

The Street Appeal Thursday 24th September

Thursday the 24th September is Wellington Children's Hospital Week Street Appeal Day. This is the Foundation's big fundraising push for the year to raise as much money as possible for Wellington Children's Hospital. An army of volunteers (plus a few Hospi superheroes) will be out in force equipped with buckets and good cheer – ***please pop a donation in the bucket*** when you see one of our street collectors. We encourage you to join us, or if you can't be there, be there in spirit via our donation page: **www.hospi.org.nz**

Our collectors will be out in Wellington City, the Hutt Valley, Kapiti Coast and Porirua. People can come

down to Midland Park at lunchtime on the day. Music and merriment will be available as well as a photo booth for the kids (and anyone else) to have their photo taken with a superhero.

It's not too late to donate. If you miss our collectors on the day and would like to make a contribution to Wellington Children's Hospital visit our website: **www.whf.org.nz** and click on the "Donate Now" button. Every bit helps us with our goal of improving the lives of patients and their families. Funds raised in the Hutt Valley will also assist the children's ward at Hutt Hospital. Support Wellington Children's Hospital by donating online at **www.hospi.org.nz**

DID YOU KNOW?

Last year many young people were patients at Wellington Children's Hospital. For kids aged 0–16 years there were:

- Emergency dept. visits 10,253
- Outpatient visits 27,696
- Admissions to wards 6,702
- Babies born 3,740
- Neonatal babies 853
- Paediatric surgery 1,815
- Radiology procedures 13,022



Thank you, Professor Kevin Pringle Paediatric Surgeon Extraordinaire Retires



The Foundation wishes to thank Professor Kevin Pringle for nearly 30 years of service in New Zealand as a Paediatric surgeon. Bringing his family with him to New Zealand from his home in the USA, Professor Pringle was, at the time, the only Paediatric surgeon south of Taupo. Things have improved since then with five Paediatric surgeons in Wellington.

During his time here he has earned the respect and love of his patients, their families, and his colleagues who know him as a surgeon who would go to any lengths to improve the care of his patients.

Professor Pringle has fond memories of his time in theatre and the neonatal unit, particularly the teamwork. But it is the patients that he will miss the most:

"...watching [the kids] who were really sick as neonates growing up into healthy teenagers...I've had cases where I've treated first the mother and then later the daughter, seeing them both grow up and lead happy lives."

A modest man he dislikes too many public accolades, but justifiably deserves mention as a founding member of the International Fetal Medicine and Surgery Society. He is also one of only four people to have received a lifetime

You have saved lives! – Thank you

To all our supporters and donors to Wellington Hospitals Foundation, thank you for your wonderful generosity in support of your hospitals. Over the past year your grant or donation has enabled the Foundation to continue to achieve our goals of providing Wellington and Kenepuru Hospitals together with Wellington Children's Hospital and Kapiti Health Service with many pieces of much needed lifesaving medical equipment and patient comfort items to make patients stay in hospital that much nicer.

In addition to medical equipment we have continued to supply the Hospital with Hospi Wheelers – our bright yellow wheelchairs for visitors use plus we introduced new Hospi Bio-degradable drinking cups, replacing the unpleasant polystyrene cups.

The Foundation Trustees would like to join me in thanking our 500 plus volunteers who give so much of their time to make visitors and patient's time at hospital a pleasant one. Over 65,000 hours were committed by our volunteers. This is a huge effort and one that is much appreciated. To be met in the Atrium by a smiling Volunteer guide makes any visitor happy. We are so proud of our volunteers; to know there is someone there to help makes each visitor and patients visit that much easier.

The Foundation's Gift Shop continues to provide for convenience purchases by patients and visitors and this year turnover increased to enable profits to continue to be used for Children's Hospital projects and equipment. Our On-line shop is now gathering more customers who wish to order papers, magazines or gifts for loved ones in hospital. Many orders come from overseas.

To all our donors and financial supporters your commitment to support our hospitals is a credit to you. To all Foundation staff thank you for your commitment and dedication. To all our volunteers you are stars – take a bow. Thank you most sincerely.
Warmest regards

Bill Day MNZM, JP
Chair.

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achievement award for his work in the area. Professor Pringle is retiring from surgery and will be focusing on teaching and research.

