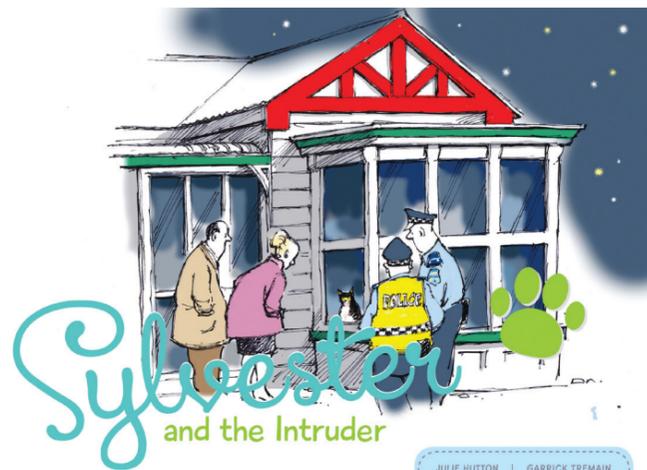


## AN INTRUDER AT THE HOSPITAL?

Sylvester and the Intruder has finally been published as a sequel to the extremely popular Sylvester the Charity Hospital Cat. The easy-to-read children's books are sold to raise funds for the Charity Hospital.

Sylvester and the Intruder was again written by friend of the hospital Julie Hutton and illustrated by well-known Queenstown-based cartoonist Garrick Tremain.

Sylvester previously lived in the building where the oral surgery is now based and is enjoying being back home after spending evenings at the local vet for the past few months during renovations.



Both books cost a minimum donation of \$7.50 each and can be purchased either online at [www.charityhospital.org.nz](http://www.charityhospital.org.nz) or at the Charity Hospital during office hours, 349 – 353 Harewood Road, Bishopdale (just past the shopping area).



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## CHARITY HOSPITAL OPEN FOR 10 YEARS

The hope that one day local public hospitals will again open their doors to all Cantabrians in need of treatment remains for Charity Hospital Trust Chairperson Phil Bagshaw as the hospital celebrates its 10th birthday.

"If such a happy day were ever to arrive we could close the doors to the Charity Hospital with the satisfaction that we were no longer needed," he says. Phil never imagined that the facility would grow to include three high-tech buildings, two state-of-the-art theatres and two oral surgery clinics staffed by over 250 dedicated volunteer medical and support staff.

Or that the hospital and its volunteer workforce would reach more than 14,000 free patient visits, providing care to Cantabrians who are suffering but have been denied treatment from an under-resourced public health system.

"The high number of patient visits shows there is massive unmet need for hospital-level healthcare. I only wish we could do more and that what we have achieved in Canterbury could spread around the whole country," Phil says.

Despite the hospital's desire to do more, what has been achieved already by the country's one and only purpose built Charity Hospital is truly impressive. Services frequently change due to demand but currently include dentistry for WINZ clients; endoscopy; general surgery; gynaecology; ophthalmology (eyes); oral surgery; orthopaedics, vascular surgery and counselling.

"We'll keep looking for where the public healthcare system is leaving people in need and we will always try to fill the gaps as best we can."

To be eligible patients need a referral from their GP or dentist, do not have medical insurance or the means to pay for their treatment privately.



First patient Ross Clapp cutting the cake with Charity Hospital trustee Sue Bagshaw.

## FIRST PATIENT GRATEFUL

Sumner retiree Ross Clapp was the first patient to receive surgery at the Canterbury Charity Hospital on 31 August 2007 with Phil Bagshaw providing Ross with the hernia repair he so desperately needed. He was invited back to the hospital as a guest at the 10th birthday celebration.

"I am, to this day, eternally grateful for having my surgery at the Charity Hospital. If it hadn't been for Phil Bagshaw and the wonderful team that day, I don't know how much longer I may have waited for my operation in the public system," says Ross.

## Thank you...

The Canterbury Charity Hospital Trustees would like to thank the following organisations for their generous and much-needed support:

Bishopdale-Burnside Rotary, David Ellison Charitable Trust, First Sovereign, Hang Up Entertainment Services, Hyman Marks Trust, Infinity Foundation, Lion Foundation, Lois McFarlane Charitable Foundation, Mainland Foundation, Manchester Unity, Mauer Charitable Foundation, Maurice Carter Trust, Naylor Love, Pub Charity, Rata Foundation, Robert and Barbara Stewart Charitable Trust, Ron Ball Charitable Trust, SJ Charitable Trust and Southern Trust.

And to our local community and everyone else who supports us by making donations, bequests and helping us out.

