

DENTAL SERVICE POPULAR

Thank you to Jenny Kim, from Merivale Dental Group, and Meena Chawdhry from G & E Dental for recently joining our team of volunteer dentists at the Canterbury Charity Hospital.

The hospital's dental service provides a range of treatments for WINZ clients, including fillings, root canals and non-urgent extractions, with a referral from the patient's dentist.

The dental surgery is staffed by members of the NZ Dental Associations and we have been lucky enough to have dentists work for us from outside the region.

The Canterbury Charity Hospital has been offering dental treatments since opening the new wing in August 2012. Since then the number of patients has increased significantly and, to date, we have provided 1165 dental procedures.



Meena from G & E Dental has recently joined the team of volunteer dentists.

Events Diary

Friday 5 December - Charity Hospital Christmas Ball

Friday 19 December - Volunteers' Christmas lunch

Sunday 21 to Wednesday 24 December - Christmas gift wrapping at Merivale Mall

Sunday 15 February - Day out at Hatton Court

YES!

I would like to support the Canterbury Charity Hospital to help Cantabrians access the medical treatments they need.

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☐ I would like to make a regular gift by automatic payments.

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Please find enclosed my gift of: (please circle) **\$200 \$100 \$50 \$20 Other \$**

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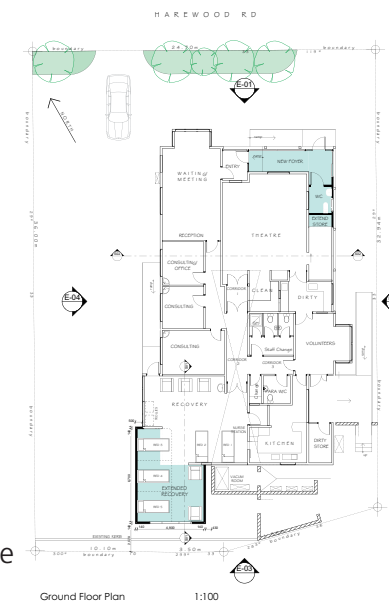
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WE NEED MORE SPACE!

The continued success of the Canterbury Charity Hospital in delivering much needed community services is putting pressure on its facilities.

In 2014 more volunteers than ever have worked at the hospital covering a wide range of medical services. General surgery, gynaecology and orthopaedic services have all increased significantly in the later part of this year. This is good news for patients and testimony to the great work of our two volunteer staff. It does however mean that we often have to limit our



The extensions include a larger recovery room.

operating sessions because of the lack of bed space.

To allow us to continue to provide safe and comfortable services for both patients and volunteer staff, we are going to expand the hospital in 2015. Early next year we intend to increase the size of the main recovery room which will allow for three more day stay beds. This will give us nine bed spaces in total for the two recovery areas, as well as five second stage recovery recliners. In addition there will be a new entranceway and improved toilet facilities for the East wing.

These improvements will be carried out by a team from Leighs Construction and Ian Krauss Architects. Along with additional medical equipment the extensions will require us to raise \$190,000 and we will be busy trying to raise this over the next few months.

These improvements should have been completed by next Easter and we will move some services to the West wing to minimise disruption to our services.

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

The Charity Hospital Christmas Ball on Friday 5 December is the perfect opportunity to host a table for your business or workplace, support a wonderful charity and enjoy a hassle-free Christmas event. Featuring a delicious formal dinner, drinks and entertainment from the Bubblemen, the ball will definitely be a night to remember.

Tickets cost \$130 per guest or \$1300 for a table and can be bought online at www.charityhospital.org.nz. Drinks will be served from 6.30pm on Friday 5 December at the Innovation Hall in Kirk Road, Templeton.

Thank you to Canstaff, Event Professionals and Mangers Innovation Park for supporting and helping to organise our ball.



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SURGEON FITS VOLUNTEERING INTO BUSY LIFE

Gynaecological surgeon Ben Sharp manages to fit volunteering at the Canterbury Charity Hospital amongst his other roles at Christchurch Womens Hospital and as one of six clinicians at Oxford Women's Health.

Ben donates his time to the Charity Hospital, taking annual leave so there is no conflict with his responsibilities at Christchurch Women's Hospital. At the Charity Hospital Ben performs a range of day surgeries including tubal ligations and family planning procedures.

He enjoys working at the Canterbury Charity Hospital and playing his part in providing day surgery for women who would otherwise not be seen through the public health system.

"There is definitely a growing need out there for many types of day surgery and my colleagues and I are happy to use our skills to treat women who need it.

"It's a pleasure to come to the Charity Hospital. The fact that people want to be here and give



Ben Sharp is just one of the surgeons who volunteers their time at the Canterbury Charity Hospital.

their time makes it a happy place to be. And the patients are genuinely grateful to have had their surgery or treatment."

The highly professional standard of the hospital's operating theatres makes surgery an extremely safe option.

"The theatres are slick, safe and have state-of-the-art technology so our patients at the charity hospital are receiving the best care possible," Ben says.

Number of treatments at Canterbury Charity Hospital (2014 to date)

General surgery	185
Gynaecology and family planning	149
Orthopaedic / Podiatry surgery	83
Counselling	491
Dentistry	361
Colonoscopy	36
Consultations and outpatient appointments	687
TOTAL	1870



Sylvester The Charity Hospital Cat, makes a purrfect stocking filler.

SYLVESTER RAISES FUNDS FOR LOCAL CHARITY HOSPITAL

Most of our patients have already met Sylvester – he is usually found lying in the sun in the Canterbury Charity Hospital's waiting room or sitting at the front door until some kind person lets him in.

Local poet Julie Hutton, a friend of the hospital, wrote a poem about Sylvester and, with wonderful illustrations donated by Garrick Tremain, Sylvester now features in his own children's book helping out the hospital in a different way by raising funds.

Copies of Sylvester, The Charity Hospital Cat cost a minimum donation of \$7.50 and makes a purrfect stocking filler for the children in your life. Copies can be bought from the Canterbury Charity Hospital at 349 Harewood Road in Christchurch or online at www.charityhospital.org.nz



Thank You...

Thank you to The Canterbury Charity Community Trust, Infinity Foundation and Pub Charity for your generous contributions to our trust and to everyone who supports us by making donations, bequests and other funding. Your support enables us to continue to do the valuable work we do.

STUDENT HELP

The Canterbury Charity Hospital Trust provides an opportunity for students to spend time working at the hospital as part of their study.

Louise Aschoff has recently completed her six week placement at the hospital and is very grateful to have had the experience of working in an environment that also gives back to the community.

"It's a very different experience working at the Charity Hospital and it's been a great opportunity to learn more about what the hospital does and how they help people to receive the surgery they need," says Louise.

Louise is a third year student at CPIT's Bachelor of Nursing and is one of many nurses from the course that help out at the hospital as part of their community placement. Other options within the community include working with district

and general practice nurses, at the Department of Corrections or at schools throughout the Canterbury and West Coast regions.



Louise Aschoff spent six weeks at the Canterbury Charity Hospital as part of her nursing training.

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