



OVERCOMING THE CHALLENGE TOGETHER



We know many of you have been affected by the Omicron outbreak with whole families having to isolate as you recover from the virus.

We too have had ‘family members’ isolating at home which has put strain on our team. Our team has responded magnificently, stepping up to ensure our patients and families receive the compassionate care they need both in their own home and in our inpatient unit.

Responding to patient need

We have seen an increase in referrals to our community palliative care team as patients choose to be discharged to their homes from the Public Hospitals as their families were not able to be by their side.

Once again we have responded as best we can, screening each patient and family prior to visiting to understand their situation. Each nurse, family support team member and doctor needing to don PPE before entering the patient’s home.

As with the previous Covid-19 virus outbreaks we followed the Government guidance and put in place critical measures to keep our patients, their families, staff and volunteers safe. This included visitor restrictions to our inpatient unit and standing down some of our volunteer workforce. All our staff are vaccinated and boosted, and we follow strict infection control protocols.

Your support means so much

The cancellation of fundraising events, like our 10 Tables Christmas Tour and our Golf Tournament together with vital events organised by our incredibly supportive community, and the downturn in retail sales at our Hospice Shops has seen a \$250,000 loss of income.

National Hospice Awareness Week is being celebrated from 16-22 May, when hospice staff will be sharing

their stories” A story’s end may be sad, but our aim is to ensure that it is peaceful and beautiful. As part of **Hospice Awareness Week** we are holding our street appeal on **Friday 20 and Saturday 21 May**, please show your support when you see one of our collectors around the Hutt Valley.

“Whatever life throws at us, our individual responses will be all the stronger for working together and sharing the load.”
– Elizabeth II

Thank you for helping make a difference in the lives of those we care for. Your commitment to our patients and families during these challenging times makes it possible for us to provide our essential service free of charge to all those who need it.

Stay safe and well

Biddy Harford MNZM
Chief Executive
Te Omanga Hospice

FLEET



Te Omanga Hospice operates a fleet of 14 vehicles that are used to support patients and families across the Hutt Valley. Most of these vehicles are small hatchbacks used by our Community Nurses, Family Support and Aged Care teams.

Having a reliable and safe fleet of vehicles ensures the hospice can provide support to those in need of our care 24 hours a day seven days a week. Our teams travel over 100,000kms every year providing specialist palliative support across the Hutt Valley. The hospice receives no government funding to pay for fuel, ongoing maintenance and replacement of these vehicles. On average it costs \$2,500 per month to support 400 patient visits by nurses.

To help reduce these costs the hospice has begun to replace the existing fleet with hybrid and fully electric vehicles.

Through generous donations from the community, businesses; Pak'nSave Petone and Kensway Consultants Ltd, and a grant from Trust House, the hospice has purchased a brand new fully electric van. The van is used to supply a range of medical equipment to patients being cared for at home by loved ones.

It's big enough to transport hospital beds, wheelchairs and commodes and with a range of 180kms for the cost of an overnight charge, it's saving the hospice valuable funds while also providing a more sustainable way of getting our support to those who need it.

CHEQUES ARE NO LONGER ACCEPTED

With sending donations by cheque no longer an option we would love the opportunity to talk with you about other ways you can donate and support Te Omanga Hospice. Please call us on 04 979 6681.

HOSPICE AWARENESS WEEK

16 - 22 MAY

Te Omanga Hospice patients, staff and volunteers will feature prominently in helping build awareness of hospice services across New Zealand during Hospice Awareness Week from 16 to 22 May.

Music Therapist Keryn Squires features alongside patient Leon sharing the transformative power of music in palliative care.

"It can bring out very strong emotions in people, sometimes people cry as soon as the music starts, as soon as they start playing music or as soon as they hear music and my job as a therapist then is to support that to either go with them or hold them in that space".

"Music can also uplift people, so I see people transform noticeably, look lighter and start smiling and they may have been anxious or in pain and the music takes them to another place".

The support from Keryn and the hospice has helped patient Leon Eparara and his family on their journey. Keryn says "Leon is a musician, and he became really interested in writing a song for his family to leave behind a legacy gift, a memory of him. He came up with the idea of writing the song with them".



Leon (Te Omanga Hospice Patient)



Keryn (Music Therapist)

Leon shares "I've been diagnosed with cancer a couple of years back. Ever since I met Keryn everything's been cool because music, that's my go to for spiritual healing and anxiety. Music can touch your heart in many ways. Especially if you've got cancer and they can't cure it. I love music".



