

UPPER CLUTHA HOSPICE TRUST

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2013-14 FINANCIAL YEAR

It is my pleasure to report on behalf of the Trustees on the Trust's first year of operations.

Background

Bev & Ray Rudkin of Wanaka recognised the need for a palliative care facility in the Upper Clutha in 2012, and convened meetings of interested people, to explore the possibility of developing such a facility in Wanaka. From these meetings a concept was developed, involving the development of a palliative care suite in the Aged Care Complex proposed to be built at the Aspiring Lifestyle Retirement Village in Wanaka.

This concept was well received by the developers of the Aspiring Village, and the decision was taken in to form the Upper Clutha Hospice Trust to progress the concept further and to commence fundraising. The Trust was formed and registered with the Charities Commission and the Inland Revenue Department in early 2013, with the foundation Trustees as set out in the below, under Directory.

Our First Year of Operations

In the first year of operations to March 31 2014, the Trustees have focussed on the following activities:

- Refining the palliative care suite concept with the developers of the Aspiring Lifestyle Retirement Village, and subsequently also with the proposed operators of the Aged Care Complex, and seeking their agreement to provide for a palliative care suite in the proposed Complex
- Developing relations with Otago Community Hospice, and seeking their support for the Trust's concept
- Briefing the GP Doctors in the two medical practices in Wanaka on our proposals
- Visits to other community hospices to learn from their experiences
- Determining the likely capital and operational costs for the proposed suite
- Establishing a Hospice Shop in Wanaka to raise operational funds for the proposed palliative suite. This shop started trading June 2013
- Recruiting a team of some 50 volunteers to staff the Hospice Shop
- Publicising the Trust's proposals to the Upper Clutha community and seeking financial support from various community organisations.

- Organising or supporting various fundraising activities for the Trust in the Upper Clutha community.

I think that it is fair to say that the Trust has had a productive first year, and our status as at March 31, 2014 can be summarised as follows:

- The Trust believes that it is feasible to develop and fund the proposed palliative care suite at the Aspiring Retirement Village
- Both the Aspiring Retirement Village developers and Presbyterian Support Otago, (the proposed operators of the planned Aged Care Complex at the Village), support our proposals and have included provisions for a palliative care suite for us in the plans for the Complex. The Trust will make a capital contribution to the Aged Care Complex project to secure the palliative care suite.
- The Otago Community Hospice supports the Trust's proposals and the two organisations worked together and shared the proceeds of the recent Hospice Week fundraising in Wanaka
- The GP Doctors in Wanaka support the project, and two have indicated an interest in up-skilling to support the Trust's palliative care facility
- The Upper Clutha community has embraced the Trust's proposals enthusiastically and the community's support has greatly exceeded the Trustees expectations
- The Trust has benefitted from many very generous donations from individuals and businesses in the Upper Clutha
- The Hospice shop has traded successfully and developed a strong cash flow for the Trust
- As at March 31, 2014 the Trust had financial reserves of some \$145,300, accruing from the Trust's activities in its first year of operation.
- *Note - subsequent to March 31, 2014, the Trust has been advised of an anonymous grant that it is expected will fully cover the capital contribution required to secure the palliative care suite. This unexpected and very generous grant secures the Trust's ability to proceed with the project, and releases the Trust's financial reserves to support the operational costs of the Suite*

Financial Statements

The Trusts financial statements for the year ending March 31, 2014 are attached to this report. These have been prepared by our Treasurer. Given the straightforward nature of the transactions involved, the Trustees have decided not to have the statements audited this year. It is likely that future financial statements will be subject to formal review.

In summary the financial statements show for the year to March 31, 2014:

- Income from the Hospice Shop of \$ 96,584
- Donations income of \$ 68,664
- Expenses of \$ 19,960
- **Surplus \$ 145,288**

Donations & Financial Support

The Trustees wish to acknowledge the following larger donations and financial support received during the reporting year:

- PaperPlus and Mr Brian Kreft
- Hawea Picnic Racing Club
- Rotary Club of Wanaka
 - For organising the Great Gatsby dance, for which the Trust was the beneficiary
 - A donation for the purchase of heat pumps for the Hospice Shop
- Wanaka Upper Clutha Lions Club for the following activities for which the Trust was the beneficiary
 - The Upper Clutha Hospice Walkathon project,
 - The calendars produced in 2013
- Owen Hopwood
- PGG Wrightson for selecting the Trust to be the beneficiary of their charity auction at the Wanaka A&P Show
- Wanaka Golf Club and Hirepool for selecting the Trust to be the beneficiary of the Hirepool Golf weekend
- The many donors of items auctioned at the Hirepool Golf weekend, particularly the Wallis family, Millbrook Accommodation & Golf Club, Trevor Scott, Amisfield & Highlands Motor Park.
- Wanaka A & P Show for selecting the Trust to be one of the beneficiaries of the 2014 and 2015 Wanaka Shows

In addition to the above larger donations, the Trustees wish to thank the many individuals, organisations and businesses that have made financial, product or services donations to the Trust during the year. Your donations materially assisted the Trust to get started and gave us confidence that this is a project that enjoys strong community support.

Acknowledgements

The Trustees wish to warmly acknowledge the support of the following during the 2014 financial year:

- Bev & Ray Rudkin for making it all happen through their enthusiasm, ideas, drive and hard work
- The developers of the Aspiring Retirement Village, particularly Dee & Peter Gordon and Aaron Armstrong, for seeing merit in the Trust's proposals and making a palliative care Suite at their proposed Aged Care Complex possible

- Gillian Bremner, CEO of Presbyterian Support Otago and her team for supporting the inclusion of the hospice palliative suite in the proposed Aspiring Village Aged Care Complex
- The Upper Clutha community for embracing the Hospice project and supporting it in so many ways
- Yeverly McCarthy for making the Hospice Shop premises and storage units available to the Trust at nominal cost
- Ray Rudkin, Neville Dippie, Ray Hay and Roy Tempero for being the fix-it men in setting up and supporting the operations of the Hospice Shop
- The team of Hospice Shop volunteers for their wonderful work supporting the Shop and making it run so well, with particular mention of Bev Rudkin our shop Manager and the roster and shift coordinators.
- All those who have donated to and patronised the Hospice Shop
- The teams at Radio Wanaka, the Wanaka Sun and the local ODT reporters for always being willing to help with publicity
- The team at Print-it who have generously supported our printing needs

In addition to the above, I wish to particularly thank my fellow Trustees and Committee members for their unstinting work for the Trust, and for their support during this formative year. In particular I wish to acknowledge and thank our Secretary/Treasurer Margaret Hay for all her work on the Trust's behalf.

Russell McGeorge
Chairman
Wanaka, September 2014

DIRECTORY

Trustees and Committee 2013-14

Russell McGeorge	Chairman & Trustee
Margaret Hay	Secretary & Trustee
Barb Bayliss	
Neville Dippie	Trustee
Debi Lawry	
Bev Rudkin	Hospice Shop Director
Ray Rudkin	Trustee
Penny Wilson	