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You need to know

For historical reasons the Wellington Hospital Chaplaincy Trust includes two foundations:

1. **The Wellington Hospital Chaplaincy Trust**, set up in 2005, as an immediate (and on-going support) for the continuation of day-to-day chaplaincy services.
2. **The Jim Rowe Memorial Trust**, set up in 2011, to commemorate Jim's active involvement in the provision of chaplaincy services in the Wellington hospital and his vision of their sustainability into the future.

- **Both Trusts are registered charities**
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People and Places



The Chaplaincy service is about People, serving all those whose lives in any way touch the healing concerns of our hospitals. It offers help, not only to the community of people who aren't well, and to their families and friends, but also to all those who care directly for them through an ever-expanding range of knowledge and skill and to all the many (often unseen) people who keep such a complex organisation as a hospital working well and safely.

Many of this Newsletter-reading People (generous donors to the chaplaincy service) will have met the Chaplains, but some will have not.



In this People-piece, please meet the present Chaplaincy Team based in the Wellington Hospital and at Ratonga Rua-o-Porirua/Kenepuru.

*Wellington Hospital Chaplains:
Sister Sia Otuhiwa, Fr Patrick
Bridgeman, Revd Dr Kirsten
Dawson, Revd Ross Scott,
Revd Don Rangī*



Trust Board People

Reluctantly, at the end of the last financial year, the Trust accepted the resignation of founder-Treasurer, David Underwood. After nine years of guiding the Trust's financial position from start-up to its present continuing existence, David is looking towards retirement. (Retirement?)

He leaves with the best wishes and grateful thanks of all those connected to the Chaplaincy Trust. David's wife Rachel (who has never missed an AGM)

The Trust has been very fortunate that Gillian Robertson has agreed to take over David's role, bringing a wealth of experience in financial affairs.

The Board of Trustees has been furthered strengthened by the addition of Les Stephens, a well-known member of the Wellington community.

Farewell to David (with regret). Welcome to Gillian and Les.



*Ratonga Rua-O-Porirua/
Kenepuru Chaplains: Revd Kath
Maclean, Revd Noel Tiano*



And their news

On 1 October 2013 before a standing-room-only chapel, in a memorable and joyful occasion...

- Kirsten Dawson was formally instituted as a full-time member of the Wellington Hospital Chaplaincy team. Ten new volunteer assistants at Wellington and Hutt Hospitals were also commissioned.

(This brings the volunteer team at Wellington to 18, without whom the five chaplains would find it impossible to provide their round-the-clock service.)

Together with...

a major People-change on a National Level

- November 30th, at a special service in St John's Presbyterian Church, marked the farewell by the Interchurch Council for Hospital Chaplaincy, Aotearoa NZ, of the retiring chief executive, Ron Malpass. Ron's untiring efforts, through often very difficult times, have made an important contribution to the continued existence of chaplaincy services in New Zealand hospitals.
- Patrick Butterworth, Ron's successor as the new National Manager, was welcomed at a powhiri in St Peter's Church on March 13th.

The Chaplaincy Trust is grateful for what Ron has achieved and looks forward to working with Patrick to help maintain and extend the work of chaplains in the Wellington area.

The Chaplaincy service is also about Places

One very special Space in an overwhelming number of places in the hospital is the Chapel. It has its own recognised place offering in the midst of all the 24/7 activity an essential island of stillness and withdrawal.

The story of the windows in Wellington Hospital reaches back into the chaplaincy services of the past, it comforts the needs of the present and looks forward to the hope of the future.

Next to the Chapel is the Prayer Room, another oasis of peace for those whose prayer times follow a different pattern.



A Chaplain Considers...

In a busy hospital having space to collect one's thoughts and tend to one's spiritual needs is important for good health. Over the past few weeks I have had reason to reflect on this.

In the course of my rounds I met a man who opened the conversation with telling me how important the chapel had been to him. When unable to sleep through the stress of his health he had found the chapel. For him the atmosphere in the chapel was in stark contrast to the busy assessment ward he was in. In the chapel he was able to slow down and gain a perspective on what was happening. After talking for a while he looked me in the eye and said 'don't get me wrong I'm not religious. but chapel created the space for me to calm down'

Between the Chapel and the chaplains' office is the Prayer Room. A place for people who want a space that is not Christian to pray. An earlier generation of chaplains fought to have this room created when the new hospital was built and then to get carpet on the floor so it can be used for prayer. This room is in constant use as patients and staff come to prayer. Having a space to pray five times a day meets the spiritual needs for many, enhancing the service the staff can provide and the healing journey of patients and their families.

