

Foundation News

"Getting well takes more than medicine"



\$1 Million Raised for our Second MRI Scanner – A Great Success!

You did it! Thanks to the generous support of our community, together we have raised the \$1 million required to fund a second MRI Scanner for Wellington Regional Hospital. **Thank you.**

The second MRI Scanner will make a massive difference to many people. It will be crucial in the treatment of patients as far away as Hawkes Bay, Marlborough, and of course the greater Wellington region.

Now the second MRI has been installed, doctors are working through the backlog to achieve their goal of cutting patient waiting times down from 6 months to just 4-6 weeks. Staff will also now have the resources to keep up with the referral rate of approx. 140 patients each week.

Angela Slocombe, Technical Imaging Specialist at Wellington Regional Hospital says *"the patient experience is massively improved thanks to the two new scanners.*

This is largely due to the new MRI machines being physically more appealing, offering patients a significantly wider space and a much improved ambience. The new machines also have TV Screens above the patient's head where they can watch TV or a movie of their choice, or listen to music whilst being scanned. The difference in the patient experience is very apparent in young patients. Last month a child who had previously been required to be admitted to Hospital and put under general anaesthetic for a 40 minute MRI scan, was able to have a MRI scan, taking just four minutes. This is largely due to the technology advances developed over the past 10 years that we now have access to with the new MRI scanners."

CCDHB Chief Medical Officer Dr John Tait said the DHB was pleased to now

have two brand new MRI Scanners "We are so grateful to the Foundation and their supporters".

Bill Day, Chair of Wellington Hospitals Foundation is thrilled that the community support enabled the purchase of a second MRI Scanner. "Wellington and the surrounding regions can be extremely proud of their generous support to fund this crucial piece of equipment".

Thank you again for helping us make a difference in our community.

Second MRI Statistics

- The second MRI has reduced waiting times from 6 months to just 4-6 weeks
- Second scanner facilitates an increased speed of diagnosis
- 10.5% of all MRI scans are for children
- Image quality of the scans is much improved with new technology allowing a more informative diagnosis
- Overwhelming feedback of a much better patient experience.



Photo by Taylor Darroch

	DATE 3 Nov 2016
REF MRI Scanner Appeal	
THE SUM OF One Million Dollars	\$ 1,000,000.00
	Wellington Hospitals Foundation
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Clinical Leader Dr James Entwisle and Radiology Staff Clint Bennett, Angie Slocombe and Jacob Cameron thank Bill Day, Foundation Chair.

Air Ambulance Simulator – A World First

Wellington Hospitals Foundation was proud to fund the building and outfitting of the world's first Air Ambulance Simulator! This is a very special Simulator which enables medical flight crews to train under the real-life turbulent conditions they are likely to experience whilst on the job. Thanks to the efforts of the community, \$300,000 was raised to develop this valuable facility.

Intensive Care Unit (ICU) Specialist Dr Alex Psirides is thrilled with the new Simulator as now they "are able to train

Doctors and Nurses for any conditions they may encounter before they take to the air". Prior to the build of the Air Ambulance Simulator, flight team training was only able to be done on the ground, under high pressure conditions during a real life emergency situation or as a costly exercise only when the existing Air Ambulance was available. The life size Air Ambulance Simulator allows flight teams to gain lifesaving skills within the safety of a dedicated training facility.

We would like to thank all our

community partners particularly ACC, NZCT and Infinity Foundation for making the purchase of the Air Ambulance Simulator possible. This equipment will make a massive difference to the medical flight team and enable them to continue saving lives.



Air Ambulance Statistics

- The Wellington Air Ambulance Service provided by Life Flight Trust covers our region from Napier and Hastings, across to Taupo and Taranaki and all the way down to Nelson and Marlborough – an area of 900,000 people.
- Average of 80 flights a month – that's almost 3 a day!
- Additional 17 neo-natal flights a month
- All flights have a specialist nurse on board
- 40% of flights have a doctor on board

From the Foundation...

As 2016 comes to an end I would like, on behalf of the many sick children and adults who have had to use the services of our hospitals, to thank you for your generous support of the Foundation.

Community support of our hospitals is so important. The financial pressures on all hospitals throughout NZ are well documented. But with your support we are making a difference at our hospitals in Wellington, Kenepuru and Kapiti's Health Centre.

So a very sincere and heartfelt thank you.

Second MRI Scanner

This year the community responded to our MRI Scanner Appeal enthusiastically and within 4 months the Foundation had raised the \$1 million dollars needed to purchase this much needed second MRI Scanner.

Wellington Regional Hospital now has two brand new MRI Scanners which will see waiting times reduce from 6 months to just 4-5 weeks. This will be so special for sick patients both young and old alike.

