



The Great NZ Tractor Trek



Contingency of vehicles for the Tractor Trek.

Raising Awareness and funds for Hospice is the drive behind the tractor trek.

When Phil Aish's wife died a year after being diagnosed with cancer, Phil organised a cavalcade of vintage tractors, jeeps and trucks to trek 2,600km from Bluff to Cape Reinga. The Great NZ Tractor Trek in 2016 raised over \$100,000 for hospices across the country, and captured the hearts of people across New Zealand.

"The unbelievable caring and compassionate people at Hospice made it possible for me to simply be there for my wife of 48 years – to sit by her side and hold her hand", says Phil. "The genuine kindness, understanding and patience of everyone at hospice has never diminished, and they were equally caring for me and my family. This trek is a promise to my wife and a legacy to those who cared for her".

In 2018 Phil and his friends started their journey from Bluff on the 12th February, 26 days later on the 9th March their journey for 2018 will finish.



Ormond School pupils enjoying a ride around the school field

Phil's grandson Sam is part of the group, driving an ex US Army Humvee. Sam told local hospice representative Kelly Simpson "We had to go through rivers where the water had washed out the road overnight and we couldn't get down into them because they were too steep, so we got the boys ahead with shovels... and we got through, but, wow, what an experience". That is been Sam's most memorable moment so far.

Welcomed to sunny Gisborne by Deputy Mayor Rehette Stoltz on Monday 26th February, the vintage jeeps, tractors and trucks made their way through the main street before heading out to Ormond School where they were fed by the Rapid Relief Team before making their way onto their next overnight stop in Matawai.

"Hospices all over New Zealand provide people and their families with a very special type of care and support so raising awareness and money for hospice care has been fun" said Phil.

You can donate to The Great NZ Tractor Trek through their Give A Little Page, type in NZ Tractor Trek. 🍌



Lee Geros presents Hospice General Manager Barbara Grout and Funding and PR Co-ordinator Kelly Simpson with the Caring Connections cheque

Caring Connections, Caring Community

We are delighted with the result of the 2017 Tree of Remembrance campaign. The partnership between Hospice and Farmers has exceeded expectations this year.

Over the duration of the campaign, 16th November to 24th December, \$768,162.08 was raised nationally. From this total Hospice Tairawhiti was privileged to receive \$9,457.04, which was the amount raised locally.

What an incredible effort from our local Farmers and our generous community. All money raised locally will stay in the Tairawhiti community to help keep Hospice services free of charge. 🍌



Glennis Rickard

Volunteer Profile: Glennis Rickard

With a passion for helping people Glennis started volunteering for Hospice five years ago in Fielding.

Being retired for eight years Glennis said "it is a great way for retired people to fill in their day". When Glennis and her husband moved back to Gisborne three years ago Glennis decided to carry on her volunteering with Hospice so put her name forward to work at the Hospice Shop.

After losing a granddaughter and a brother, both to cancer her passion for helping grew even stronger. Baking is

another one of Glennis's passions and it was also her granddaughter's, so she bakes now to remember her and knows how much it helps others.

Working at the Hospice Shop three shifts a week and being able to help out in any department is great, "I'm an all-rounder" Glennis said. "I like working on the till so I get to interact with the people".

When Glennis isn't working at the shop or filling our freezer with yummy baking she enjoys time with grandchildren, cooking and gardening. 🍌

Staff Profile:

Linda Hauraki - Community Hospice Nurse, Team Leader

My first encounter with Hospice was with my beloved grandmother 21 years ago. I was amazed by the compassion and support given to my grandmother and whanau.

The palliative nurse at that time was Jude Francis. During a visit Jude mentioned the local polytechnic were hosting a nurse information night. The following day I enrolled into the foundation of nursing course and the following year commenced bachelor of nursing degree with UCOL. As luck would have it my first placement as a nursing student was with Hospice. Once graduated I took the position as Rural Health Nurse for Matawai, Whatatutu and Te Karaka where many of the patients under my care required palliative care. I also worked in aged care facilities where palliative nursing care was provided. In 2016 I joined the Hospice Tairāwhiti team.

My current role as a community nurse is to provide holistic care focusing on all aspects of the patient

which includes physical (Taha Tinana), spiritual (Taha Wairua), cultural, emotional (Taha Hinengaro) and social support (Taha Whanau).