A Facebook post on Wellington Hospitals Foundation's HOSPI page generated a flood of wonderful wishes and thanks to this much-loved person from co-workers and parents of children whose lives he saved. It can perhaps be best summed up by this comment:

"What a legacy he leaves, so many parents who have their children's lives and wellbeing to be forever grateful for. So many individuals whose careers will have been inspired by him and who have learnt so much from him. We too are grateful for the incredible impact prof Pringle had on the life of our son. All the very, very best!" (Facebook Post)

Wellington Hospitals Foundation wishes Professor Pringle well and thanks him for the enormous contribution he has made to the children of New Zealand.

"Getting well takes more than medicine"

A HOSPI toy dressed as Professor Pringle created a flood of posts on Facebook.



The Quilt Show 2015

The austere tones of the Wellington Regional Hospital Atrium will soon be transformed by hundreds of beautiful handmade quilts. On display as part of Wellington Children's Hospital Week, the Quilt Show exhibits the talent of craftspeople from Wellington and beyond. Coming in a huge variety of colours, sizes and motifs, quilts make cherished heirloom gifts for birthdays, weddings, Christmas or simply as a special treat. This is the third Quilt Show hosted by Wellington Hospitals Foundation and it is turning into a bi-annual event that is proving very popular. All profits from the show go towards helping sick kids at Wellington Children's Hospital.

The quilts will be on display from Monday 21st September and then available for purchase from 10am Tuesday 22nd—Friday 25th September. Do come by with friends and enjoy a walk through the splendour! More information is available from trish.lee@whf.org.nz

Where: Atrium, inside front entrance of Wellington Hospital.

When: 21—25 September

Quilts available to purchase from
Tuesday 22nd September.

The Quilt Show
for Wellington Children's Hospital

Thank You To...

"The Warehouse", Wellington Region: a successful July School Holiday campaign raised over \$30,000 to fund a much needed new Teenage Lounge & Play Specialist Room for Ward 2 at Wellington Children's Hospital



South Wellington Seido Karate: a sold-out Charity Quiz Night at the South Wellington Seido Karate Club in May raised \$15,000.00 for Wellington Children's Hospital. This most generous donation will enable the Foundation to purchase two Air Blender machines to help with respiratory problems such as Asthma and Cystic Fibrosis and eight Pulse Oximeters which measure oxygen levels in a patient's blood.



RG Bell Charitable Trust: who provided a grant for a Physiotherapy Bobath Table for Community Older Rehabilitation of Adults at Kapiti Health Centre



NIKAU FOUNDATION

Roy & Jan Mace Charitable Trust: (c/- Nikau Foundation) – provided funding for two Chair Beds for Women's Health pre & post-natal assistance on Ward 4 North



The volunteer knitting programme is able to continue supplying Wellington Children's Hospital, the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and other areas throughout the hospital with warm, 100% pure merino wool garments and blankets thanks to:

- an \$8,000 grant from NZCT
- and a \$3,000 grant from Four Winds Foundation.



The generosity of these two organisations means snug, warm patients. It also allows others to share their skills and caring through volunteering as knitters of the wool these two organisations have provided.

Wellington Hospital goes Biodegradable with Hospi Cups

After many years Wellington Hospital's polystyrene drinking cups are on the way out.

New biodegradable "Hospi" Cups are now being distributed throughout the hospital for patient and staff use thanks to a partnership between Wellington Hospitals Foundation and CCDHB. Wellington Hospital uses almost 2 million drinking cups each year so this will be a significant change.

The Chair of Capital Coast District Health Board's Sustainability Committee, Andrea McCance said of the cups introduction "It has been our dream for a number of years to be able to provide biodegradable cups as our way of extending our environmentally friendly focus. But costs have always made this prohibitive. Now with the support of the Foundation we have been able to make this a reality."

Bill Day, Chair Wellington Hospitals Foundation, said that this was a good use of funds generated through the Foundations Hospital Gift Shop which benefits patients and the environment. "Hospi is the Foundation's official mascot for Children's Hospital and gives us the opportunity to extend Hospi's profile not only with sick children but also the thousands of adult patients that the hardworking hospital staff attend to each day. It's just a small thing but means so much".



Bill Day, HOSPI, Andrea McCance, and
Sustainability group co-chair Dr Sarah Jackson



Dr Scott Bowman and Dr Andre
Cromhout test drive the new ultrasound.

