

## **REPORT FOR DIOCESAN YEAR BOOK 2013**

### **Chaplaincy: NZ Police**

Once again it has been a busy and fulfilling year in my role 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.

Apart from the usual ministry of pastoral care, weddings and funerals there has continued to be the added focus on personnel affected by the changes brought about by restructuring some areas of responsibility. For those working out of Tauranga Central station there has been the upheaval of shifting from the temporary premises of the past 18 months to a new purpose built station erected on the site of the previous station. This was blessed by Kaumatua of Ngai Tamarawaho on 19 July with the official opening of the building on 1 August.

This year was the year of the biannual NZ Police Chaplains' Conference held at NZ Police College in Wellington in early May.

There have been the usual Civic Services and formal police events to attend, including funerals and weddings to conduct.

### **Chaplaincy: NZ Fire Service**

Serving as the official Fire Service Chaplain in the Bay of Plenty Coast Area with responsibility for the stations in Tauranga, Greerton, Mount Maunganui and Kawerau has continued to provide interest and challenges.

This year I have also been asked to take the role of Chaplain to NZFS Region 2 Headquarters which is, fortunately, based in Tauranga.

As in Police Chaplaincy, the ministry is closely aligned to parish ministry as far as pastoral care, funerals, baptisms and weddings are concerned.

As with the NZ Police, the NZ Fire Service has implemented changes in its managerial structure which have impacted across all segments of the service and the effects of these are still being felt in both services

In conclusion, I feel blessed to be able to minister in this way and have again been touched by the response to chaplaincy in both government agencies.

**Wendy Showan  
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