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May 2024

Bucket List Banquet 2024 was a Winter Wonderland!

On Friday 3 May, 1030 guests walked through the Narnia wardrobe to enter the magical Winter Wonderland that was our 2024 Bucket List Banquet.

The night was fantastic and our list of "thank yous" is extensive. Please take a moment to read the names of everybody who made the night possible. If you have the opportunity to support any of these organisations, please do. They are wonderful and very generous members of our community.

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We've had a few changes...

Hospice Waikato has announced that both its Chair and CEO have stepped down from their positions.

After five years of involvement with Hospice Waikato Margaret Devlin has stepped down as Board Chair as she and husband Michael move back to the United Kingdom later this month. Additionally, CEO of Hospice Waikato, Craig Tamblyn announced his resignation earlier this month, to pursue new career challenges.

Hamilton Eye Surgeon Stephen Ng has taken up the role of acting Board Chair while current board member Susan Hassall, former Hamilton Boys High Headmaster, will take on the acting CEO role from 15 May. A recruitment process for a new CEO will commence later this month. New Board Chair Stephen Ng says both leaders have made a positive difference to the organisation during their tenures.

"Margaret has brought significant governance expertise to Hospice Waikato and has led our organisation through the unsettling years of Covid-19, the Health Reforms and a change in Government, all while maintaining a clear direction. Her focus on growth and innovation has challenged the Hospice Waikato team to look at ways to deliver excellence in service, while managing a significant lack of Crown funding to ensure service efficiencies see the much-needed community dollar spent wisely. We can't thank her enough for her contribution."

Craig Tamblyn moved from Wellington in 2012 to take up the role as Hospice Waikato CEO. Stephen says he has played a significant role in leading transformational change at the organisation.



Craig Tamblyn and Margaret Devlin speaking at the recent Bucket List Banquet.

"When Craig started as CEO, the Board at that time set Craig the challenge of taking Hospice Waikato to its next stage, moving from a relatively small respite organisation to a nationally recognised specialist leader in Hospice care. Taking the bit firmly between his teeth, it would be fair to say the organisation, our service delivery and our physical premises are all vastly different to what they were in 2012."

In 2015, Craig delivered a \$3.5 million site redevelopment which included the establishment of the physical premises on Cobham Drive in Hamilton that the organisation sits on today.

Since Craig took the helm in 2012, the referrals to Hospice Waikato have more than doubled to approximately 1500 a year, and the breadth of services has increased significantly. There are now more than twice as many palliative care nurses working in the rural areas of the Waikato, a team of specialist palliative care doctors, a greatly improved specialist hospice service for children - Rainbow Place, new allied health staff including new kaiaawhina roles, spiritual care, occupational therapy and massage therapy, and a Learning & Development team.

"Both Margaret and Craig leave Hospice Waikato in a great position. The organisation has recently undergone two very positive health audits, its Service Master Plan and Maaori Strategy provide clear direction for the organisation for the foreseeable future. Partnership and collaboration opportunities within the wider Te Manawa Taki region provide the foundations to focus on delivering an equitable service," says Stephen.

Stephen explains the board is excited about the next organisational chapter as it tackles some quite significant challenges. However, he says the purpose and core role of Hospice remains the same.

"Hospice care is incredibly unique. Unlike other providers across the health spectrum, it is not our role to save lives. Everyone who comes into Hospice care knows that they are dying and the Hospice team makes that end of life phase better, every time."

"I truly believe that our service wraps around the patient and their family and whaanau in a way which ensures everybody feels heard, safe, empowered, and loved."

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Thanks also to these businesses and individuals who donated the most amazing silent auction items:

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Our 2024 Bucket List Banquet website is still live! www.bucketlistbanquet.co.nz. Check it out and if you'd like to be involved in the event in 2025, please reach out to our team by emailing us at marketing@hospicewaikato.org.nz.

New life members

Our connection with the Gallagher family started back in 2006 when we went out to our community with the lofty goal of raising \$7 million to develop our Cobham Drive site and the Gallagher Group were very significant financial supporters of that project. There will be many other people reading this newsletter who were part of that enormous fundraising campaign and we'd like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone of you for your contribution. Our current location continues to be a welcoming, reassuring and supportive space for our patients, their families and whānau, our volunteers and our Hospice Waikato staff.

Back to Sir William and Lady Judi! As part of the 2006 fundraising campaign, we approached Sir William to gauge his interest in becoming our Patron to lead us through this challenge; and we were absolutely thrilled that he accepted. Without a doubt, his support of and



Sir William & Lady Judi Gallagher

connection with Hospice Waikato has been impactful and positive. That leads us to today, 18 years on, and Sir William is still the Patron of Hospice Waikato. And that is why, at our 2024 Bucket List Banquet, we awarded both Sir William and Lady Judi Life Memberships of Hospice Waikato as our way of saying thanks for an incredible contribution.

Our wish list

Please drop off donations at our office at 334 Cobham Drive, Hamilton.

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- Petrol vouchers



Doctors' Perspective - Debbie Barham

At Hospice Waikato, we are extremely lucky to have a young, vibrant and extremely talented team of doctors who care for our patients with kindness and compassion. In this edition of our Newsletter, we share a reflection from Debbie Barham (front left), on the gifts our patients give us in the healing journey (names have been changed to protect anonymity).

Sandra was a woman in her late 70s, in our Hospice In-Patient Unit for symptom management related to end-stage respiratory disease.

Her husband Brian was at her side throughout, and pictures of their wedding, their family, and their lives together had facilitated many conversations with them both about how they would face what was to come. Sandra and Brian had a strong Christian faith and had shared many verses of scripture during our visits, with a quiet confidence in their heavenly hope.

One morning it became apparent that Sandra's condition had worsened acutely, and she was working hard to breathe. Fear and anxiety were becoming evident, and the team were called in.

We asked the nurses to draw up appropriate medication, and while awaiting their return we pulled up some chairs near



Sandra. I invited Brian to hold her hand, and took the hairbrush from her bedside table. 'Sandra, it is nearly time. Let's brush your hair and have you looking beautiful for the Father who is calling you home'. We prayed the words of peace and comfort she had shared with us previously, and I gently brushed her hair before Brian kissed her forehead. Fear left the room: she did not

need the medication in the end, she simply closed her eyes and spent her final hour with a peaceful smile.

Sometimes what our patients need is for us to remind them of the hope they already have, that may have just been less visible when anxiety, fear or illness spoke more loudly.

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If you'd like more information about how you can support Hospice Waikato, phone Cherie or Rosemary on **07 859 1260** or email: marketing@hospicewaikato.org.nz



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