One of the most important components is to establish good relationships and rapport with patients and whanau in order to provide effective palliative nursing care. The primary goal is to maintain good symptom control and empower the patient and their whanau. The co-ordination of care is

vital and includes liaising not only within the Hospice team but with other allied health professionals in order to achieve the best possible outcome for the patient and their whanau.

I find this type of nursing very challenging but also very rewarding. I am constantly amazed by the resilience of people and the will to "just get on with living". My personal goal is to deliver the best care to all patients and whanau involved with Hospice. 🍌



Linda Hauraki



Thank You

- Christina Fishburn
- Noel Leeming Gisborne
- Farmers
- Te Wananga O Aotearoa
- Sunrise Foundation
- Mangatawa Beale Williams Memorial Trust

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

Starts & Departs

Starts: Jenny Jensen – Palliative Care Nurse Liaison (ARC & Rural)

Departs: Helen Te Puni – Counsellor Aged Residential Care

Top up of new youth

Under the watchful eye of Jane Kibble, our volunteer coordinator.

Our youth ambassadors sprang into action with the addition of some fresh new recruits at the beginning of the school year.

Team building and planning for this year's events as well as fun and ice-cream (it was an exceptionally hot day) was on the agenda.

Our overall aim of the youth ambassador programme is to promote, support and engage young people in the work of Hospice Tairāwhiti.

Our ambassadors actively contribute by giving their time, sharing knowledge, supporting events, and engaging with their school and the wider community in a positive way. We also hope their contribution within our organisation will encourage a lifelong connection to volunteering.

As students leave school to begin their career paths we "restock". They are the face and voice of this programme and can advocate for their own replacements within their school environment.



Front Row: Grace Worters, Kayla Yule, Amanda Graham, Georgia Borrie
Back Row: Ella McBreen, Isaac Kinder, Rosa Hyland, Pearl Ruston

Our current ambassadors attend Gisborne Girls High, Gisborne Boys High and Champion College and range from year 10 to 12. This ensures that we have those with a little more experience supporting those who are new. 🍌

Celebrate Gisborne

Celebrating Gisborne and all it has to offer, and raising much needed funds for Hospice Tairāwhiti's new building project - the sell-out event held at The Vines on Friday 9th March is something attendees will be talking about for months to come.

\$65,000 was raised from the auction on the night, making it Hospice's biggest and best fundraiser yet, with enthusiastic bidding on all of the items on offer. All auction items were donated, so all the funds raised will go directly to the building fund. With money still to be counted from ticket sales and donations, organisers are quietly optimistic that the total raised may reach close to \$90,000.

MC and local girl Jackie Clarke did an outstanding job providing lots of laughs but also taking control of how the evening ran, including ably assisting auctioneer Pete McGrannachan.

The meal cooked by The Vines head chef Bryn Lewis was outstanding, with the highlight for many being half a crayfish for entrée. The theme for the meal was around the world, so every course related to a different country. Each course was matched with local

wines from Bushmere Estate, Matawhero Wines, Spade Oak and Bridge Estate. Everyone who came to the event was there for one reason – to help Hospice raise money – and they certainly did that.

We would like to extend our thanks to all those who helped make this such a successful event – the sponsors; those who donated auction items, produce, and wine; and of course those who attended and supported the event. Special thanks to event co-ordinators Bridgette Penny from Electrinet, and Kelly Simpson from Hospice Tairāwhiti. 🍌



MC Jackie Clarke and Auctioneer Peter McGrannachan

Upcoming Events

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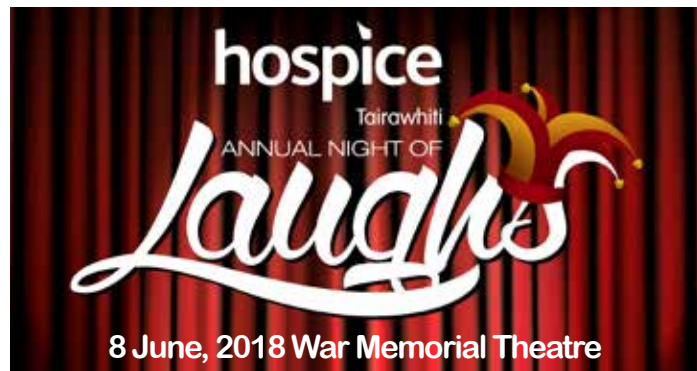
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\$35 per ticket | Glass of bubbles on arrival, Starting at 7pm

Contact Kelly Simpson - Hospice Tairāwhiti on 0274 318 764 for more information

Tickets available from The Hospice Shop and Paper Plus