Ann (Volunteer Biographer)

Te Omanga Hospice volunteer, Ann Topp, has been a biographer for 11 years. Ann shares how the biography service can play a therapeutic role in a patient's journey.

It's something that doesn't involve their health status at all. We will come once a week for five weeks. And you think, it doesn't sound very much but we get a whole life story in that time. Everybody has a different story, some people say 'oh, I've just had an ordinary life'. Well, nobody's had an ordinary life.

Their biography is completely their life story, the good bits in it as well as the bad or sad bits in it. Here they are facing the end of

their lives and being bombarded with all the things that can involve. But for this hour, all they're doing is remembering the bits that they really want to share with you.

Very few people discuss their illness in their biography.

They're really getting an awful lot out of telling you what's happened in their life, it's just a joy to see what a biography can give back to a patient".

Both Keryn and Ann express the privilege they have in caring for and supporting those at the end of their lives.

"I feel so privileged to be able to work with families at this time when they are being so caring and sharing towards each other and just being together in a way that they may not if somebody wasn't dying," says Keryn.

Anne echoed Keryn's thoughts, saying "I think that hospice really allows people to live every moment to the end. A biography is just a small part of that, but I think it's a very uplifting part. No matter which facet of the Hospice helps you, it is about a good death, living life to the very end. It's a privilege to be a biographer for the Hospice".

The stories of Te Omanga Hospice will feature alongside others from around New Zealand that aim to dispel a few myths about hospice care, like the notion it is only available in the last days of someone's life.

"Hospice is a holistic wrap-around service, interwoven with stories of care. From music therapy, sharing your life story with a biographer, psychotherapy, pastoral care and physiotherapy - it's whatever brings the individual and their whānau joy", says Hospice NZ Acting Chief Executive. Wayne Naylor.



ANNUAL STREET DAY 20 - 21 MAY

You can also donate via our Give a Little page

www.givealittle.co.nz/cause/te-omanga-hospice-2022-annual-appeal

GARDEN NEWS

We gratefully received a donation of plants from a property on Waterloo Road, one of our volunteer gardeners noticed it was sold and knew it had a beautiful garden, they contacted the property developer who invited the hospice to take whatever we wanted! On a lovely Thursday morning a team of gardeners, husbands included, had a field day discovering and digging up trees including several maples, hostas, ligularia and anything else we thought would be happy in the hospice garden. Thanks to our volunteers and Palmer & Cook Developments.



Last year Easten Hutt Rotary Club built 6 compost bins for the hospice and we are now producing our own compost, fortified with horse poo brought in by one of our garden volunteers - a real saving!

They have been busy again volunteering their time, moving our sweet canaries' aviary home to a more prominent position on the lawn in front of the in-patient unit.

Thanks to Placemakers Hutt City for providing the timber, LT Transport for the truck and the Hutt Valley Bird Club for their advice.

LEAVE A LEGACY OF CARE AND SUPPORT

If you're looking for a meaningful way to make a difference in the lives of others beyond your lifetime then you may want to consider leaving a legacy gift in your Will to Te Omanga Hospice.

Your gift will support patients, families and whānau throughout the Hutt Valley and will keep our

specialist service free for future generations.

To find out more about leaving a bequest and becoming part of our Marion and Max Cooper Fellowship, please contact Rachel Nankivell on 04 886 5205 or email rachel.nankivell@teomanga.org.nz

VINTNERS' LUNCH 2021 RECOGNISED WITH AWARD



Our 2021 Vintner's Lunch has been recognised by the Fundraising Institute of New Zealand with a "Highly Commended" Award at their recent virtual awards ceremony. The award acknowledges excellence in the field of fundraising for a community event or initiative. A massive thank you to our committee members and those that have supported the event over the years as it has gone from strength to strength.

VINTNERS' LUNCH 2022 - SAVE THE DATE! SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER. 11AM - 5PM LOWER HUTT EVENTS CENTRE

We're proud to announce our Vintners' Lunch is on again! Join us for a lavish six course luncheon created by six of Wellington's finest chefs, accompanied by fine wine and beer. This year's theme is "Masquerade Mardi Gras" so come dressed up and ready to let your hair down! Last year we raised an incredible \$343,000! Vital funds that ensure patients and families can receive free specialist care from the hospice. Tickets go on sale soon, to register your interest or find out more contact events@teomanga.org.nz



GRANT PROFILE



PRESSURE RELIEVING MATTRESS

The Hospice holds a stock of medical equipment and items for our patients being cared for by loved ones at home.

