



Race For Life

A load of generosity and tremendous spirit from sponsors and volunteers meant twenty-five patients and their caregivers spent a day zooming around Pukekohe Park Raceway at high speeds and having an experience they will never forget.

The event, now named 'Race For Life' was initiated last year by patient, Mr Brian Bell whose bucket list included a drive on a race track. He got the ride of his life when he was chauffeured around the track in a GT3 at over 240kph by Racing Ray Williams. Sadly Brian lost his battle with cancer three weeks later. The day was such a success with the day stay patients that it was decided to repeat it again this year.

The morning started out wet, but luckily the skies cleared enough for a dry line to appear on the track. At 11.00am the guests arrived, some in mini vans and some by helicopter.

Drivers for the day needed no reminder of how precious the cargo was and that the event was about the patients and not the drivers' egos. Rules were discussed - there was to be no passing on the corners and because of the wet and slippery track, braking was needed at the 200 metre mark.

Brave passengers were assisted into cars and with helmets and belts in place were released out on to the track. As the cars circulated, drivers had time to get to know their co-pilots, and for some it was a very humbling experience.

After an hour of excitement and

with adrenalin racing through their veins, a well deserved lunch was served in a nearby heated marquee. Rest and relaxation was fleeting for some, as the opportunity to travel by Helicopter, Porsche, Audi or Ferrari was time better spent.

Our racers again hit the media headlines, dominating TV3's 'Campbell Live' who had the nation pondering "What is a bucket list?" The journalist did a fine job embracing the friendships that develop amongst our patients, and how it often takes someone who has been through the

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The Jacqui White Scholarship

Michael White recalls the day his wife, Jacqui was referred to St. Joseph's Hospice (now Mercy Hospice Auckland) and describes the feeling as one of relief.



Jacqui had been a registered nurse and as part of her early re-training, she had worked in palliative care at St. Joseph's Hospice. Upon admission, she was under no illusion as to which stage her illness had reached, but both she and Michael took comfort in the knowledge that she would be cared for by professionals who understood the importance of pain relief, compassion, dignity and support.

"And that's exactly what we got. They cared not only for Jacqui but were compassionate towards the

family and me."

Michael remembers the extreme nausea which Jacqui endured, her only relief coming from a drug which was very expensive.

"I was so impressed with the staff at the Hospice. Knowing how expensive this drug was and how much of it Jacqui would need, they gave it to her. It demonstrated their dedication to providing patients with relief, comfort and care, despite the cost."

Although weak and tired, Jacqui

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experience to really understand your own. So our patients, staff, volunteers and sponsors became 'Stars', if only for one night. They will forever be 'Stars in Our Eyes'.

All too soon it was time to say goodbye and give thanks to the wonderful team of people who made Track Day 2009 happen. It was gratifying to see the number of companies, both large and small, and the number of drivers and volunteers who had taken time away from the office to make the day an unforgettable one. Mark Cole, Managing Director of Hicks Bros says thanks to all involved like this *"The happy faces and smiles I saw from both our guests and you, our support team, will certainly be remembered by me for a very long time. It is very humbling to be surrounded by such good individuals as yourselves, who will take time out to help us make a difference for others."*

Footnote

Recently the drivers, sponsors and supporters got together for a post track day thank you function. The day is now an annual highlight for many of those involved. We are pleased to hear they will all be back in 2010. Thank you to the following sponsors:

Hick Bros Civil Construction Ltd
Wood & Partners
Giltrap Prestige
Pukekohe Race Club Members, Mark Cole & Tim James
Sky Work Helicopters Ltd
The Drivers who supplied cars, fuel, tyres, time off work **and** a donation...fantastic!
The Central Muscle Car Club
Penny Webster for the Catering
The Peugeot Pilots
The Porsche Club
Racing Ray Williams
The Loading Crew & Track Marshalls
Continental Car Services
Hire Pool
Hiway Stabilizers
Gough, Gough and Hamer
Trevor Strong Insurance Brokers
City Nissan

"In these days when we are all focused on our own situation and at the same time keeping a watchful eye on the economy, it is easy to focus inward and become isolated from our surroundings and the fabulous work that organisations such as Mercy Hospice Auckland provide in the community. When Tim James rang and asked if we would like to bring our car out to "The Race for Life" at Pukekohe we didn't hesitate. The opportunity to give back to the community and provide an adventure for others going through a traumatic time in their lives was amazing. Knowing what those people were going through and seeing their smiles and infectious laughter left an impression on Robby and I that we will never forget. We have already signed up for 2010."

