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## Transforming Lives: Your Donations at Work



When someone finds themselves in hospital, this is often a crisis point. We don't like to think about it, but the reality is that at any time our friends and loved ones might find themselves in great need of hospital treatment or emergency care.

Your donation today can be the turning point in their journey towards a brighter, healthier future.

Our donors play a vital role in helping our frontline teams provide the best possible hospital care to those affected by illness and injury, because **your gifts enable us to provide the right support at the right time, across all areas of our hospitals.** You can decide where your donations go within our hospitals. If you have a particular area that means a lot to you and your family, like child health, cancer care, or emergency treatment, you can specify your donation for that purpose.

Alternatively, you can choose our **Greatest Need Programme.** This means your donation is directed to the most critical needs our hospitals have **right now.**

It is a privilege to partner with Te Whatu Ora Capital, Coast and Hutt Valley and to represent our donors within the hospitals we serve. Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support of our hospitals.



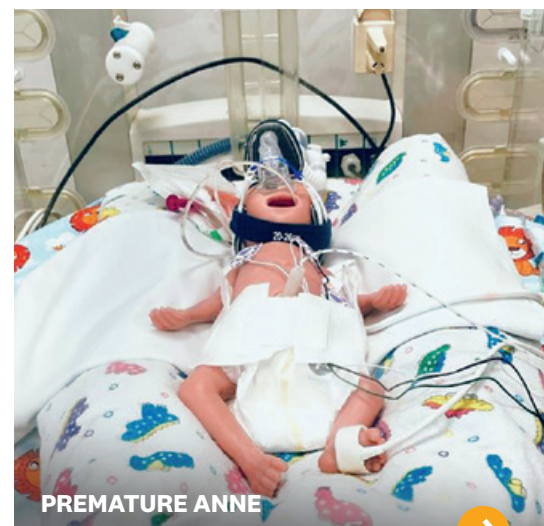
## Meet the Lifesaving Medical Manikins

Thanks to our donors incredible generosity, the Foundation has made a significant **\$350,000** investment in three new hi-tech Medical Simulators for Wellington Regional Hospital.

Thanks to the generosity of Wellington Hospitals Foundation donors and charity partners, including **World Marudão Karate Organisation, The Lion Foundation, and Pub Charity Ltd**, these new Simulation Technologies will be a game changer. We are incredibly proud to partner with our donors to invest in state-of-the-art technology that helps our dedicated hospital teams improve

health outcomes for patients and their families. ➡ **BILL DAY**, Chair Wellington Hospitals Foundation

This remarkable technology allows interdisciplinary hospital teams to 'practice on plastic' first. Capable of mimicking lifelike responses, the medical manikins provide our healthcare professionals with a secure and controlled environment to practice their skills on even the most complex and time-critical medical scenarios. The incredibly realistic simulators can blink, breathe, sweat, bleed, eye-track and even curse in pain and respond to treatments just like actual patients.



PREMATURE ANNE





“The ability to provide realistic simulation training regularly for our staff will undoubtedly, as research has demonstrated, improve the emergency care that we provide each and every day for vulnerable babies and their long term outcomes.” MARIA SAITO-BENZ, Neonatologist

The new VICTORIA birthing manikin is a high-tech tool that can be programmed with a wide range of teaching scenarios, including rare and complex deliveries. PREMATURE ANNE replicates the delicate anatomy of a pre-term infant, born at only 25 weeks. Both simulators allow our medical teams to practice critical interventions that ensure they are well-prepared for stressful and rare birthing situations.

Imagine a baby born super early, maybe even smaller than you’d ever expect. During the birth, the baby’s umbilical cord has wrapped around its neck, starving it of precious oxygen. It’s a scary situation and every second counts. Thanks to simulators like these, doctors can respond quickly and with confidence because they’ve practiced this scenario



Three new medical manikins

and can gently insert a breathing tube into a tiny 2mm-wide airway, saving the baby’s life.

Additionally, SimMan 3GPLUS HPS Emergency Care & Trauma Simulator is being used for various learning simulations, significantly enhancing training for the Emergency Department

and Intensive Care Unit.

Simulation training can mean the difference between life and death in critical situations, so, we take immense pride in knowing that Wellington Hospitals Simulation and Skills Centre is now one of the most well equipped in New Zealand.

