

## Rotorua Hospital Chaplaincy Report for Waiapu Diocese 2015

The Chaplaincy Team at Rotorua Hospital continues to visit and support the patients, their families and staff at Rotorua Hospital. During the year, over 25,000 visits have been made.

We are still holding services on Sunday morning in the Chapel, with local Churches supporting us by provident people to collect patients, sit with them and return them to their beds at the end of each Service. The Chaplaincy Team also run these services with team members getting the opportunities to officiate in the Services. We also provide bed side communions and sacramental services as required. We are considering moving the services into the Atrium at the hospital, to be closer to the wards.

There continues to be a wonderful spirit of community amongst the team, which is evident when we meet once a month for lunch and on going professional development. Team Members are encouraged to attend Regional Chaplaincy Meetings and, as a team, and we hold an annual retreat, one day at Titoki.

We are continuing with a course for Chaplains in the region which is a good opportunity for Chaplains from other areas to get together, encourage and learn from each other, and just have fellowship together. We had the Organisational Developer from Everest Group Ltd as a guest speaker for this group when they last met in Rotorua.

I have completed supervising another unit of CPE in June in which we had 5 students, 2 of which were Ordained, 1 Parish Minister, 1 Deacon, 2 Pastoral care workers and 1 Hospital Chaplain. I will be running a second course from July to November in Rotorua.

Last Christmas, the Chaplaincy Department, together with Hospital staff, enjoyed an evening of caroling with patients, and handing out of teddy bears. We also had a wonderful ward decorating competition, themed "A Ray of Hope." The Chaplaincy Team once again entered, and put a lot of work into it. Many people get a lot of encouragement from the various entries.

I would like to once again express my appreciation to the Diocese of Waiapu for their continued support of Chaplaincy which enables us to minister to the people in our Community.

Yours sincerely  
Rev Ray Bloomfield, QSM JP AHCC  
Chaplain