Terry Riding Driver Porsche 924



Pukekohe Race Club's
Tim James
with Alan Watkins



Prime Minister John Key Calls In For a Second Visit



Prime Minister the Rt Honourable John Key was so obviously moved by the patients he met when he visited Mercy Hospice Auckland in March to launch our Memorial Tiles, he phoned enquiring of their wellbeing a few days later.

In May Mr Key returned, at his own request to meet more patients - this time a group of thirty Opening Doors attendees together with families, Mercy Hospice staff and volunteers.

Mr Key made a point of chatting with every person in the room. Conversations covered a wide spectrum of

issues - prognosis, treatment, care, life's meaning - and the Waterview tunnels.

Once again the time Mr Key gave and the value his visit placed on the lives of the thirty patients gathered there together with their carers and supporters, left them all with the memory of a very special occasion well shared.

Our Garden Sanctuary

One of the great benefits of the site that the Sisters of Mercy gifted to Mercy Hospice Auckland in 2006 to create a state of the art hospice facility, is its stunning grounds.

Framed by trees, which, we are reminded, were planted by the novitiates who first lived here in the 1950s, the grounds provide a peaceful retreat.

Thanks to the generosity of a philanthropic trust and individual

supporters we have gradually developed plantings and gardens over the past two and a half years. Led by Robyn Willis, a team of volunteer gardeners together with well-organised armies of community workers, have dug, fertilised, mulched and planted over many days.

The original aging hedge that bordered the property has been replaced; landscaped borders have

been set in place, several trees have been under planted and soon a sculpted hedge will provide privacy and conversation areas under the oak trees. Thanks to community support and volunteer hours the garden has come a long way. Next year we plan to fill many of the areas with mass plantings of bulbs...

watch this space.

Name our Newsletter Competition

In November 1994 Issue No.1 of the St Joseph's Hospice Newsletter was sent out to our supporters with the purpose of keeping people regularly informed of the development of our services. 15 years on our newsletter continues to bring together messages from all the groups and individuals who contribute to the success of the hospice. We feel it is opportune in our 30th landmark year to give our newsletter a name, and to give you the chance to decide what it might be called. We have a Christmas Cake and Christmas Pudding Combo from 'The Great New Zealand Christmas Cake Company' to give away to the person with the winning name. You can enter this competition by filling in the form on the newsletter back page or you can send your name suggestion by email to sandy.mcgregor@mercyhospice.org.nz

Competition closes 2nd November 2009. Good Luck!

It's a New York Marathon effort for Team Mercy

Spurred on by Opening Doors Co-ordinator Viv James' zest for life and marathon record, Jan Nichols our Chief Executive mooted the idea of a team running the New York Marathon on 1st November and supporting Mercy Hospice Auckland along the way. The team has now grown to 14, including two hospice volunteers Dianne and Toni. The team will do all the hard work; pay their own way, train for and complete this event, but they really need your help to make a difference. Their aim is to raise \$50,000 for Education Scholarships to ensure that our nursing staff stays abreast of the latest developments in palliative care.

How you can help the team reach their target:

Please sponsor the team by visiting www.fundraiseonline.co.nz/TeamMercyNY. Come along to our Movie Night - your chance to see Kiwi film Separation City at SKYCITY St Lukes on Thursday 27th August, 7:30pm. Tickets are \$20 each, includes nibbles in bar area from 6:30pm. To book, please contact Verity on 361-5966 by 25th August.



Team Mercy NY

Wish List:

- Orange juice
- Red & white wine
- New nail polishes (bright and vibrant colours), cotton buds and other nail care products
- New white tablecloths
- Party celebration materials (balloons, streamers etc)
- Chocolates

Mercy Hospice Auckland 1979-2009 Celebrating Thirty Years of Service

Fundraising; Volunteers and Working with the Professional Community

Over the past two newsletters we have reviewed the development of Mercy Hospice Auckland during its 30 year history as a modern hospice. For many years the St Joseph's Unit flourished under the leadership of Sister Margaret Timms together with a team of dedicated medical and nursing staff.

