



Electrinet sponsorship to continue under new ownership

Electrinet's new owners Horizon Energy Group have committed to continue its long-standing sponsorship of Hospice Tairāwhiti.

Horizon Energy Group Distribution chief executive Ajay Anand said the values of Hospice sit comfortably with the national company, and they are happy for the partnership to continue.



Chief Executive Ajay Anand

"Hospice is a fantastic organisation and provides a wonderful service to people at their time of need," said Mr Anand. "We have no immediate plans to review Electrinet's commitment to Hospice," he said, "and commend Barry (Atkinson) for his support of Hospice."

Horizon Services Ltd – part of the Horizon Energy Group – acquired Electrinet late last year. The Group has assets in excess of \$180m, spread across New Zealand.

Mr Anand encouraged the wider Gisborne community to continue their support of Electrinet to enable the business to support local sponsorships.

The news has been welcomed by

Hospice Tairāwhiti general manager, Barbara Grout. "Electrinet have supported hospice for many years, but more formally for the past 5 ½ in the form of annual sponsorship," said Mrs Grout. "We are delighted this relationship will continue with the new owners."

Hospice Tairāwhiti will need to raise more than \$250,000 this year to continue to provide free care to the community.

"It's comforting to know that we can rely on that funding."

But the Electrinet sponsorship, which was Hospice Tairāwhiti's first major business sponsor, has a far greater value than just money.

"The support extends beyond the financial with Electrinet staff certifying all the electrical items we sell in the shop, as well as providing marketing and event management expertise – all free of charge."

Mrs Grout said Electrinet staff are great ambassadors for Hospice.

"We see many of them supporting our events and spreading the word about Hospice and the work we do."

Horizon Energy Group is one of New Zealand's 28 electricity distribution companies. Horizon Energy Group is 100% owned by the Eastern Bay Electricity Trust. 🌟



Peter Schnell General Manager Electrical Services Horizon Group, Barbara Grout General Manager Hospice Tairāwhiti, Barry Atkinson Regional Manager

Staff Profile:

Jane Kibble, Volunteer Co-ordinator

Coming from an employment background mix of both Nursing and volunteer management, when I spotted this position 20 months ago I just knew this would combine my skills, interests and passion for people.

Being responsible for Hospice Tairāwhiti volunteer services is both a privilege and challenge. The services we provide are diverse as are the volunteers who work within them. Songsters, patient support, shop team members from sorters to sellers, Biography, bereavement support, oncology hosts, baking, office, fundraising and our Youth Ambassadors all enable us to deliver an outstanding support service to our clinical and medical team.

Keeping in touch with everyone and keeping them informed as well as ensuring that we keep up to date with volunteer trends, Social media, casual and episodic volunteering and the management of youth volunteers

enables the Hospice service and its volunteers to continue developing for its future needs.

With such a variety of services and tasks to do it really can be an all action role, some days calling upon the need to move from office work to a patient support visit fairly quickly. I enjoy being a hands on manager so involve myself within the services and events that we offer, many of which can also be enormous fun.

At the heart of all I do are people, whether they are colleagues, volunteers, patients, family or community members, the joy of this role for me is to support and enable people to make a difference to their lives and to the lives of others.

If you would like to find out more on volunteering for Hospice Tairāwhiti Please contact Jane Kibble 06 869 0552 or email jane@hospicetairawhiti.org.nz 🍌



Jane Kibble

Volunteer Profile:

Hilda McFarlane and Yvonne Wilson

Hilda and Yvonne have been friends for a very long time and share many interests together. One of those interests is as a volunteer for Hospice Tairāwhiti.



Yvonne Wilson and Hilda McFarlane

Sharing this interest together for 25 years brought out lots of funny stories and memories from the both of them. Hilda and Yvonne clearly remember the lunches that were held every Wednesday for patients, "it was called day care back then and it was a great outing for the carer and patient" said Hilda. "We would have

a sales table at the hospital and that would pay for the lunch every week". "We had a great fundraising group" Yvonne said.

Over the years Hilda has helped out in oncology, patient support, sitting on raffles and also in the shop when needed. With a nursing background Hilda did say patient support was the part she has enjoyed the most. "Having a dog take my shoe one day from the back door and walking home with only one shoe is definitely a memory I won't forget" said Hilda

Yvonne has helped out in oncology and sitting on many raffles over her 25 years' service and said that she really enjoys being able to help people and connect with them. "Once I got married I didn't work and always said that I would volunteer for an organisation, Hospice was my choice. Later in life a couple of my family members used Hospice Services and I am very grateful for that" said Yvonne. Hospice is a great way to meet people and we have enjoyed our 25 years together volunteering for Hospice. 🍌



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Tairāwhiti

A big welcome to the following new staff members

Helen Te Puni, Counsellor and Dr Anna Meuli, Doctor

And sadly it's goodbye to...

Laura Moore our Clinical Nurse Specialist, we wish Laura all the best on her new venture.

Cherished Memories for the Jeffery Family

When Wendy Miller suggested having a biography done with her dad Nolan Jeffery she never thought for a moment that at the end, she would be holding a beautifully bound 90-page family treasure . . . and nor did he.

"It was a lot of fun to do," said the 86-year-old, "and a few tears too."

Despite Nolan being considered not much of a talker, he found his rhythm and was away.

"I had to really think about things when we started, but it all came back once we got going. The time just seemed to disappear."

And he thoroughly looked forward to the visits from the Hospice Tairāwhiti biographer.

"They end up not just being an acquaintance, but a real friend," he said.

When he held his 90-page story in his own hands for the first time, he admits it was a bit emotional.

"Now I just want somewhere quiet to sit down and read it through."

For Nolan, it was important to tell the story of he and his wife Betty, their lives together and the challenges the family faced.

"My mother had a stroke at 37 – I was just seven at the time and they had only been married about 17 years . . . and things were never the same after that," remembers Wendy.

Nolan brought up his three children, and his wife lived in and out of care until she died at 80.



Alison Ross, Hospice Volunteer Transcriber, Nolan Jeffery, Shirley Barker-Kirby, Hospice Volunteer Interviewer.

"It is a sad story, but there were lots of fun things my parents did together, like go on holidays together, despite the situation."

And many would remember the family's letter box in Chalmers Road which replicated the house Nolan had built.

"I didn't realise Hospice Tairāwhiti would go to so much trouble."

The project took months of meeting between Nolan and biographer Shirley Barker Kirby.

Wendy says while there were some tearful moments in recounting so many precious memories, Nolan loved doing the book.

"It will such a cherished thing for future generations to read and for them to learn about their family."

Nolan says he could have added much more.

"This is such a marvellous service they offer," says Nolan. "The patience of those who do it has to be commended." 🍌

Te Ara Wairua - The Spiritual Journey

Many of us at Toi Matapu have experienced, and are ever grateful for the service and amazing care the hospice has provided for our family members.

This was a cause very dear to our hearts and we thank you for supporting our mahi toi, and our charity auction for Hospice Tairāwhiti (formerly 'Gisborne Palliative Care Service'). Our auction raised \$1,503. Barbara Grout, General Manager of Hospice Tairāwhiti met with us at Toi Matapu to accept our koha. 🍌



Barbara is pictured at centre-right, holding a koha with our koha



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Thank You

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