These include wheelchairs, stools and hospital beds. We had a desperate need to replace two pressure relieving mattresses which were generously supported by The Harcourts Foundation. The mattresses will make an incredible difference to patients as they are specially

designed for their comfort. We want to give a heartfelt thank you to the team at The Harcourts Foundation for supporting those in the Hutt Valley with terminal and life-limiting illnesses.

Pictured left to right is Karl de Gans, Equipment and Stores Coordinator and Matthew McCracken, Fundraising Manager.



FARMERS FUNDRAISING FOR HOSPICE

The incredible teams at Farmers Queensgate and Upper Hutt raised an amazing \$49,954 during their annual Christmas Appeal for the hospice. Across New Zealand Farmers teams raised more than \$908,000. This is the eighth year that Farmers has raised funds for hospice. All of the funds raised in each community stay in that community to support the local hospice service. The iconic annual bauble produced by Farmers exclusively for hospice was once again in high demand. Nearly 15,000 collectible baubles “Togetherness” were sold, contributing a significant sum to the final total.

Michael Power, Chief Financial Officer of Farmers says, “At Farmers we are extremely proud of the amount raised during our Christmas hospice campaign through a combined effort and generous donations made by our customers, our staff, and our business. Farmers has been at the heart of New Zealand communities for over 110 years. We are delighted to make a positive difference in our communities through our long-standing relationship with Hospice”.

The Tree of Remembrance at each Farmers store provides shoppers with a way to remember loved ones by writing a personal message on a tag. In acknowledgment of the special importance of each tag the hospice team blesses and cremates them during a ceremony early in the new year.

TE OMANGA HOSPICE SHOPS

“Great charity store”, “fabulous helpful volunteers” and “a bewildering array of quality bargains” are some of the comments we’ve received from visitors to our Hospice Shops recently. Our shops play an important part in funding the growing need for hospice care in our community and with four shops across the Hutt Valley, there is likely to be one nearby if you live locally.

Visit a Hospice Shop to donate your quality furniture, homeware and clothing, or to discover an extensive range of unique pre-loved items. Thank you for your support.



Thank you

Kāhore taku toa i te toa takitahi, he toa takitini

We cannot succeed without the support of those around us

Our grateful thanks to the following who have recently supported our work with a generous grant, bequest, Day of Care, sponsorship or in-kind donation.

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| Estate of Ellen Ngairi Cooper | Leonard Monk Charitable Trust | Upper Hutt Health Centre |
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IN THE PAST YEAR...

THERE WERE

184 PATIENTS

ON OUR PROGRAMME
AT ANY ONE TIME



OUR NURSES MADE
4,795 VISITS
TO PATIENTS IN
THEIR OWN HOME

THERE WERE **693 ART
AND MUSIC THERAPY
SESSIONS** WITH
PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES



WE SUPPORTED

55%  OF PATIENTS

SO THEY COULD
DIE IN THEIR **OWN
HOME** OR AGED
RESIDENTIAL CARE

WE PROVIDED CARE
FOR AN AVERAGE OF

159 DAYS 
PER PATIENT

WE COMPLETED

30 PATIENT
BIOGRAPHIES
TAKING **845 HOURS** 

Yes I would like to support Te Omanga Hospice

Name Donor number (if known)

Address

Email

Please accept my gift of: \$25 \$50 \$75 \$100 or my choice of \$

Donation method: (please tick preferred option)

Electronic transfer: Bank Account 06 0507 0816463 00 or search for 'Te Omanga Hospice' as a payee online. Ref MAY22

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Website: teomanga.org.nz. Press the 'Please Donate' button on our homepage.

How many communications would you like to receive from Te Omanga Hospice in a year? (please tick)

Four Three Two One None

I would like to be contacted about giving regularly by Automatic Payment or Credit Card

Unfortunately we no longer accept cheques. If you need help donating please call us on 04 979 6681.

Te Omanga Hospice Trust
Registered Charity Number 22248

Please return in the envelope provided or post to:
PO Box 30814, Lower Hutt 5040

Donations over \$5 are tax deductible.

A receipt will be forwarded.

Thank you for your support.