In the early 1990s hospice services expanded out into the community; nursing, medical, counselling, pastoral care, social work and cultural support services also grew over time. A 24 hour on call service was developed.

To supplement the growth of the hospice 'beyond its own walls' it was very apparent that the support of the local community would be needed. In 1993 the first paid Fundraiser and Volunteer Coordinator were appointed. Over the next few years the range of fundraising activities grew as the gap between government funding and actual costs widened. Today Mercy Hospice Auckland raises funds through events, donations, bequests, grants and through the proceeds of its six hospice shops.

The number of people providing volunteer services has grown over time into an 'army'. At present we have 450

volunteers who provide a wide variety of services including hospitality, administration, aromatherapy and art therapy, writing life stories, driving, visiting patients in the community, assisting with the Opening Doors programme and helping raise funds through events, collections and assisting in the hospice shops. This year we anticipate that 45,000 volunteer hours will be given.

Mercy Hospice Auckland has always seen its role extending beyond simply providing care. Educating and supporting health professionals to provide excellent care began in Sister

Margaret's era. In 1994 the major hospices of Auckland joined forces to provide a modular programme for nurses and other health professionals. Mercy Hospice Auckland staff became involved in the curriculum development and teaching of a post-graduate certificate and diploma programme offered through the University of Auckland for which patronage has steadily increased over time. Through a relationship with the Good fellow Unit at the University of Auckland overseas visiting speaker programmes are now offered to palliative care professionals throughout New Zealand.

In addition Mercy Hospice staff are involved in formal teaching of nursing, medical and allied health students. These students in turn undertake site visits and clinical placements at the hospice.

Again from its earliest days Mercy Hospice staff have been involved in national and local work to advance the quality, status and funding of hospice and palliative care services.

Over time staff have contributed as members of the Hospice New Zealand Executive, Hospices of Auckland Executive, the NZ Palliative Care Strategy Working Party, the NZ Cancer Control Taskforce and various other professional working groups.

All of which we hope enhances the awareness and skill base of those caring for people in our community.

In its early days, fundraising took many forms, with Sister Margaret Timms and the nurses and staff involved in fund-raising efforts one of the more novel of which was a horse race.



Next Edition: The move to Ponsonby.

Mercy Hospice Auckland
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30th
Living every moment

Pain Pump Update

Last year there was an immediate need to replace all our Pain Pumps to ensure improved safety and achieve national consistency. Pain Pumps are used to administer medications to control pain, nausea or other symptoms. Thank you to all supporters who responded to our plea, with your valuable contribution we managed to replace 20 pumps which are currently being used by inpatients and are slowly being transitioned for use in the community. Thank you, without your help this could not have been achieved.



A CELEBRATION OF TASTES 2009

scores the Perfect '10'

With the Hyatt ballroom full to capacity, 450 enthusiastic foodies sampled the finest of Auckland's cuisine and New Zealand wines. MC'd by Lauraine Jacobs and John Hawkesby, a day of much laughter and joie de vivre was created.

An additional bonus was the auction of the Team McMillan BMW Bonnets - skilfully painted by 10 top New Zealand artists. A live auction, silent auction, Louis Vuitton Handbag raffle and merchandise sales helped to raise an incredible \$232,186.00.

The wonderful '10' event would not have been possible without the hard work and generosity of a huge team. This includes the restaurants and wineries, our loyal sponsors: ARA Lodge Charitable Trust, Mansons TCLM Limited, Pascoe's The Jewellers, and Team McMillan BMW together with 60 plus generous providers of the main and silent auctions.

Thank you to Tim Carter our guest Auctioneer who auctioned the

Bonnets, and to Charles Gledhill who stunned the guests with his beautiful table decorations. Thank you to Lesley Dawson and the volunteer fundraising team, Stephanie Tattersfield, Cheryl Whiting, Alma Sax, Penny Clydesdale, Carrie Hobson, Cyndy Hendry, Luna Cameron, and Di Goldsworthy - be very proud ladies you did well.

Lastly thanks to our loyal supporters, who came along, enjoyed and parted with their hard earned dollars - for the cause of Mercy Hospice Auckland.

