



Celebrate a Huge Success

Celebrate Gisborne proved true to name for Hospice Tairawhiti.

The sell-out evening, held to kick-start the organisation's capital fundraising project, will be remembered for its success.



Jackie Clarke and Peter McGrannachan

Artists, benefactors and Hospice supporters donated all sorts of pieces for the auction which alone raised \$43,420. Added to that is the \$42,000 given by sponsors.

Hospice Tairawhiti general manager Barbara Grout was "absolutely delighted".

"People have really got in behind us and are supporting us to the hilt," she said.

Earlier fundraising events over the years had come nowhere close to the Celebrate Gisborne figure.

Showcase Jewellers' Diamond in a Glass initiative which saw people buy a \$50 glass of bubbles in the hope of winning a real diamond ring, raised \$6,500, while a getaway to Libby and David Streeter's Wanaka bach – including flights from Elliott Travel – garnered the highest bid on the night, of \$3,800. The Mayor was hot property, with his Meng the Masterchef evening going for \$3,000.

"The support has just been incredible," said Barbara.

The money will be put towards new premises for Hospice Tairawhiti, which has long out-grown its current building. The organisation is currently in discussions with the hospital in the hope of staying on the grounds, but with a new building that could house the services and programmes Hospice offer to the wider community.

"We extend a huge thanks to those who donated art, time and support for Celebrate Gisborne".

She particularly wanted to thank organiser Bridgette Penny, Julie Peters and Kelly Simpson who were the core group behind the event.

For Bridgette the highlight of the evening was "the vibe" of the room.

"There was a tremendous amount of goodwill from everyone and you could really feel that on the night," she said. "Everyone was there for one reason – to help Hospice raise money. It came right from the heart."

The 200-plus tickets had sold out quickly and The Vines chef Bryn Lewis had produced an "outstanding" six course meal which was expertly matched with beer and wine.

"MC Jackie Clarke was phenomenal – she was just the perfect MC for such a great occasion, providing lots of laughs, but also bringing a real balance to the stage."

Bridgette also extended a big thank you to all who had helped make the event the success it was.

"We can all relate to Hospice and people are happy to support that. We know we will all be there one day dealing with Hospice over someone in the family . . . it is the sad reality, but to have a team like that to look after people is just priceless." 🍌

Staff Profile: Dr Marla Williams, Clinical Manager

My role is providing care to our patients and families, as well as managing our clinical staff, the people who are involved in the care of our patients. It is pleasure to work with such a great team of experienced and caring clinicians—four nurses, two other doctors and our counsellor.

I have been involved in palliative care in Gisborne since 1993, initially working as a GP doing one day per week with the Gisborne Palliative Care Service and then starting my present role shortly after Dr Carstens' retirement 4 years ago. I have a Post Graduate Diploma in Palliative Medicine and

25 years experience as a GP but I am still very dependent on the team for advice on many of the difficult clinical problems that we encounter at Hospice.

As part of the Hospice NZ network, my job involves networking with other hospices, collectively seeking ways to deliver the best care. I am also involved in some community liaising and GP education, all aimed at ensuring that people who need end of life care will get it wherever in the community that care is provided. 🍌



Dr Marla Williams



Jane Williams

Volunteer Profile: Jane Williams

"You can do a lot for very little. It doesn't take much to make a difference"

Words of inspiration from one of our patient family support volunteers Jane Williams.

Jane has a nursing background and while working as a nurse up the coast would come across palliative care patients.

When Jane and her family moved to the city five years ago, Jane started volunteering her time as a night nurse. As the years have gone on Jane has increased her volunteering role with Hospice by joining the patient family support team, helping serve cups of tea in the oncology unit and also helping in the office when needed.

"As a patient family support volunteer I visit every week, whether it be for the patient or the family. The whole family need the support even if it is just to let the family go to the supermarket or even a walk while I sit with their loved one".

"I believe in palliative care professionally and personally. If you are considering volunteering, don't be put off by people that are going through end stage of their lives. It's nothing to be afraid of" she said. Patient and family support volunteers provide companionship for patients and time out for caregivers in the patient's own home. Volunteers working in this area undertake additional training prior to commencing duties. 🍌

BIG thanks to...

Thank you to Farmers Gisborne for all of your support through the Remembrance tree campaign.

An amazing result from all of our community that donated and shared a thought for their loved ones. Hospice Tairāwhiti is very grateful for your generosity. 🍌



Manager Lee Geros presents the cheque to Hospice Funding Development and PR Co-ordinator Kelly Simpson.

For the Love of Flowers

Every week a kind gesture from a local businesswoman creates untold warmth in the hearts of many.

For five or more years, Country Garden Flowers' owner Chantelle Ribbon has brought flowers to the Palliative Care Unit in ward 5.

"Hospice Tairawhiti do great volunteer work but that's not something I can help with," says Chantelle. "This is my way of helping."

She is always keen to get behind community-based organisations that directly help people.

"I see huge value in what Hospice do, and get some lovely feedback from families of those receiving palliative care."

And she hopes her contribution helps others see the beauty in flowers.



Country Garden Flowers owner Chantelle Ribbon creates another beautiful arrangement at her Lowe Street shop.

Hospice Tairawhiti general manager Barbara Grout says the small gesture is hugely appreciated.

"Often it is the little things that make such a difference to patients and whanau," says Barbara. "It shows them that others are thinking of them and can also help to open up important conversations. We really appreciate Chantelle and her team supporting Hospice Tairawhiti." 🌸



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

- Lorraine Johasen
- Gisborne Wainui Lions
- Noel Leeming
- Mabel Wicks
- Farmers Support Centre
- Mangatawa Beale Williams Memorial Trust
- Estate of McIldowie

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Upcoming Events

Classic Bushmere Arms **GIANT** Pumpkin Festival

Sunday 3 April 2016

Proceeds to Hospice Tairāwhiti



The annual Pumpkin Festival is on again...

...come along and enjoy a great family event.

Join us at the Bushmere Arms, Waerenga-a-Hika, on Sunday 3rd April from 11am to 2pm for the 13th Annual Classic Bushmere Arms Giant Pumpkin Festival. Marvel at the enormous pumpkins and take part in the wide range of pumpkin themed activities including pumpkin mini golf while the kids enjoy the horizontal bungy, scarecrow making, and bouncy castle. All proceeds will be donated to Hospice Tairāwhiti.

Proudly hosted and organised by Robin Pierson and the Bushmere Arms. 🍂



War Memorial Theatre

Thursday 23rd June 2016

7:30pm

Tickets available from Stephen's Photoplus

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Tairāwhiti
ANNUAL NIGHT OF
Laughs



Ben Hurley



Justine Smith



Jamie Bowen