

## Loss & Grief during a pandemic 2021 Aotearoa

Thursday 29 July 2021, Te Whare Rānui,  
Mary Potter Hospice, 10 Awatea St, Porirua.

Time	Ngā take a kaikōrero   Topics and Presenters
8.45 - 9.00	<p>Manaakitanga   Arrival tea and coffee</p> <p>Mihi   Welcome Tanya Loveard and Fuailalagi Samoa Saleupolu Heger</p>
9.00 – 10.00	<p>Whakawhanaungatanga</p> <p>Introductions and facilitated discussion exploring social/psychosocial impacts of the pandemic Hazel Nesar</p>
10.00 – 10.15	Wa kai iti   Morning Tea
10.15 – 11.00	<p>Ngā pou tarāwaho i te wā pouritanga</p> <p>Frameworks of loss and grief- beyond Kübler-Ross Hazel Nesar</p>
11.00-12.00	<p>Indigenous grieving processes and adaptations Vanessa Eldridge and Fuailalagi Samoa Saleupolu Heger</p>
12.00-12.30	<p>A funeral directors experience of the pandemic Jenna Hyndman Gee and Hickton</p>
12.30 – 1.00	Wā kai mo te pouputanga o te rā   Lunch
1.00 – 2.45	<p>Wānanga   Workshops</p> <p>What use is Spirituality? ~ Chris Hartley Finding a way forward ~ Hazel Nesar Exploring Māori ritual ~ Vanessa Eldridge</p>
2.45 – 3.00	Wā kai o te ahiahi   Afternoon Tea
3.00 – 3.30	<p>Kōrero   Debrief Tanya Loveard</p>
3.30 – 3.45	<p>Evaluation, Certificates</p> <p>Karakia and Close Fuailalagi Samoa Saleupolu Heger</p>



**Tanya Loveard, Palliative Care Facilitator, Mary Potter Hospice**

Tanya has worked in clinical and leadership positions in the UK and NZ. For fifteen years Tanya has worked as an Occupational Therapist at Mary Potter Hospice and has held the Dementia Champion role. Tanya currently works as an Education Facilitator at Mary Potter Hospice and Whitireia. Tanya, is a published author and presenter, holds postgraduate qualifications, and works in private practice.



**Fuailalagi Samoa Saleupolu Heger**

Fuailalagi is the Pacific Service Development Lead at Mary Potter Hospice. She works alongside the Pacific Advisory Group and is tasked with collaborating with palliative care leaders, community representatives and Pacific partners to help implement and further shape the Mary Potter Hospice Pacific Responsiveness Strategy. She also works closely with Vanessa Eldridge, Health Equity Manager. She has a Master of Counselling Studies and has worked across the wider Wellington region in counselling, health promotion and education roles.



**Hazel Neser, Bereavement Lead**

Hazel Neser has a background in counselling and psychology and has worked extensively in the field of loss and grief for nearly 25 years and is currently Bereavement Lead at Mary Potter Hospice. Hazel has held a variety of roles in the community and in tertiary institutions with a focus on loss and grief. These have covered supportive cancer care through the Cancer Society, bereavement support through funeral homes in the greater Wellington region, education and training of health professionals about loss and grief through the University of Otago Wellington, and funeral directors through WellTec.



**Vanessa Eldridge, Manager Health Equity, Mary Potter Hospice**

Korowai - Rongomaiwahine, Ngāti Kahungūnu

Vanessa has a background in nursing, and has developed several programmes relating to loss and grief for Māori. She has contributed to national Palliative care research, publications and advised on Mauri Mate: A Māori Palliative Care Framework for Hospices. Vanessa is an advisor to the HQSC national advance care planning steering group and chairs Te Pou Tautoko, the Māori Advisory Group for hospices throughout Aotearoa. She is a qualified bi-cultural supervisor and leads the hospice's Compassionate Communities work.



**Chris Hartley, Spiritual Carer, Mary Potter Hospice**

Chris started her role as Spiritual Carer at the hospice in 2013. Prior to this she spent 8 years working alongside the chaplains at Wellington Hospital in surgical, medical wards and neonatal intensive care. Chris originally trained as a nurse in London and worked in that capacity in UK, Zambia and Australia where she specialised in oncology and then palliative care. After training as an early childhood teacher in NZ she became interested in hospital chaplaincy, and worked concurrently in those different professions for a while. She has a Diploma in Spiritual Direction.