To view the comprehensive menu served and/or to register your place for 2010 please visit our website www.mercyhospice.org.nz

'10' restaurants and wineries

Andiamo	Mikano	Mount Riley	Villa Maria
Bracu	Molten	Obsidian	Harwood Hall
Hammerheads	Sage	Montana	Poderi Crisci
Hyatt	Toto	Saint Clair	Coopers Creek
Kapiti Cheese	Tribeca	Coal Pit	

Lesley Dawson, Denis Wood and Jan Nichols



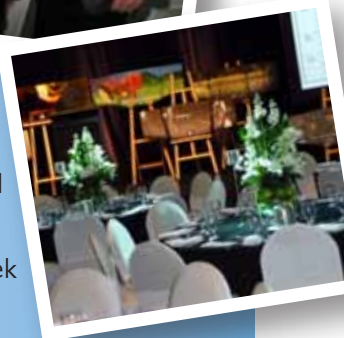
Acia Gushina and Andy McMillan



Alison Ring and Judy McCaffin



Lauraine Jacobs and John Hawkesby



Hospice Strawberry Festival 4 November

On Wednesday 4th November, hospices all over NZ will take part in the Hospice Strawberry Festival. Enjoy a taste of summer with mouth-watering strawberries, delicious ice-cream, topped with whipped cream and syrup for only \$5 per serving. You will also have the opportunity to purchase a Hospice Strawberry Angel for \$10 - perfect as a gift or for your own Christmas Tree.

Join us and 'do lunch' with family, friends, work colleagues, clients at Queen Elizabeth Square - right in the heart of our beautiful city.

Wednesday 4 November 2009
8am - 4pm. Queen Elizabeth II Square - Cnr Queen & Quay Streets, Central Auckland (parking is available at Downtown Car Park, 31 Customs St West)

How you can get involved

We can't make the day happen without support from you. We're looking for fun, happy volunteers to serve up strawberries, hand out leaflets etc and corporate groups to man the tables. If you can help out on the day, simply fill in the form on the back page and we'll be in touch.



It only takes one mention

In a world as fast paced as a Formula One race, it's always special to read about a passing comment that is picked up by someone caring and grows to allow a hospice patient to fulfil their dream of living every moment.

In our February newsletter we featured a story about Damita Armstrong and her husband David.

Damita is an avid fan of Mercy Hospice's Opening Doors Programme and it was while she was at one of these sessions that Damita happened to mention to coordinator Viv James her love for Monet's works.

Those of you who know Viv understand the energy and commitment she has for hospice and it won't surprise you that such a small throw away line by Damita became a seed for Viv.

Knowing there was an exhibition of Monet's works at Te Papa, Viv jumped on the telephone and contacted Moira Low, the Information Officer at Te Papa. With a click of her fingers Moira offered Damita and David free entry to Te Papa and the use of a motorised scooter for Damita.

The five star Museum Hotel was

recommended as the closest to Te Papa. Again all it took was a phone call and Kathy Tipler, the Manager jumped at the opportunity to offer Damita and David a VIP room for the weekend at no charge.

From here it was just a matter of getting them from Auckland to Wellington. A call to Stephanie Harris at Air New Zealand sealed the free tickets.

But Viv didn't stop there. A weekend in Wellington requires a beautiful dining experience.

Using connections Viv was put in contact with Steve Joll at The Breeze radio station in Wellington. Steve just happens to be friends with Laurent, the Celebrity Chef who works at the renowned Hippopotamus Restaurant

in Wellington. Laurent was only too pleased to provide them with a cordon bleu dinner, on the house.

The biggest coincidence was that the Hippopotamus Restaurant is in the Museum Hotel, how convenient!

Damita and David left on Friday morning and returned on the Sunday. While it was a huge weekend for Damita which left her pretty tuckered out, the grin on her and David's faces said it all.

Well done Viv - the world is a better place for having you as part of it. Mercy Hospice Auckland would like to say a huge heartfelt thank you to Te Papa, The Museum Hotel and its Hippopotamus Restaurant, Air New Zealand and the Breeze.



OPEN DAY

*Mercy Hospice Auckland
Celebrates its 30 Year Anniversary*

You are invited to an Open Day
Sunday 9th August 2009
1 - 5pm at 61 College Hill, Ponsonby.

