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## Building together and celebrating success

**A community open day earlier in November was held to celebrate a major achievement – the opening of our new Porirua Community Hospice Hub, Te Whare Rānui.**

Hula dancers, ukelele players, art activities, free sausage sizzle and the unveiling of a beautiful taonga all created a festive and joyful event.

Te Whare Rānui serves patients and their family from Khandallah to Pukerua Bay, with free, end-of-life care regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, religion or ability to pay, delivered primarily in the place people call home.

Patients in this area who need inpatient unit level care continue to use Mary Potter Hospice's facility in Mein Street, Newtown.

From Te Whare Rānui a specialist team of nurses, doctors, social workers, counsellors, therapists and administrators support patients' physical, social, spiritual, medical and cultural needs.

Outpatient clinics and day services also take place, supported by a team of dedicated volunteers.

Supporting whānau of all ages in bereavement is an important part of our mahi, and undertaken by counsellors, art therapists and cultural liaison.

### **Mary Potter Hospice in Porirua**

Mary Potter Hospice has had a physical presence in Porirua, starting with a community base at Kenepuru Hospital, since 2002. The second-hand retail store and warehouse opened in 2011.

Mary Potter Hospice purchased Te Whare Rānui (then called Emmerson House) in 2017.

As well as excellent patient care and support, many other activities take place at Te Whare Rānui such as education for staff and volunteer recruitment and support. The Health Equity team are based there, as is the "companion in the home" volunteer programme, where volunteers support people caring for a patient at home to give them time out for a break.

In addition to providing a base for our staff and a place to offer services to our patients, there are spaces that can be used by the wider community for meetings, events and gatherings.

## Tēnā koutou,



I joined Mary Potter Hospice eight months ago, and it's been a time of learning, supporting, celebrating and looking to the future.

The **learning** has been about the nature of palliative care, that makes our work such a privilege and yet challenges us so deeply. During the year 499 people died while in our

service - about a quarter of all the people in our region who died during the year.

The **supporting** is for our staff. Palliative care requires a special energy and commitment. Last year we had 178 paid staff working across three bases and 500 volunteers at those bases and across eight shops contributing 45,000 volunteer hours.

There's plenty to **celebrate**, and the recent opening of Te Whare Rānui was a joyful time. I acknowledge all those who made the building possible - the staff, volunteers, builders, donors, architects and many others. And to the staff who work there, who continue to keep the facility warm and bring it alive in new ways, thank you for your energy.

And now to the **future**. We need places of comfort and connection more than ever in our communities. Community is a place where no one should have to celebrate or grieve alone.

In the next 12 months we will continue to rise to the considerable challenges of delivering the best possible palliative care, and of growing our income and being careful stewards of our resources in the face of deficits and inflation.

The remarkable generosity the community shows us is the life blood of our work. Thank you so much for helping us offer the gift of a full life and a peaceful death to the people of Wellington, Porirua and the Kāpiti Coast.

*Tony Paine, Chief Executive*

# Celebrating everything

you've helped us achieve in 2021/22

272



patients in the Hospice programme at any one time (average)

35,518

contacts provided by Hospice teams

499 people died on the Hospice programme



Down 2% from 511 last year

7,193



visits to patients in their own home

Number of contacts by Allied Health (counsellors, social workers, therapists)

12,012



Meeting the desire for patients to die at home supported by extended community services

45%



Number of volunteers in retail and clinical services



About

500

Number of volunteers who help with fundraising



1,200

Patients supported to die at home in their preferred place of care

Pacific patients

80%



Māori patients

49%



# Celebrating the home of light and warmth

The name Te Whare Rānui – the home of light and warmth - was gifted to Mary Potter Hospice by Ngāti Toa.

At the community open day the entryway taonga was unveiled - Tamanuiterā. In Māori mythology Maui and his brothers harnessed Tamanuiterā (the sun) to give us longer days and grow more food. It is fitting that Te Whare Rānui sits upon ground which held māra (food gardens) for Ngāti Toa.

