



CANTERBURY
CHARITY HOSPITAL
TRUST

"By the Community - For the Community"



HEALING HANDS

AUTUMN/WINTER 2023



The endoscopy team includes volunteer nurse Ginette McBratney and surgeon Rukshan Ranjan, nurse specialist Anita Tuck, volunteer Janette Cleminson, nurse manager Averill Williamson with Jaana Aramowicz in the front.

**“ THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WITHOUT YOUR SERVICE I'M UNSURE
IF I WOULD HAVE EVER BEEN SEEN, UNTIL IT WAS TOO LATE ”**

Endoscopy patient

ENDOSCOPY PROGRAMME SUCCESS!

It is looking like 2023 is going to be a busy year for the Charity Hospital's endoscopy service. Since 2017 their volunteer specialists have been undertaking nearly all of the non-private endoscopic rectal bleeding investigations in Canterbury for the under 50 age group. This group of patients sadly cannot be seen through the public health systems.

Over this period the charity has carried out investigations (colonoscopy and flexi sigmoidoscopy) for 1518 patients.

Following this procedure, many patients are relieved to discover that they have nothing sinister to worry about and treatment options for common conditions can often be recommended or given.

Unfortunately, more serious disease has been discovered in a significant number of our patients.

Once diagnosed the care of these patients is then transferred to the public health system.

Between the Charity Hospital and the public hospital most patients can be seen for unexplained rectal bleeding, but there remains a gap that needs filling for the 50 to 60-year-old group. The charity will endeavour to cover this gap in the coming months and years as finances and volunteers allow.

"The programme and service has enhanced and saved many lives and we hope to save many more," says Anita Tuck, clinical nurse specialist for the endoscopy service.

"We are most grateful to our team of volunteer specialists, nurses and nurse aides who regularly provide this life saving treatment."

THANK YOU
FOR THE CHANCE TO HAVE A
COLONOSCOPY. NOT BEING
ELIGIBLE THROUGH THE PUBLIC
HEALTH SYSTEM, I WAS SAVING
UP FOR ONE BUT WAS OFFERED
ONE THROUGH YOU. IT HAS
COMPLETELY CHANGED MY
LIFE AND HEALTH

HOW TO HELP

There are several ways that you can donate to the Canterbury Charity Hospital:

- Internet or phone banking to 02 0800 0190893 00.
- EFTPOS at the Charity Hospital reception (349 Harewood Road, Bishopdale)
- Credit card donations at www.charityhospital.org.nz or by phoning the hospital during office hours at 03 360 2266.
- Complete the form below and post it to Canterbury Charity Hospital, PO Box 20-049, Bishopdale, Christchurch 8543.

The QR code also links directly to the donations page on the Charity Hospital's website.



YES I WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT THE CANTERBURY CHARITY HOSPITAL

First name _____ Surname _____

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Phone _____ Email _____

I would like to donate (please circle) \$500 \$250 \$100 \$50 Other \$ _____

I am paying by (please circle) Visa Mastercard Internet banking

Card number

Name on card _____

Signature _____ Expiry date ____ / ____ CVC Number _____

Please send me information about including the Canterbury Charity Hospital Trust in my will.

I would like to make a regular gift by automatic payment.

Please do not add me to your mailing list or include me in acknowledgements.

Please post to the Canterbury Charity Hospital, PO Box 20-049, Christchurch 8543 or donate online at www.charityhospital.org.nz - thank you!

INTERNET BANKING
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NO GOVERNMENT FUNDING

Despite being open for over 15 years and continually expanding its free services for people in need, the Charity Hospital does not receive any Government funding.

Patients seen at the hospital need a referral from their family doctor or dentist. They have also been turned down by the public health system, are not covered by ACC, do not have medical insurance and not have the funds to pay for their treatment privately.

The hospital's day services and treatments are constantly being updated and currently include colonoscopy; gynaecology and women's health; general surgery (abdominal, rectal including hernias); oral surgery and dentistry; orthopaedics; cataracts; dermatology, urology and dietetics.

The volunteer dietitians, says clinical nurse manager Averill Williamson, provide a vital service as many people are turned down for surgery due to their high BMI weight (Body Mass Index).

"A consultation with one of our dietitians is free and can make an amazing difference to the quality of life for these patients and their future health."

More information about the hospital's latest services is available at www.charityhospital.org.nz.



CHANGE OF PACE FOR PHIL BAGSHAW

As well as being a founding trustee of the charity, Phil has regularly worked clinically at the coal face since the hospital opened its doors in 2007.

The charity is now blessed with a host of young talented surgeons and specialists and this is now allowing Phil to focus more on other matters within the Trust.

He will continue to work as a registered specialist but will increasingly devote more time to both clinical research and addressing the inequities within our health system. His expertise in chairing and steering the Trust over the coming years will no doubt enhance its continued success.



Chairman Phil Bagshaw.



THANKS TO THE MENZ SHED

Thanks to the Bishopdale Menz Shed for providing our volunteer gardeners with new tools and sheds to help them keep all the gardens in tip top condition. The tools are from EGO and include a top of the range leaf blower, hedge trimmer and chain saw. Pictured left to right are Wayne Lovell and Russell Saunders (volunteers) with Kevin Bradshaw and Dave Crawford from Menz Shed.

OPENING ATTRACTS A CROWD

The changeable weather didn't dampen the opening of the new main reception area at the Charity Hospital on the corner of Harewood Road and Leacroft Street in Bishopdale.

The hospital is now much easier to find with large signage and the more obvious entrance will also help accessing the site from busy Harewood Road.

The new reception area, volunteer lounge, kitchen and garden along with a self-contained apartment were opened in December last year.

The two revamped buildings were added next-door to the first original day surgery building via three link ways to make all three buildings as one.

"We are really enjoying having so much more space for not only our volunteers and administration

services but also secure safe storage," says charge nurse Averill Williamson.

The building was officially opened by Christchurch Mayor Phil Mauer, Patron Sir Jerry Mateparae and Chairman Phil Bagshaw and was attended by many of the hospital's volunteers.

A special thanks to the volunteer gardeners who did such a great job, despite difficult weather conditions, to get the site looking amazing.

"We are also very grateful to all the contractors who managed to finish the job despite labour and material shortages nationwide. Particular thanks goes to Naylor Love, the Master Plumbers Association and Fyfes painters for all the hard work to finish by Christmas," says Charity Hospital chief executive Carl Shaw.



Sir Jerry Mateparae, Phil Mauer, Phil Bagshaw and Archdeacon Mark Barlow in the new reception area.



Volunteers, staff, contractors and the media attended the opening.

MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BUSY YEAR AHEAD

The Charity Hospital team is grateful for all their volunteers who give so generously of their time to make a difference to people's lives.

"They are the heart and soul of our organisation and, without them, we wouldn't exist," says clinical nurse manager Averill Williamson.

The Charity Hospital team is always on the look-out for new volunteers including those with clinical skills to compliment the surgical team.

"We also need more administration and reception staff who are available for at least a couple of hours each week.

"We have been fortunate recently with some additional volunteers including anaesthetists Dick Ongley and Jennifer Woods along with technicians Julia Burrows and Dave Greasley joining the team - thank you."

If you would like to gift your skills, then please visit the hospital website www.charityhospital.org.nz or email reception@ccht.org.nz for more information.