• Site Visits • Presentations • A Comfortable Cup of Tea
(No parking onsite)

Growing Awareness

National Hospice Awareness Week has now been and gone. Thank you to all those who contributed so generously in many ways, over \$67,000 valuable funds were raised. Awareness Week is of course more than a fundraising exercise - we are genuinely trying to help the community know more about what we do; to take some of the fear out of the thought of hospice care and to ensure that people know how to access our services.

Each year more people are referred to Mercy Hospice Auckland than the one before - 776 in the last 12 months. In the past few weeks our team has been caring for 280 people in the community each week. Our Inpatient Unit has been operating at 93% occupancy with on average one person admitted for each day of the week. The message is certainly getting through.

We care for people of many ages and cultures. In the past two months 49% of all people admitted to the Inpatient Unit were 64 years and under, 25% were 54 and under. People referred to our service also reflect the diverse population now living in Auckland City. 74% of people referred in 2008/2009 were European, 6% were Maori, 10% Pacific people

and 9% Asian.

Given this increase in demand we were very pleased to receive a Budget Day guarantee of 70% of operating funding for hospices through DHBs. This extra 5% in funding will help us to address the inflationary pressures that wage, power, gas, petrol and other costs have placed on us over the past two years. Our fundraising target, instead of rising, remains the same - \$2 million net or \$5,479 per day.

Speaking of awareness - we were very touched when Prime Minister the Rt Honourable John Key returned to Mercy Hospice Auckland for a second meeting with our patients. We so appreciate his endorsement of the value of hospice care in our community.

We were also very impressed by the level of support shown by

sponsors, local restaurants, New Zealand wineries, donors and attendees at our annual degustation lunch, '10'. As you will see the day was a phenomenal success in so many ways. And my personal challenge for the next three months is training for the New York Marathon. 14 of us are paying our own way and trying to raise funds for staff training as we go. Our motto is 'Run Your Own Race' - some of us are rookies and some of us marathon veterans. In the meantime we hope that you might take up the invitation to attend our Open Day on Sunday 9th August. We look forward to seeing you there.



The Pat McKenzie Memorial Tennis Tournament Friday 4th September, Remuera Rackets Club

It is with pleasure that Mercy Hospice Auckland announces their inaugural 'Pat MacKenzie Memorial Tennis Tournament'. Pat was a valued volunteer and a member of the Remuera Rackets Club for over 30 years joining in 1955; she was hugely respected as a player of both tennis and squash. A fun-filled day is planned including great tennis, gourmet lunch including wine and/or beer, fabulous raffles and prizes.

Format: Doubles (no partners required)
Men & Women players Graded A, B, & C
Entry Fee:
\$80.00 payable to Mercy Hospice Auckland

Interested players please contact
Sue Rowell on 578 3243
or email
grant-sue-rowell@hotmail.com

Spectators are most welcome and can enjoy lunch for \$50.00 per head
Enquires to Lesley Dawson 376 7571 or Lesley.dawson@mercyhospice.org.nz

Farewell to Janet Boxall. Janet, who featured in our last newsletter and recent Awareness campaign, passed away in early July. Janet initially requested not to be photographed and agreed to the image that was adopted. She was so moved by what Awareness Week had to offer that she chose to tell her story to *The Aucklander*, with a picture. We are all very grateful to her family for sharing her sage advice...
"It really is true: the best things in life are free". *Thank you.*

Diary Dates:

EVERY TUESDAY at 10.30am - Bereavement Team Walking Group

*Please telephone the Hospice reception
on 361 5966 if you are interested.*

OPENING DOORS EVERY TUESDAY - 10am to 2pm WEDNESDAY - 10am to midday

*Our Day Stay programme at the Hospice,
61 College Hill, Ponsonby. Contact Viv
James for more information on 361 5966.*

CANDLE LIGHTING SERVICE

*Every Wednesday at Midday
Held in the chapel at the Hospice,
61 College Hill, Ponsonby.*

AUGUST

Sunday 2nd. Sunday Club Bereavement Support Group

*St Peter's Anglican Church, cnr Church St &
Onehunga Mall between 3.00pm and 4.30pm.
Please phone the Hospice reception for more
information on 361 5966.*

Sunday 9th. Mercy Hospice Auckland Open Day (see article)

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 6th. Sunday Club Bereavement Support Group

*St Peter's Anglican Church, cnr Church St &
Onehunga Mall between 3.00pm and 4.30pm.
Please phone the Hospice reception for more
information on 361 5966.*

Friday 4th. Tennis Tournament (see article)

NOVEMBER

Sunday 1st. Sunday Club Bereavement Support Group

*St Peter's Anglican Church, cnr Church St &
Onehunga Mall between 3.00pm and 4.30pm.
Please phone the Hospice reception for more
information on 361 5966.*

Wednesday 4th. Hospice Strawberry Festival (see article)

DECEMBER

10 - 24th. Remembrance Trees in shopping centres (see article)

The Jacqui White Scholarship

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actively organised and participated in a family communion in her room at St. Joseph's Hospice. She died peacefully the following day.

