

**Waiapu Diocese Synod Annual Report 2012
Hawke's Bay Hospital Chaplaincy Services.
Rev Pelly Pirikahu and Rev Barbara Walker QSO.**

The summer has been and gone with the sky being more grey than blue. The environment has changed and the long beautiful summer days became suddenly threatening and hostile as grey clouds loom ahead.

Over the past year there has been many changes within Hawke's Bay Hospital and for patients their own personal environment changes. They face the storm of the unknown. Anxiety, tension, decisions mount as we ask ourselves the hard questions. Yet the sensitivity, freshness and listening ear of the Chaplains brings calmness to troubled waters. Over 13,000 patients, families and staff have received spiritual support from the chaplaincy service this last year.

Chapel.

One place where family and patients may come for prayer and a time of peace is our chapel. It continues to be used for many occasions and we are indeed fortunate in having such a sacred place. Services continue on a weekly basis and bedside communion is offered for those not able to come to Chapel.

The Chapel becomes 'Our Hub' as we gather, minister, share, listen, break bread., supporting those who come into the chapel, whether patients, families or staff.

The Team.

Chaplaincy in this hospital cannot operate successfully without our Volunteer Trained Chaplain Assistants who assist us in visiting patients in many of the hospital wards. Ongoing training and supervision of these committed people by the Chaplains ensures that their ministry is safe in the hospital environment.

This year we welcomed **Peter Williamson, from All Saints in Taradale and Penny Ellengold, from Havelock North Village Baptist Church** into the team after their completion of intense training including practical work on the wards.

We have also been blessed with two locums joining our team, **Rev. Numia Tomoana and Rev Margaret Hall.**

Margaret Harding, the Catholic Chaplain, and her Catholic Chaplaincy Assistants provide spiritual support for Catholic patients and families who come into the hospital. We are hoping to have a **0.1FTE person** appointed to the team in the next few weeks, which will assist the ministry of the ecumenical chaplains.

Pelly and Barbara continue to visit the Central Hawke's Bay Health Centre, in Waipukurau, and provide spiritual support to patients, families and staff.

Upskilling is important for Chaplains and Chaplaincy Assistants. In the last year Pelly has completed her second CPE, a requirement of ICHC. Both Barbara and Pelly are working through accreditation papers, a process which takes five years and is a requirement of the Ministry of Health.

The ability to attend Regional Chaplaincy Training Days also enhances our tool box as we journey with patients and their family.

Raising the profile

Chaplaincy within Hawke's Bay has certainly been raised to a new level and this has benefited many people. Chaplains are now attending many of the daily Multi Disciplinary Team meetings which strengthens working relationships with the other health professionals and ensures holistic care if offered in this hospital. Stronger links with Maori Health strengthen the partnership, with the role of Chaplaincy now being part of the orientation process.

Barbara's public speaking profile has certainly enhanced the Chaplaincy Services' profile, along with our famous "Teddies for Tragedies projects" which has resulted in hundreds of teddies arriving at our offices for distribution around the Bay and wider afield.

Our new Chaplaincy Service Newsletter "Chaplaincy Matters" has been circulated through the parishes and the community. This bright, eye catching newsletter ensures all are fully informed of Chaplaincy where the mission of being the hands and feet of Christ in difficult circumstances continues twenty four seven.

In the ongoing tight economic situation we are very grateful to the **Waiapu Diocese** for their ongoing financial support. We also acknowledge and thank all the **Anglican Churches in the Bay** who support us, especially assisting us to bring patients from the wards for our Sunday Services. We are grateful to **Dr John Kerr** for his

on going support as chair of the **Local Hospital Chaplaincy Support committee**. **John is the Anglican representative on this committee.**

SUPPORT NEEDED.

We are looking for to your support for the Hospital Chaplaincy teams in your area during the **National Annual Chaplaincy Week, which starts on Sept 23rd** and runs for a week. Our team will be selling cupcakes again and we would appreciate if you could support us in either, baking or buying these. We are also in the process of organizing donation boxes that we are encouraging churches and individuals to take, home and fill and return to us. Money collected from these boxes will assist in the chaplaincy ministry in our own hospital in Hawke's Bay.

We encourage all clergy to drop in for a coffee with us when you are visiting at the hospital, we would love to catch up with you even for a short time. If we are not in our offices then please ask any receptionist to have us paged through the Hospital Call Centre.

In a world of change and uncertainty it is comforting to know that Christ whom we seek to serve is unchanging, no matter what life throws at us.

Please continue to pray daily for the Hospital Chaplaincy Ministry not only locally but also nationally.

Thanks

Barbara and Pelly