

## **HAWKE'S BAY HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY REPORT FOR THE 2015 DIOCESAN YEAR BOOK REPORT**

**Rev Barbara Walker QSO and Rev Pelly Pirikahu.**

The last twelve months of ministry for the chaplaincy team at the Hawke's Bay Fallen Soldiers' Memorial Hospital have been busy with a variety of major events taking place, additions to our chaplaincy team, and continuing special God moments as we seek to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our Hospital.

### **Patients, family and staff**

Our busy regional hospital frequently operates at full capacity results in more opportunities for the ministry of the chaplaincy service. Our days can change in a blink of an eye and the special relationship which we have built up with staff ensures that when patients, families and staff request our spiritual support we are available to be there for them, no matter what time of the day or night. Our ongoing support of staff is also increasing and both Pelly and Barbara had the opportunity of taking two funerals for staff member's families. What a privilege.

### **Film Crew and the film gala night**

The film on Hospital Chaplaincy in New Zealand, has been filmed, edited and was officially launched on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May. We were delighted that the Hon Jo Goodhew who was the Associate Minister of Health when the film was filmed last year flew up from Wellington for our World Premiere Gala Night. The Pink (not red carpet) was rolled out and the stars of the films along with their partners, friends and families dressed in true Hollywood style (well almost) and came to see the film and support our Chaplaincy Service. Oscars were awarded and each recipient gave a short speech, accompanied by a drum roll, and loud clapping and shouts of joy.

The film is available for showing and we are happy to come and show it as a fund raiser for our hospital Chaplaincy Service. We acknowledge the wonderful donors who paid for the film crew to come from the USA and film our ministry and the Interchurch Council for Hospital Chaplaincy Aotearoa New Zealand for their support. We thank the hospital staff who took part in the film.

### **Rededication of the Memorial Chapel and renaming of the Hospital**

Following two years of meetings, application writing for funding to refurbish our Memorial Chapel at the hospital and working with senior hospital staff, and contractors, we were delighted to be able to organise the rededication of the Chapel Service which was held on the June 11 in the courtyard behind the chapel. The Governor General Sir Jerry Mateparae, Lady Janine, Arch Bishop Brown Turei, Bishop Andrew, and leaders from the Presbyterian, Catholic, and Methodist denominations attended the service with a number of those leaders, plus chaplains and hospital staff taking part in our service. We were delighted that choirs from Hukarere Girls' College and Woodford House along with their staff came and supported us in song during the service. We are very grateful to all the donors who gave financial and practical support for this special place of peace and hope.

### **Renaming of the Hospital**

The Governor General unveiled the plaque for the hospital's new name, which actually the name was given to the hospital when it was built in 1928. The Hospital will be known as the Hawkes Bay Fallen Soldier's Memorial Hospital.

### **The Role of Spirituality in Disasters conference Feb 2015**

The Hawke's Bay Hospital Chaplaincy team in partnership with ICHC organised this conference which was held in Hastings. Over 70 people came from all over New Zealand to spend three days looking at this very interesting topic. We are delighted to be able to bring Dr Susy Sanders from the USA who along with Bishop Victoria Matthews from Christchurch provided the main addresses. We were also

privileged to have a number of the hospital, school, and police, and prison chaplains from the Canterbury area who shared in their very moving stories. Those who attended returned home to their ministry units equipped to encourage others to look at preparing a practical disaster plan for their ministry units and themselves.

### **Ecumenical Chaplaincy Team**

The Volunteer Chaplaincy Assistants (VCAS) are a supportive and valuable part of our ministry and collectively there are many years of experience. However we are aware of the need to continually build in this valuable area and we hope to run another VCA training course early 2016. The team is complimented with three locums; Rev Margaret Hall, Rev. Numia Tomoana and Rev. Rosemary Carey. Their commitment and passion is greatly appreciated.

### **Local Chaplaincy Support Committee. (LSP)**

Our LSP committee continue to meet monthly. Colleen Kaye and Tracey O'Shaughnessy and Dr John Kerr have contributed to this committee over the past year along with others. As an LSP we are seeking new members who could join us with skills in websites, marketing and pastoral. Please contact Rev Barbara Walker if you would like to find out more information about the committee or speak with Colleen

### **Interchurch Council for Hospital Chaplaincy Aotearoa New Zealand. (IHC)**

Over the past year there has been significant change within IHC (our employing organisation,) under the leadership of Patrick Butterworth as National Manager. Technology has been utilised and the options available allow greater communication. **Please feel free to access the IHC web site.** [www.ichc.org.nz](http://www.ichc.org.nz)

### **New Zealand Healthcare Chaplaincy Association. (NZHCA)**

As the president of the NZHCA. Barbara has committed time and energy to this organisation by carrying out a number of activities, including being a member of the IHC Stipend Committee, sitting on the committee of the Heads of Chaplaincy New Zealand organisation and writing inspiring articles for the association. Her ability to juggle her hats between IHC, NZHCA and her role as Hawke's Bay Hospital Chaplaincy Coordinator has been challenging at times. Her faith and strength knowing God is always with her has seen all the above organisations raise their profile over the last three years and more IHC chaplains have been encouraged to seek accreditation through a four year study programme.

### **Thank you**

We would like to thank the Waiapu Diocese for their on-going support of our vital hospital chaplaincy ministry. To the Anglican Churches and the schools within Hawke's Bay who support us financially, practically, and in prayer we say thank you. To those musicians who assist us at Sunday Services we say thank also.

As we enter a new financial year, we need wisdom and prayer as we seek to be the hands of feet in our hospital. **Financially we are struggling and this is a huge concern to the chaplaincy team. To reduce our services and not provide a 24/7 service, as we have done for many years, would be a great loss to the patients, families and staff we support.**

Please join us in prayer and let us know how you could help us. May God Bless you all. Barbara and Pelly.