Inspired by her positive attitude, her humour and the dignified way she approached and handled her illness, Michael wanted to find a way to acknowledge his wife while also acknowledging and thanking the Hospice.

Michael decided to approach Mercy Hospice Auckland with the concept of bequeathing \$100,000 on his death. His ultimate aim was to establish a fund that would generate enough annual income to enable a palliative care professional at Mercy Hospice Auckland to further their education and knowledge in this area.

"I realise that \$100,000 may not necessarily be sufficient a base to generate the income needed for an annual scholarship, but if others felt they would like to donate to the fund, it would become a reality."

While Jacqui and Michael didn't discuss the idea of a bequest to the Hospice or a scholarship, he says that

knowing Jacqui's passion and commitment to the nursing profession, she would have been delighted, but he's not sure how she would have reacted to it being named, 'The Jacqui White Scholarship.'

"She would have been embarrassed, but intensely proud. She was never one for self promotion, but it commemorates her name in perpetuity for her family and grandchildren. Importantly, it provides something back to the Hospice and to a profession to which she was devoted and in which she was very highly regarded by medical and nursing colleagues."

Michael says until you have experienced the professionalism and attention to detail of the palliative care team, it is difficult to comprehend the difference they can make at a time of such need.

"They are experts in pain management, the stages of palliative illness and how to best care for the patient and their family holistically. It is a wonderful service and our community is so fortunate to have such care from Mercy Hospice Auckland."

*For information regarding bequests,
contact Robyn Willis on 09 361 5966*

Remembrance Tree Volunteers



Our
annual
Christmas

Remembrance
Trees are a lovely
way to remember
friends and loved ones.

We are looking for volunteers
to help with selling baubles at

the following sites: Westfield St

Lukes, Westfield 277, Westfield Downtown,

Royal Oak and Eastridge Shopping Centres.

We will be in touch with previous Remembrance
Tree Volunteers shortly; however we need more
volunteers to assist us. Please contact Verity to register
your interest - email verity.leesang@mercyhospice.org.nz
or phone 3615966.



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Celebrating 30 Years



Thank Yous

Opening Doors Thank Yous

- Vector Arena for tickets to Starlight Express
- Sky City Theatre for tickets to Four Flat Whites in Italy
- June Mesllop's birthday surprise: Tickets to Royal Army Band concert at Bruce Mason centre, High Tea Smith and Caughey (Terry Cornelius) Ross Stewart First Class Classics, Limo transport!!
- TV3 invitation for patients to watch the making of the news
- ABN Amro Craigs for tickets to Cirque du Soleil
- Valentines Western Springs for a birthday celebration for three
- Brenda Valentine for catering assistance extraordinaire
- Our volunteers and therapists that endlessly and tirelessly work for us every week

Corporate & Community Thank Yous

- Alan McIntyre for running the London Marathon and raising \$3,574 in sponsorship
- Abbie and Aaron for collecting donations of \$1,400 in lieu of wedding gifts
- Heroic Gardens Festival for raising \$30,000 for the hospices of Auckland (our share being \$7,442)
- DB Breweries for donating beer on a monthly basis for the patients' 'Drinks Trolley'
- Ripe Deli for donating dinners for patients & catering a patient celebration
- Caff   L'Affare for their continuous supply of freshly roasted coffee

Awareness Week Thank Yous

- ABN AMRO Craigs
- Auckland City Council
- Coast FM
- Countdown - Greenlane and Pt Chev
- Dilmah NZ
- Eastridge Shopping Centre
- Foodtown - Auckland City, Blockhouse Bay, Grey Lynn, Mt Eden and Onehunga
- House of Travel
- Juggernaut Graphics
- New World - Victoria Park, Panmure and Eastridge
- Oggi
- Pak'N Save - Mt Albert
- Pompallier Diocesan Centre
- Radio Network
- Sylvia Park Shopping Centre
- Westfield - 277 and St Lukes



Hospice Awareness Week - a collective effort!

