



CHAPLAINCY MESSENGER

For: All Hospital Chaplains, Assistants, LSP and Trust Board Members

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We are pleased this month to be able to bring you, with the permission of NZHCA and Viv Thorpe, an abridged version of her recent article in the NZHCA Newsletter. Viv has been Chaplaincy Assistant (Administrative Support) at Rotorua over the past 9 years, in what was a new ground breaking position which has included being a fund raiser.

Reflections on Chaplaincy in Rotorua , Vivienne Thorpe

As my husband and I prepare to move away from Rotorua I have been thinking about the nine years I have been involved in Chaplaincy at Rotorua. I have always been struck by the generosity of the people I work with. If I had to sum up Chaplaincy in one phrase, for me it would be 'life giving'.

The largest part of my role has been to nurture and care for the team, to be the person they unload to, to be the person they come to if they need anything and as I leave I believe this has been my greatest accomplishment. Our team is in good heart and they are a true community of believers, each with their own understanding and truths, yet willing to work with others for the good of patients, their families and staff at Rotorua Hospital. I am grateful for the way they have shared their stories and their faith with me, and I truly feel that I am the one who has been changed and enriched by their generosity.

I owe a huge thank you to Ray Bloomfield who saw the potential in me. I started with simple administration, two days a week. This has now grown to a .6 FTE position. During the past nine years we have accomplished a great deal for Chaplaincy, both at Rotorua and nationally. Ray 'seconded' me to the position of Treasurer/Secretary of the NZ Healthcare Chaplains' Assn in 2004 and I will remain on the Executive until the Biennial Conference in August 2010.

At Rotorua we formed a charitable trust when the threat of losing funding became a real issue. My thanks to those who agreed to be Trustees for the Rotorua Hospital Chaplaincy Trust. Becoming secretary to the Trust really stretched my skills and I am so grateful for your encouragement and allowing me to undertake my study and up skilling. Although working in administration in most environments is the same in terms of answer the phone, type the letter and make the appointment, administration for a not for profit organisation does have a different flavour, particularly if you have to raise your own wages. I had to learn the difference between governance and management.

Through my study I came to understand that in my role I was doing first line management tasks. This was a huge learning curve for me but once I understood this I believe that I developed my role even more. I often complained to Ray that he was taking me out of my comfort zone and did he not understand that I was rather fond of my comfort zone. Thanks boss for persevering.

One of the most useful tools that has come out of my studies has been the paper on our organisational structure and key relationships. I use this document when making funding applications for wages, explaining that my role frees the chaplain and the chaplaincy assistants to focus on their core services. I firmly believe that as demand for Chaplaincy services increase, LSP's will have to consider funding administration support for Chaplains, particularly those with large teams.

I must also give thanks to the management at Rotorua Hospital and the Lakes District Health Board who have been most generous and encouraging in their support of chaplaincy. Thanks to my friends at Rotorua Hospital. It's been a great ride and I've loved every part of it and I will miss you all. Thank you all for enriching my life. I wish you all God's richest blessings now and always.

Arohanui Viv Thorpe.

Chaplaincy Week Appeal

Payments to LSP's and Catholic Bishops Conference will be made on Thursday 4 March. We are sorry for the delay. The Appeal total now stands at \$149, 030 (including \$9,000 local LSP fundraising events).

The 2010 Appeal will be launched this year on Sunday, 19 September at a Service in the Cathedral of St Peter, Hamilton.

Combined Midland and Central Regional Training days 16 & 17 February

64 people attended the 2 days of Chaplaincy training at Hawke's Bay Regional Hospital. Speakers Dr Beth Taylor and Rev Deidre Sutcliffe gave excellent presentations. The evening barbeque meal, Art deco dress-up clothing competition and Charlie Chaplin and Buster Keaton silent movies, complete with organ music in the barn at the home of LSP chair Dr John & Dr Alison Kerr, set a new standard for these events. Thanks Hawke's Bay Chaplaincy team for such a well run event.

Office Staff Movements in March

National Executive Officer

Working away from the office 17 – 24 March

- 17, 18 March Visiting Dunedin Hospital, Chaplains, LSP and management
- 19 March Visiting Southland Hospital, Chaplains, LSP and management
- 21 -23 March Attending School of Theology, and visiting Chaplains, Ministers Assn and Hospital management in Queenstown
- 24 March ICHC Trust Board staff appraisals
- 25 March ICHC Trust Board Executive Committee meeting

Dates to be confirmed:

Interviews for positions at Christchurch and Waikato Hospitals

National Administrator/Trainer

Working away from the office 8 – 24 March

- 8-12 March Training Auckland Hospitals
- 14 March With Hui Amorangi in Christchurch
- 16 March Strategic planning with Nelson LSP
- 17, 18 March Visiting Dunedin Hospital, Chaplains, LSP and management
- 19 March Visiting Southland Hospital, Chaplains, LSP, management , Amorangi Kura
- 21 -23 March Attending School of Theology, and visiting Chaplains, Ministers Assn and Hospital management in Queenstown
- 24 March ICHC Trust Board staff appraisals
- 24 March monthly meeting with ICHC accountant
- 25 March ICHC Trust Board Executive Committee meeting



Ron Malpass
National Executive Officer

Staff Movements

Departures

Rev Tamata'ane Tupou,
Ecumenical Chaplain
(Tongan), Middlemore
Hospital. Tamata'ane will
complete his service on 2
April.

Appointments

Rev Anna Baker, Ecumenical
Chaplain, (.8 FTE) **Waikato
Hospital**. Anna will commence
on 15 March.

Mrs Margaret Luping,
Catholic Chaplain **Hutt
Hospital**. Margaret will
commence at the beginning of
this month. Margaret was a
Catholic Chaplain at Welling-
ton hospital.

Vacancy

**Ecumenical Chaplain (Tongan),
Middlemore Hospital.**
Applications close on 9 April.

NZHCA Conference

Please remember the organisers need to have Registration forms in by the end of this month as they need to confirm hotel accommodation bookings.

Applications for funding to subsidise **Chaplains who are Maori** to attend the conference close on 20 March. Please email Margaret on admin@ichc.org.nz if you wish to apply for this funding. This money has come from the Maori Health Directorate of the Ministry of Health.

Thought for the month:

"No job is finished until the paper work is done." Anon