Architect Elyjana Roach and Tohunga Whakairo Herman Salzmann explored the elements that should be reflected from a Pacifica and Māori perspective for the whare. There is a celestial theme running through. Elyjana's visionary entry and reception area warmly draws people in. The rooms are named after whetū (stars) in the Matariki constellation and the new installation Tamanuiterā builds on that.

The taonga created by Herman has Tamanuiterā greet and warm you at eye height. There is an ipu, a cleansing water bowl with paua inlay that represents the stars of matariki. The ipu sits atop a splendid plinth, mirror backed with carving depicting Te Ikaroa, the milky way. It will help us remember and reflect on those that have passed.



Above: Carver Herman Salzmann with Aunty Kahu Katene (left) and Mrs Judy Rene.

Left: The community open day celebrated lots of support from our amazing community including the Mana Lions and ukulele group, Sophia and the Might Ukes.

## Christmas wish list

Can you please help us this Christmas? There are some important items that we need and we'd be grateful for your help.

- **Bluetooth portable speakers** for patients to listen to music - three at \$258 each.
- **A mini projector** for patient use - \$699.
- **A lightweight portable Oxygen Concentrator** to give patients the freedom to be mobile - \$5,923.
- **A Spotify subscription** - \$14.99 (month) or \$179.88 annually.
- **Sensor mats** for patient safety at home or in the hospice, different sizes - six at \$215 each, two at \$394 each and one at \$457.
- **Two transit wheelchairs** - \$498 each.
- **A commercial freezer** for the Inpatient Unit kitchen - \$7,664.

- **A Mobile Ultrasound Device and tablet**, the first of its kind for Mary Potter Hospice. The Ultrasound is \$8887 and the tablet is \$799.
- **A rollator for patients** in the Kāpiti community to walk with confidence and independence - \$395.
- **Voice amplifier** for patients in Kāpiti who have difficulty with the volume and range of their voice - \$330.
- **Video and audio monitor**, to help families monitor their loved one when they are not in the room - two at \$199 each.

**If you can help, thank you! Please contact Phillip Harris, [Phillip.harris@marypotter.org.nz](mailto:Phillip.harris@marypotter.org.nz) or phone 021 210 7276.**

# Strawberries are back on the menu!

It's been fabulous to hold the Strawberry Festivals after a Covid-19 break last year. The Midland Park Strawberry Festival was the first on the list, and broke all records with 235 volunteers and a fabulous sunny day making it possible. This was the 17th festival held in Wellington central city.

Strawberries represent life, sweetness and summer – and people in Wellington, Porirua and Kāpiti came out in their thousands to enjoy the beryllicious strawberry sundaes.

We couldn't run these strawberry festivals without incredible corporate and community support. Our sincere thanks to those volunteers and supporters for their generosity.



## Upcoming events

### Christmas Gifts – we're wrapping it up!

Give a gold coin donation and have your gifts wrapped with love. You will find our volunteer gift-wrapping elves outside Unity Books, Willis Street and Whitcoulls, Lambton Quay from 9 December until Christmas Eve.

### Farmers – Tree of Remembrance and Bauble

Thank you Farmers for supporting us with the Tree of Remembrance and beautiful Hospice Christmas Bauble. 100% of the donations to the Tree of Remembrance campaign in our region will be donated to Mary Potter Hospice. Please consider buying the bauble as a Christmas gift for family, whānau, staff or customers – it all helps the Hospice.

### Hospice Christmas Raffle

Over \$6,000 of prizes to be won! All have been donated to the Hospice. You can buy tickets from our three community bases, eight Hospice Shops or online before Sunday 18 December, 5pm. Tickets are \$4 each or five for \$20. To see the prizes and buy tickets visit our website or email [events@marypotter.org.nz](mailto:events@marypotter.org.nz)

### Hospice Shops holiday hours

Our Hospice Shops will be closed from Christmas Eve and will re-open on Monday 9 January 2023. Thank you to all who are helping us turn second-hand goods into first class hospice care.

## Thank you to our generous supporters

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