

## **REPORT FOR DIOCESAN YEAR BOOK 2015**

### **Chaplaincy: NZ Police**

This is my 14<sup>th</sup> year as Chaplain for the Bay of Plenty District with particular responsibility for the stations in Tauranga, Te Puke, Papamoa and Katikati, in addition to District Headquarters in Rotorua.

Aligned to the above local areas is my role as Chair of the Police Chaplains' Advisory Council based out of Police National Headquarters in Wellington. It has been a somewhat difficult year with the whole NZ Police Chaplaincy Service being under review. At this point in time the review has still not been completed but I am feeling a little more hopeful of there being a positive outcome.

Apart from the usual ministry of pastoral care, weddings and funerals there remains the added focus on personnel affected by the changes brought about by the restructuring of some areas of responsibility.

Throughout the year I have been, as usual, impressed by the courage shown by NZP personnel both when dealing with recalcitrant public and the ever present occurrence of serious medical issues. The notion of 'police family' is hugely strong in such cases – and most impressive!

There have been the usual Civic Services and formal police events to attend. One that particularly stands out is this year's Civic Anzac Day service – a special service to celebrate the anniversary.

### **NZ Fire Service Chaplaincy**

Due to the increased workload of my role as Chaplain to the NZ Police I decided to resign from Fire Service chaplaincy at the end of December 2014. Prior to that my role with the stations of Tauranga, Greerton, Kawerau, Mount Maunganui and District Headquarters had continued.

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