## Celebrating the First Anniversary of Te Wao Nui Children’s Hospital: Together we make a difference in healthcare

On 30th September we celebrated the first anniversary of Te Wao Nui, our new Wellington Regional Children’s Hospital. The new hospital is an outstanding success and it is important to take a moment to appreciate the incredible generosity of our benefactors Sir Mark Dunajtschik and Dorothy Spotswood, as well as our community of donors and supporters. Without your contributions, we would not be able to provide vital medical equipment, furnishings and the world leading Weta Workshop creative environment that our children deserve and enjoy. Feedback from families and hospital staff has been overwhelming.

The original King Edward VII Memorial Hospital for Children opened in Wellington in 1912, following a hugely successful public fundraising campaign, and has a proud history as New Zealand’s first ever purpose built children’s hospital. In that same tradition of community support and fundraising, Te Wao Nui marks a new era in Child Health.

However, as we all know from media reports, the financial strain on our national health system is immense and hospitals across the country have limited resources. A shortage of medical staff makes these challenges even tougher. Healthcare professionals across Wellington Regional Hospital, Te Wao Nui,

## A message from the Chair



Kenepuru and Hutt Hospitals are working tirelessly for their patients, young and old, but they’re stretched thin trying to meet the increasing demands.

Your continued support through donations and volunteering enables the Foundation to bridge the financial gap and go some way towards alleviating pressures at our hospitals. Donations help our Foundation acquire state of the art medical equipment, improve facilities, and provide training opportunities to attract and retain talented medical staff across the hospitals we serve.

In simple terms, good health is a partnership between our hospital’s skilled medical professionals, the Wellington Hospitals Foundation, and you - our incredible community!

As we celebrate the first successful year of Te Wao Nui Children’s Hospital, let us also remember how together we create a stronger, more resilient hospital service that prioritises the well-being of all our patients.

As Chair of Wellington Hospitals Foundation my Trustees and I extend our sincerest thanks to all our supporters.

Bill Day, MNZM, JP  
Chair, Wellington Hospitals Foundation

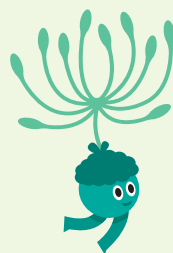


# Te Wao Nui – One Year On

It's hard to believe that a year ago Te Wao Nui Regional Children's Hospital, in the Mark Dunajtschik and Dorothy Spotswood building, was officially opened on the 30th of September 2022. Thanks to the kindness and generosity of our incredible benefactors, as well as our charity partners and community donors; Te Wao Nui is a place where

caring, knowledgeable people work hard to help young Kiwis, like Zara, from across our region.

One year on and our new children's hospital is having a profound impact. Te Wao Nui is more than just a building; it's a place where the idea of healing transforms into a daily reality.



**29,124**

Outpatient visits

**6,974**

Inpatient visits

**1,392**

Audiology visits

**1,737**

Operations

**3,312**

Eye Clinic visits

**416**

Diabetes Clinic visits

**148**

Children flown to Te Wao Nui from across NZ

**5,094**

Orthopaedic clinic visits

**797**

Oncology visits

**1,054**

Cardiology visits



*Zara - dancer, newly-minted big sister, children's hospital frequent flyer and aspiring paediatric doctor or nurse.*

“Zara spends time as an inpatient at Te Wao Nui Children's Hospital at least every 3 months to head off to surgery. Although she would much rather be at dance, gym, kindy or home. Luckily the beautiful new children's hospital and all the wonderful staff make her time as an inpatient that bit easier.”

NICOLE, Zara's Mum

“On this special day, marking the first year since the new children's hospital opened its doors, I want to acknowledge the significant impact this facility has had on our families, patients, and dedicated staff. It goes beyond mere statistics; it's about the real, tangible improvements we can make in the lives of those entrusted to our care. Thanks to Mark Dunajtschik and Dorothy Spotswood, and the Wellington Hospitals Foundation's many generous community donors, the new hospital now truly reflects the exceptional care our team provides every day.” LYNNE COWLEY, Charge Nurse Manager



## Why we still need you

Bricks and mortar are only part of the journey to deliver a high quality, well-resourced health service for the children in our region, and we still need your support. Your donation helps ensure that the hospital can sustain its operations at the highest standard.