We are extremely grateful to the community for supporting Hospice Awareness Week, which has raised over \$67,000. We are delighted with this result, as well as the widespread media exposure we received. Over 60 companies and community groups participated in the Hospice Cup of Tea Moment sponsored by Dilmah Tea, and three New World Supermarkets participated in our 'Add A Dollar' campaign. Thank you to everyone who supported Hospice Awareness Week, from shaking buckets, delivering envelopes, organising a Cup of Tea Moment at work, 'Adding A Dollar', to marketing the event in the community.



Earlybird Christmas Shopping

These fabulous cakes and puddings are created by the Great New Zealand Christmas Cake Company to a traditional recipe.

Whether you buy for yourself or for a gift, the cakes and puddings are great value and truly delicious.

The cheerful New Zealand design cards are blank and suitable for any occasion. Each pack contains eight different cards with envelopes, useful to have or to give as a small gift.

By purchasing these products you'll help us continue to provide the best possible palliative care to those with terminal illness, and support for their families and caregivers through the process.



Petite Gift Tower - 3 gift tins: 500gm cake, shortbread and soft chewing toffees. (Can be divided to make three gifts).

2kg Deluxe Christmas Cake - Made from highest quality fruit soaked in port. Topped with real glace cherries and almonds.



1kg Classic Christmas Cake - Rich and utterly decadent, moist fruit cake.



Christmas Pudding - Presented in a traditional porcelain bowl with cotton cover, this pudding is soaked in brandy.

Christmas Combo: 1kg Classic Cake & Christmas Pudding.



Helena Blair NZ Scene Cards postage included.

Helena Blair Provence Scene Cards postage included.



Christmas cakes/pudding **Order**

	Unit Price	Qty	Total Price (Incl. GST)
Petite Gift Tower	\$43.00		
1kg Classic Christmas Cake	\$35.00		
2kg Deluxe Christmas Cake	\$49.00		
Christmas Pudding	\$35.00		
Christmas Combo (1kg Deluxe Cake & Christmas Pudding)	\$60.00		
Courier Fee*			

Helena Blair Card Sets (8 cards/envelopes) **Order**

NZ Summer Set (price includes postage and packaging)	\$15.00
Provence Set (price includes postage and packaging)	\$15.00

Total amount due \$

* Please order cakes and puddings by 31 Oct. for delivery end Nov.

* Cakes will be couriered so a street address is required

* Food items and cards will be sent separately

* We can send cakes to people on your gift list for you

* For more beautiful gift ideas or any other queries contact Sandy McGregor on 361 5966 or email sandy.mcgregor@mercyhospice.org.nz

* A delivery charge will apply for each delivery to a single address:

Auck. 1-4 items per address	\$7.00
Nth Island 1-2 items per address	\$9.00
Sth Island 1 item per address	\$11.00

Name (please print) _____ Delivery address _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

I enclose my cheque for \$ or, please charge my credit card (please circle) Visa Mastercard Diners Amex

Card no. _____ expiry / _____ Cardholders name (please print) _____

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Help Set Us Apart

As an organisation we can be extremely proud of the services we provide to the community from the beautiful facilities we have here in Ponsonby.

Together our team and volunteers make an enormous difference to lives of people each and every day. Whether it is organising an Opening Doors 'Race for Life', a trip for a patient to visit Wellington, tickets to a concert, or a birthday celebration for family and friends, one thing is for sure - if it is the last wish of a patient, we do our utmost to make it happen. It is what sets us apart.

We attract generous assistance from organisations and individuals and for their gifts we are forever grateful. It is heartening to know that there are so many people in our community continuing to support their hospice.

Viv James, our Day Stay Coordinator and her team are always making experiences happen and we know that as a result of their work, families are left with some treasured memories.

But we continue to rely heavily on your support to provide these services.

There are many ways to help. You can make a donation - simple and always welcome. Or leave a bequest in your will, again straightforward to do but delivering a more lasting legacy of your support. You may opt to buy our cakes and cards, attend Hospice events, even sponsor Jan's marathon efforts.

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