to receive the proceeds from their Summer in Paradise fashion show which was at the Waikanae Surf Club on the 30th September. A cheque for \$1000 was presented to Kelly Simpson from Hospice Tairāwhiti. 🙌

Kelly Simpson (Hospice Tairāwhiti), Sally Wright (Juve), Trish Falloon (Footloose) and Karen Sherriff (Koco Boutique)



Hospice Shop Extension

The hospice shop celebrates its third birthday with a much needed extension at its Peel Street premises.

From the generosity of our community it was apparent that the current store was no longer big enough to accommodate everything. This means that the shop can now sell more good quality furniture, as well as an extended range of clothing.



Reverend Shirley Barker Kirby blesses the shop extension prior to opening.

but with the help of our fabulous volunteers it has made the job a lot easier".

If you are passing the store, make sure you have a look at the new extension and the range of clothing, toys, books,

furniture, shoes, curtains, blankets and the very popular bric a brac. You will be pleasantly surprised.

You can find the Hospice shop at 66 Peel Street. Opening hours are Monday to Friday 10am until 4pm and Saturday 10am until 2pm. 🙌



hospice Thank You

Tairāwhiti

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

- Eastern and Central Community Trust
- Evans Funeral Services
- Te Ora Hou Charitable Trust
- Shirley Barker Kirby
- Riding for Hospice
- Tony Leggett

Upcoming Events



IN ASSOCIATION WITH
ElectriNET

the caitlin smith trio

tickets \$25
 Available from the Hospice Shop and The Vines
 ALL PROCEEDS GO TO HOSPICE TAIRĀWHITI

Sunday 5 February 4pm at The Vines BUSHMERE ESTATE
 Experience an adventurous and electric fusion of jazz standards and originals from one of Aotearoa's finest vocal artists while you relax.



— TREE OF — Remembrance




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

18 November until 24 December 2016

Friends of Hospice



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.hospicetairāwhiti.org.nz/get-involved/make-a-donation to make an online donation.

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



The Hospice Tairāwhiti team would like to wish all our friends and supporters a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.