**YES!** I would like to support the Canterbury Charity Hospital to help Cantabrians in need.

OR donate online at [www.charityhospital.org.nz](http://www.charityhospital.org.nz)

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[www.charityhospital.org.nz](http://www.charityhospital.org.nz)

## MORE THAN 14,000 VISITS IN 10 YEARS

Since opening on 31 August 2007 there have been 14,377 free patient visits to the Canterbury Charity Hospital including:

- 4950 outpatient visits
- 3587 free post-quake counselling sessions
- 2045 oral surgery and dental treatments
- 1375 general surgery procedures
- 829 gynaecological procedures
- 424 orthopaedic operations
- 331 audio or ear procedures
- 178 endoscopy procedures
- 119 ophthalmic or eye operations
- 63 vascular procedures



Chairman Phil Bagshaw with first patient Ross Clapp and longest volunteer Barbara Falloon, who was also part of the first surgery team 10 years ago.



Clinical Nurse Specialist Virginia Walker with Maureen O'Rourke, Clinical Nurse Manager.

## It's easy online

Donations can be made online either by internet banking or through the Donate Now page at [www.charityhospital.org.nz](http://www.charityhospital.org.nz).

If you become a regular donor, please email [rosie@charityhospital.org.nz](mailto:rosie@charityhospital.org.nz) with your details (name, address, telephone number) so we can send you a receipt at the end of the financial year. Thank you.

## VOLUNTEERS HEART OF THE HOSPITAL

It now costs more than \$800,000 a year to run the Charity Hospital. This amount, however, would be significantly higher without the generously donated time of over 250 volunteers.

"The willingness and enthusiasm of local surgeons, specialists, nurses and theatre staff helping those in need is incredible," says Executive Officer Carl Shaw.

He also pays tribute to the hundreds of generous donors who step up for the hospital, as well as the non-medical volunteers who help with everything from administration, fundraising, building maintenance and even gardening.

"This means that 82 cents in every dollar goes directly towards patient care."

**"It's a pleasure to work at the Charity Hospital and I personally find it hugely satisfying".**

Simon, Volunteer Surgeon

Please help Cantabrians in need...

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# CABARET

**From 6.30pm  
Friday November 24, 2017  
Wigram Air Force Museum**

**DINING ~ DANCING ~ ENTERTAINMENT**

All the profits from the Cabaret go directly towards free patient care at the Canterbury Charity Hospital.

<b>PURCHASE TICKETS</b> \$1600 for a table of 10 or \$160 per guest <a href="http://www.charityhospital.org.nz">www.charityhospital.org.nz</a>	<b>GIVE AUCTION ITEMS</b> If you have auction items you wish to donate, please contact Rosie <a href="mailto:rosie@charityhospital.org.nz">rosie@charityhospital.org.nz</a>	<b>DONATE</b> Donations of \$5 or more are tax deductible Visit <a href="http://www.charityhospital.org.nz">www.charityhospital.org.nz</a>
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## JOINING FORCES FOR GOOD

The Charity Hospital's Endoscopy services have expanded rapidly this year to encompass several programmes. These include endoscopy for patients with problematic symptoms as well as targeted screening programmes.

The hospital has recently introduced a new service for the under 50's who have had rectal bleeding for more than four weeks. These investigations are extremely important, as rectal bleeding is one of the main symptoms of bowel cancer.

The Charity Hospital has joined forces with St George's Hospital to provide the free weekly clinic for these patients. Both hospitals now carry out an investigative diagnostic test called flexible sigmoidoscopy. The service at both sites will be administered by the Charity Hospital.

All referrals to the service have to come from the patient's GP.

"Due to their young age these patients (aged under 50) are not currently being seen for isolated rectal bleeding in the public health system, unless there is some other risk factor," says Christchurch colorectal surgeon and Charity Hospital Trustee, Professor Frank Frizelle.

Patients aged over 50 are seen in the public health system because they have the highest risk of bowel cancer - the second most common cause of cancer death in New Zealand, claiming 1200 lives a year.



Volunteer nurse Janette Cleminson in the Endoscopy suite.

"Recent research, however, shows clearly that an increasing number of men and women under 50 are being diagnosed with these cancers and that these patients require more timely investigation. By both hospitals stepping in to provide theatre time and staff to treat this under 50 group, it now allows the CDHB to concentrate on the older patients, leaving younger ones to go through this new separate assessment route," says Professor Frizelle.

"The new clinic deals with significant levels of unmet need in the community and is a great example of a collaborative approach between the city's hospitals and surgeons," says Charity Hospital Chairman Phil Bagshaw.

## SIGNIFICANT MILESTONES FROM THE PAST DECADE

### August 31 2007

The Ron Ball Day Surgery facility opens (*surgery, recovery and assessment*) at 349 Harewood Road.

### November 2012

Opening of Patricia Mauger House (*endoscopy suite, counselling offices and dentistry clinic for WINZ clients*) at 351 Harewood Road.

### October 2015

Major extensions completed to the Ron Ball Day Surgery including a new larger recovery ward, theatre upgrade and improved patient and staff facilities.

### February 2017

Warner Mauger House (*oral and dental surgery, community room and administration offices*) opens at 353 Harewood Road.