Likewise the chapel is used for regular worship. A staff prayer meeting on Saturday mornings; a Roman Catholic group on weekday afternoons and Mass on Sunday and Tuesday. Father Patrick reports that staff families are coming in so that the family can take Mass together. Each of these gatherings is an important expression of faith and serves to build community and support for those working and using the hospital.

My final reflection was of meeting a man who by his tattoos has had gang associations at some stage of his life. He was now receiving palliative care. He called for me to come over to him and asked if I could get him a King James Bible with large print. The Bible Society supplies us with Good News Bibles and I offered one of them, but I could tell he really wanted a King James. Commenting to one of our volunteers, a Salvation Army Officer, she said that she has some as an elderly women gives her a King James each month to give to those who need one. The next day I had a large print King James Bible to give to this man. He thanked me with tears running down over the tattoo of a skull on his cheek. Moved by his response I ask Why the King James? He replied "its for the language, the language is so beautiful." I bid him farewell with a prayer as he went to the hospice.

Spirituality is an important part of health, the health of the person, the institution, and the community. As a chaplain I give thanks to CCDHB for the Chapel and Prayer Room, and the Bible Society for the supply of Bibles. Their value can be measured in money, for when ones Spiritual needs are being met we do better in hospital.

Chaplain Ross Scott



Ratonga Rua-O-Porirua/Kenepuru

The Chapel at Kenepuru Hospital (still under earthquake assessment) is another place of quiet history. It is a special home for many with long-term treatment programmes; as with any home, familiar art work settles the spirit and recalls other traditions.

This special space is often used as a particular instrument of healing.



A Dedication

Sunday, 8 December, 2013, was an important day for the people of the Porirua Hospital Chapel. On a perfect early summer morning, lots of sun, no wind, Bishop Justin and many hospital friends joined with the chapel family in a Communion service that was full of music and singing and quietness.

Then the Bishop led everyone out to the memorial garden where a special stone had been placed to commemorate the lives of members of the chapel whanau who had died while they lived in the community.

It was a time of silent memories as Bishop Justin blessed the stone, and the garden, sanctifying that special place and setting it aside as a place of peace and beauty and hope.

After a pleasant morning tea together, everyone went back to their daily lives but the significance of what had been created on that small plot of land outside the chapel, itself a home to so many people, will continue to be part of the wider story of what happens at Ratonga Rua-O-Porirua/Kenepuru.

The bottom line

The economy may be taking off but the financial climate for essential charities is still difficult.

Timely donations from stalwarts such as S Peter's Inner City and Onslow Anglican parishes have kept our funds ahead of demand through to the first quarter of this year.

We were very encouraged to receive advice from Bowen Trust to support an increased Newsletter circulation and also nearly \$4,000 from ICHC as the Trust's share in the annual national appeal.

We do remain acutely aware of the need to widen our income sources because we understand the pressures that rising costs and unanticipated extra demands (such as earthquakes, hurricane-force winds etc) are placing upon traditional donors.

We need to raise over \$20,000 a year to maintain chaplaincy support at the expected level. Currently we can see about a year ahead.

Generous founder donors have enabled us to establish reasonable reserves to continue the commitment of our Trust Deed to help "sustain and maintain" chaplaincy services but in the face of an increasing need for chaplaincy support in our hospitals at present we can only focus on helping to provide the essential day-to-day, week-by-week essential service.

Active Fund-Raising

On the first two Saturdays in December the Trust – its new banner proclaiming The Candle brand – took a site at the Hill St market. The first Saturday was not just very windy; it was horribly unpleasant, but the stall remained firmly (nearly) anchored thanks to the preparation foresight of the market managers but also to the setting-up skills of Sam Ji from St John's Church, Willis St.

For sale – a wide range of exotic preserves and a lot of fresh and accomplished baking, largely supplied by the people of St Barnabas, Roseneath.

The rent of this site was a much appreciated gift to the Trust from the market management.

The second Saturday – of course a perfect Wellington early summer's day – was the market's scheduled Christmas Stall Day. Again, generously supported by S Barnabas, the Christmas theme produced gourmet preserves, Christmas baking of every description, Christmas decorations, Christmas dotty stocking fillers, Wellington Hospital Chaplaincy Trust all-purpose notelets.

Both Saturdays gave public exposure to the chaplaincy services of the hospital, with good opportunities for people to ask questions and to take away chaplaincy fliers.

It is hoped to make this an annual event, not only as a necessary fund-raiser but also as a chance for the chaplaincy service and the Trust brand to become more widely known.

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