



FRIENDS OF CHILDREN
IN HOSPITAL CHCH INC

NEWSLETTER MAY 2024

HELLO EVERYONE:

Hope you are keeping warm and well. The hospital has experienced many unwell children over the last month, initially with RSV virus and covid and last couple weeks Flu A.

The bugs have started early, before it got cold, so everyone take care and look out for each other.

We are sad to acknowledge the passing of one of our founding members and committee member, Monica Wilson. A wonderful life well lived at 88yrs. Monica was the original play lady in a pink smock and worked as the only play lady for over 20 years in the 80-90s. We thank her for her friendship, and commitment to FOCH cause.

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This is mostly sorted and available...some fine tuning continues as we use it and suggest changes. We do not have a PO Box number anymore, but things can be posted to my address

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COMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

1. SUBS DUE: fees haven't changed and you can complete forms online or send to me, with any address/email/phone changes.

- Unwaged \$10
- Family \$15
- Annual \$15

2. CAKE STALL: FOOD HAMPER RAFFLE

Tues 18th June 2024@
Waipapa ground floor CHCH
Hospital 10-1.30pm ish

Baking or food hamper items gratefully received.

3. AGM:

Sunday 23rd June 2024 2pm


CHCH South Library:
66 Colombo St

Some brief committee business at the end and cuppa at the café afterwards.

All welcome.

Public notice in The Press first week of June.

With the development of the new web site, over the winter we are looking at our poster to change details, our letterhead, our pamphlet and will make new A6 size posters laminated advertising our



name, website, and how people can help by :

- Becoming a member
- Donate/Fundraise
- Bequest

FINANCIALS:

Over the years have well supported by many Charitable Trusts namely Blogg Trust, Carter Trust, Rata Trust..... some trusts have folded and we are looking at new ones to apply to.

We are grateful to Community Capacity Accounting who review our books each year at minimal costs.

We were very lucky last financial year to be able to hold 3 Cake stalls at the hospital over the year and not just 1 for the 2 years of covid. These stalls continue to be very popular and make considerable funds for us. There is a lot of work that goes into this and I want to thank all the committee who help and especially to people who aren't members who contribute in big ways. Heather Manson, who has helped serve on the day the last year or so, and Diane Topschij who bakes up a storm and her shortbread packs are legend. Our member Kaye McGrail who does many jams and marmalades, sells to friends and provides the stalls with supply and cash from sales.

BUSINESS:

Every week or so there are requests from staff for items big and small....so as we celebrate our 34th AGM in June we ask ourselves are we still needed and the answer overwhelmingly is YES.

One of our biggest outlay and always has been is the taxi vouchers. We budget for around \$6-7000/year and last year we had spent that in 7 months!!! The need to get people home, and so dad doesn't have to wake up the other kids and come collect mum and unwell child, we can taxi them home or back to afterhours to pick up their car if was ambulanced from there. We are often spending \$800-1000 plus a month on taxi costs.

COMMITTEE:

We are always looking for new committee members who may be interested in our cause. There may be some changes in our committee jobs coming upwill say more in next newsletter.

From Janine, Kay, Raewyn, Anne, Victoria, Pam and Nerelle.

We hope you are well, warm and safe, and thank you for being a member of FOCH, and the mahi you do.