

Hawke's Bay Hospital Chaplaincy Report for Synod 2014

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Joyful and Challenging

Privileged and Powerful

This year can be summarised in those few words, often remembered at Easter. For us as chaplains it has been a privilege and a pleasure to see significant joyful and sometimes challenging moments unfold. As a team we continue to journey and support patients, families and staff: over 10,000 people this year.

Highlights:

The cathedral bells rang, heralding a call, as people from the four winds gathered for the launching of National Chaplaincy Week in September 2013. Students from Hukarere, Te Aute College and Iona all took part in making this service special and moving. During the service the ministry of Ron Malpass, retiring CEO of ICHC (Interchurch Council for Hospital Chaplaincy) was acknowledged and Ron was thanked for the work he has done for hospital chaplaincy over a number of years.

New National Manager for ICHC:

Patrick Butterworth was appointed as the new National Manager for ICHC early in 2014. Patrick has already visited the hospital and we look forward to working with him as he seeks to bring about change.

Mini-Conference February 2014.

Some funding from the Higgins Trust enabled us to run a very successful conference over two days in February. We were able to listen to two international speakers, Dr Richard Egan and Professor David Richmond, who shared their passion on the subjects of spirituality and euthanasia. Over 60 people attended from hospitals, hospices, rest homes. A number of local clergy also came along.

OOSH fund raising evening:

In June 2014 the chaplaincy team organised a very successful fund raising OOSH evening. This ladies only event drew a crowd of over 320 women from around Hawke's Bay who were able to relax, unwind and have a good laugh, as Suzi Johnston shared with us "what we should and should not wear".

Hospital Memorial Garden:

In June the Hospital Memorial Garden was opened by Lady Deborah Holmes. This garden is a place of reflection and stillness for all. The chaplains have been very involved in this project and it is wonderful to see the garden now established.

Film Crew:

We were thrilled in July 2014 to have a film crew come and film the ministry of the chaplaincy team around the hospital. DVDs will be produced to promote chaplaincy in local churches, service clubs and will be available to ICHC and other hospital chaplaincy services.

Accredited Chaplain:

Pelly completed her stage three accreditation papers, and in February 2014 was accredited as a hospital chaplain. Pelly also received the Napier City Pilot Community award for the voluntary work she has done in the community and continues to do, through her role as Chaplain to St Johns Ambulance Service.

New Zealand Health Care Chaplains:

Barbara in her role as Coordinating Chaplain at Hawke's Bay Hospital, has been very busy in her national role as resident New Zealand Health Care Chaplains Association.

Our chaplaincy team:

We are grateful to our locum chaplains Rev Margaret Hall and Rev Numia Tomoana for the cover they provide and our volunteer chaplaincy assistants for their support in this vital ministry.

We wish to thank our local support committee for their on-going support and Colleen Kaye for her leadership of this committee.

We also wished to thank the Waiapu Diocese for their on-going, prayer and financial support. To all the Anglican Churches in Hawke's Bay thank for all your support of our various activities, your prayers and your financial support.

We journey into a New Year not knowing what the future holds but knowing Who holds the future.

Blessings

Barbara and Pelly.