How your donations are making a difference: Portable Ultrasound Makes Wellington Emergency Department A First In New Zealand

Thanks to a generous grant from Pub Charity, the Foundation have been able to purchase a Portable Ultrasound machine for the Emergency Department at Wellington Regional Hospital. Portable ultrasound is the new stethoscope and far more accurate and versatile in properly trained hands. As the machines have grown smaller and the technology more sophisticated, staff are now able to visualise almost every organ in the human body, without the dangers of harmful radiation. In addition, staff can now do this instantly at the patient's bedside. Dr Andre Cromhout said that "Ultrasound helps cut through the uncertainty, rule-out highly critical diagnosis and save precious minutes in true emergencies. Whether the potential problem is heart and lung disease, an abdominal aneurysm, an ectopic pregnancy, internal bleeding from trauma, blood clots, stones, infections, retinal detachments, or dozens of other conditions, staff can instantly identify who needs emergency intervention and promptly get them the care that they need".

In addition, staff will use the ultrasound multiple times every day to help guide invasive procedures such as nerve blocks and IV placement that had previously been done with needle-sticks, saving time and minimising pain.



Worthy Works

We are very fortunate to have a number of Charity Partners for Wellington Hospitals Foundation. These Charity Partners do endless amounts of organising, planning and execution of events and campaigns. Here is what they are up to:

Now in its ninth year, the Countdown Kids Hospital Appeal is once again raising money for Wellington Children's Hospital. Over the past eight years the Appeal has raised over \$1 million dollars for the Wellington region



Ruth Krippner (Countdown Kids Hospital Appeal), Rosemary Escott (Charge Nurse Manager NICU, CCDHB), Mal Joyce, (Operations Manager CCDHB).

and has funded numerous items of medical equipment. You can support this year's appeal by donating in store or purchasing a raffle ticket at the Wellington Hospital Gift Shop: <http://shop.whhf.org.nz/> or in any Countdown store.



Sick Kids Thank Kirkcaldie & Stains

Over the past 8 years Kirkcaldie & Stains have been a major Charity Partner of the Foundation. Thanks to the amazing support of staff and customers alike, Wellington Children's Hospital has benefitted from their support in so many wonderful ways – funds raised have enabled the purchase of medical equipment, Kirkcaldies staff have visited each year at Christmas to decorate the Children's Hospital Wards and put up the big Atrium Christmas Tree, goodies have been supplied at Easter, there have been Street Parties, in store promotions and host of other wonderful events.

The store continues to fundraise for the Children's Hospital and we are most grateful of their incredible support. It will be sad to see the store close early 2016 as Kirkcaldie & Stains have been such an iconic part of the Wellington retail scene for 152 years. Thank you Kirkcaldie & Stains for providing Wellington with such a wonderful shopping experience for so many years and for your support of Wellington Children's Hospital – you will be missed.



How you can help

Most people want to make a difference to the lives of others; it is one of the wonderful things about human nature. As a charity we are always heartened by the goodwill of our local community. If you'd like to join us there are a number of ways you can make a contribution:

Become a 'Well Wisher' (Regular Giver)

for an area in your hospital that means something special to you. With Regular Giving all your donations are earmarked to be spent on that particular area. With these funds our Specialists, Doctors and Nurses can buy specialist medical equipment or the little extras that will make patients and their family more comfortable during treatment. Contact Samantha Munro our Donor Relations Officer (04) 806 0572 or email: sam.munro@whf.org.nz for more information



Leave a bequest – Leaving a gift in your Will means that you can make an important contribution in the future without affecting your current circumstances. Any amount, great or small, makes a difference to patients and the work of the Health Professionals at our Hospitals.

Contact: Shona Brunton, Fundraising Coordinator (04) 806 2332 or email: shona.brunton@whf.org.nz for more information or a confidential chat.

Make a one-off donation

Go to our website and click "donate" www.whf.org.nz

Hold a fundraising event

Visit our website for ideas or contact our office: admin@whf.org.nz

Thank you to our Charity Partners:

- Countdown Kids Hospital Appeal
- Kirkcaldie & Stains Ltd
- The Warehouse – Wellington region
- Suzuki
- Ricoh Wellington Lions
- Hurricanes
- Weta Workshop
- Dominion Post

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