Air Ambulance Simulator

In what is believed to be a world first, the Foundation conceived the idea of an Air Ambulance Simulator and raised the \$300,000 needed to make this a reality. Again wonderful support from our corporate donors made this happen.

Other Major Items

Whilst these were the major items the Foundation was able to fund we were able to provide support in many other areas such as:

- ECG machines
- Chair beds
- Vein finders
- Health TV
- Cuddle cots
- Portable Ultrasound Machines
- Monitors for Neonatal Intensive Care Unit

- Various scopes for Paediatric Surgery
- Toys and educational equipment for Children's Hospital
- And there has been so much more that the Foundation has been able to do to make all patient's hospital journey just that much better.

Volunteers

We must not forget our wonderful 430 hospital volunteers who give so generously of their time supporting patients, whether in the Emergency Department, Guides meeting and greeting patients and visitors, knitters & sewers, Street Appeal collectors or playing our piano in the Atrium.

Again on behalf of all patient's, staff and families of Wellington Hospitals thank you for your support.

We wish you a very safe Christmas and New Year.

Yours sincerely

Bill Day MNZM, JP
Chair



Success for Wellington Children's Hospital – Street Appeal

The Foundations' third annual Street Appeal for Wellington Children's Hospital was a huge success! The sun was shining and everyone seemed to be having a great time. Many volunteers dressed up in costumes which was great to see! Thanks to the incredible support from the 250+ volunteers

stationed across the greater Wellington Region who helped raise over \$35,000! This money will be used to purchase additional specialist paediatric electronic beds for Wellington Children's Hospital. Thank you so much to everyone who donated or volunteered their time to make this event possible!

Thank You for Your 10 Years of Support Countdown and The Warehouse!

Wellington Hospitals Foundation congratulates Countdown Kids Hospital Appeal and The Warehouse for their significant support of Wellington Children's Hospital over the past ten years as major charity partners of Wellington Hospitals Foundation.



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Christmas Events at WHF

Christmas Parades

This year Hospi will be attending many Christmas parades throughout suburbs in the Wellington Region. Some of these parades include Johnsonville, Tawa and Petone. Keep an eye out for Hospi and give him a big wave! Hospi can't wait to see you there!

Santa visits

Hospi will be helping Santa get ready for Christmas this year in the Wellington Hospital Atrium. From 8th December – 22nd December you can meet and get



HOSPI, Wellington Children's Hospital Mascot.

a printed photo with Santa and Hospi! They will be in the atrium 12pm-1pm Mon, Wed and Fri, and from 3pm-4pm Tues and Thurs over this period.

Get your special edition Christmas Hospi!

Special Edition Christmas Hospi's will be on sale from 30th November. They make fantastic stocking fillers! You can purchase yours online whf.org.nz/giftshop or in store at the Hospital Gift Shop, or from The Warehouse who will be selling Christmas Hospi's and other merchandise from 30th November to 18th December to support Wellington Children's Hospital. All proceeds from Hospi merchandise benefit young patients.

Help Decorate our Christmas Tree – The Tree of Hope

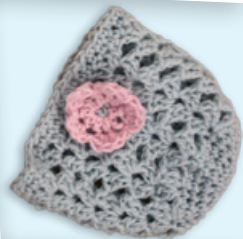
Help make Christmas sparkle for children in Hospital this Christmas by purchasing a \$30 Star decoration from



the Hospital Gift Shop and placing it on the Atrium Christmas Tree. You are welcome to write your own name/ message on the star and hang it on the tree where you wish. All proceeds will go to Wellington Children's Hospital.

For more information about the Foundation's Christmas Events please visit www.hospi.org or www.facebook.com/wellingtonchildrenshospital

Among the many things Wellington Hospitals Foundation provided over the past 12 months were:



- Hospi visited WCH over 110 times!
- \$1M for a second MRI Scanner
- 20 Emergency Packs to young children needing urgent transportation to another hospital.
- Over 300 Emergency Parent Packs provided
- 10 new specialist paediatric beds for WCH worth \$55,000
- 4236 Hospi soft toys for young patients in Wellington Children's Hospital
- Volunteer service provided 11,786 hours of assistance
- Volunteers knitted 9000 items for our tiniest patients
- Volunteer guides assisted 30,000 people around Wellington Regional Hospital
- ECG machines worth \$38,000
- \$80,000 of specialist NICU equipment including a Brainz Monitor and Cooling Machine
- Portable Ultrasound Machine for our Blood & Cancer Centre worth \$48,000
- \$87,000 of specialist paediatric theatre equipment

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: Trish Lee, Bequest Manager (04) 806 2324 for more information or a confidential chat.

Donate

Make a one-off donation

Go to our website whf.org.nz/donate

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
- The Warehouse – Wellington region
- Suzuki
- Hurricanes
- Wellington Lions
- Weta Workshop
- Dominion Post
- Pub Charity
- Lion Foundation