



FRIENDS OF CHILDREN IN
HOSPITAL CHCH INC

NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2024

HELLO EVERYONE:

I'm writing this in lovely weather and we can say the season of flu is over and we are looking forward to warmer more consistent weather.

In 2 days' time I am flying to Ireland via USA and wondering how the Staes will be for the next 4 years with the president they have elected yesterday...thank goodness its all sorted before I arrive!!

Since the last newsletter in May we held another successful cake stall in June raising \$2184. Once again we sold all our knitted bunnies and chickens. We are sad to report our chief knitter, Amber Gazzard, who knitted for us over many years has passed away. We are grateful for her generosity and commitment...and also to Kay Read who sewed them up and put the faces on.

New Knitters Wanted!

We are looking for knitters of the bunnies and chickens...so let us know if you are interested or have knitting friends. At the moment Kay is our chief knitting and sewing up person and she tells me she works on them regularly. If you would like the pattern for these please email us at jrandle@xtra.co.nz or kay.read@xtra.co.nz

Or via our website www.foch.co.nz

AGM: in June went well with just the committee attending.

Income: \$22,429

Spent: \$20,005

Meals/food: \$1688

Taxi \$9,859....this has grown by \$3000 in a year and we are now at \$6,667 after 7 months...we are looking into the use of the areas that feature frequently.

We made almost \$10,000 in our 3 cake stalls last year which was just fabulous...thanks to all involved.

UPDATING:

After our website update, we are now looking at our poster....Christine at Medical Illustrations is doing this for us and we are pretty close on draft 4...some of you other than committee may have received a draft to look at.

NEW TREASURER:

After 13 years and reaching a milestone age Kay has stepped down from the role, remains on committee. We welcome Viv McLennan as new treasurer. Viv works full time so may not be able to attend meetings, however we are grateful she will take on the role. Thanks to Kay doesn't seem adequate at all....she has done a supreme job over the years, great knitter and fabulous baker...I will certainly miss her in that role. Now that most things are on line the chair and treasurer share many phone calls, texts and emails, and she has always been the rock. Thank you my friend!!!

CAKE STALL:

Tuesday 10 December 10-1.30pmish

Ground floor Waipapa ChCh Hospital

We welcome baking, items for food hamper raffle. Let me know if you can help on the day.

Phone Janine 021 02518365

MEETING DATES 2025

Remain @Janine's generally 4th Monday of month at 3.30pm. We may plan to meet a little later on one next year for Viv to attend and committee to meet her.

Monday 24th February 2025

Monday 24th March

Monday 28th April

Monday 26th May

Monday 25th August

Monday 22nd September

Monday 20th October (labour Day 27th)

Monday 24th November

CAKES STALL DATES 2025:

Tuesday 15th April 10-1.30pm

Tuesday 17th June 10-1.30pm

Tuesday 9th December 10-1.30 pm

AGM:

Sunday 29th June 2025 2pm.

venue to be confirmed.

COMMITTEE:

Thanks to all the committee for their ongoing work with the website, poster, and next year we will be updating our rules and constitution as the requirements for incorporated society's change and need to be sorted by 2026. We are grateful for beginning help from Community Law and for ongoing lawyer assistance from Graeme Randle at Aspiring Law Cashmere.

Janine Randle (chair/secretary), Viv McLennan (treasurer), Kay Read, Raewyn Millar, Nerelle Fountaine, Anne Morgan, Victoria Cullens and Pam Woodham.

Seeking new committee members, please contact Janine if interested.

As always special thanks to members who go above and beyond, Kaye McGrail, Helen Allpress and who aren't members and go really above and beyond, Diane Topschij, Heather Manson, Peter Humm (egg man)

We are grateful for the ongoing support of the trusts we apply to and have been loyal supporters of our cause :

Blogg Charitable Trust, Maurice Carter Charitable Trust, Rata Charitable Trust.