The cost of specialised pediatric medical equipment and advanced technology can be significant, and your donations help us keep pace with that technology, which means better diagnostics, improved treatments, and enhanced patient care. Your donation also allows us to provide extra support services and comfort items that are not covered by ongoing operational budgets.



## Our community makes a difference...

### Multi-Year Partnership Benefits Child Health

#### Buddle Findlay Child Health Foundation

have been a valuable long-standing partner of Wellington Hospitals Foundation. In an exciting new collaboration, we're thrilled to announce a three-year Charity Partnership agreement that allows us to work together to enhance the services provided by Te Wao Nui Child Health Service. Buddle Findlay's initial contribution under this agreement has made it possible for us to acquire an advanced OPMI Pico microscope for the Ear, Nose & Throat (ENT) Service. This cutting-edge surgical microscope plays a crucial role in diagnosing and treating conditions related to the ear, nose, and throat, enabling surgeons to perform procedures like ear surgeries, sinus surgeries, tonsillectomies, and more with significantly improved precision and accuracy.



### Enhancing Quality of Life: Portable Oxygen Support for Kapiti Patients

Imagine someone who has a serious lung disease, like chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), where simple acts like breathing become a monumental struggle. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we are delighted to have funded an Inogen Portable Oxygen Concentrator, for the use of patients within the Kapiti community who rely on home oxygen therapy. Patients will be able to borrow the unit from the Kapiti Health Centre for up to two weeks at a time, to enable them to attend hospital appointments and special events.



### Gala Ball Fundraiser for Children's Hospital Incubator

Wellington Hospitals Foundation was once again honoured to be chosen alongside another deserving charity for the Celebrate Wellington Charity Gala Ball and Auction, marking the grand opening of the month long Eat Drink Play Festival in Wellington.

The evening was a spectacular combination of fine wine, cuisine, high fashion, art, and live entertainment. Funds raised will help purchase a state of the art incubator for Te Wao Nui Child Health Service. Special thanks to the team at **Hospitality New Zealand** for orchestrating this glamorous red carpet event.



**The microscope is a critical piece of equipment that we use frequently in our outpatient clinic. We are enormously grateful to have it as it has enabled us to run dedicated paediatric ENT clinics in our new children's hospital.**

**- DR KATHERINE BAGULEY,**  
Otolaryngologist and ENT Surgeon

*Pictured: Dr Katherine Baguley,  
Otolaryngologist and ENT Surgeon*



### Sky Enhances Children's Experience at Te Wao Nui Child

Te Wao Nui Child Health Service and hospital truly has children at its heart. Thanks to the generosity of SKY Network Television Ltd, children have been enjoying 12 child-friendly channels on 85 screens throughout the new hospital. This donation has not only significantly enhanced the hospital experience for our tamariki, but has also given them a wealth of engaging and educational options, making their stay considerably more enjoyable.

### Warm Hearts and Cosy PJs

Ensuring children stay warm in winter goes beyond mere comfort, it's a crucial factor in safeguarding their health, especially when it comes to respiratory illnesses like RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus). Cold weather can make kids more susceptible to various illnesses, including RSV which can lead to severe respiratory infections in young children. Our grateful thanks to all the generous donors who wholeheartedly supported our recent Jammies in June Appeal, raising over **\$21,000** this winter. That's a lot of PJs!! Many of these cosy new PJs were also distributed by our hospital's dedicated community nursing teams, who often visit children in cold, damp homes.



### Celebrating New Beginnings

We had the incredible pleasure of meeting Alexia and Peter's absolutely adorable newborn baby girl just three hours after her arrival! In line with our commitment to supporting families in our region, we were pleased to sponsor Babu merino wraps for all the precious pēpē born during Matariki in our four Maternity Units across Wellington, Kenepuru, Paraparaumu, and Hutt Valley.

These bundles of warmth also came with valuable educational materials from our Women's Health Team, emphasising the significance of keeping newborns cosy with natural fibres to help them regulate their body temperature effectively. We extend our warmest wishes to Alexia and Peter as their family continues to grow.





## Scoring Smiles at Te Wao Nui

After four long years, we were excited to welcome back some very special kaitiaki to Te Wao Nui children's hospital – our charity partner

Wellington Rugby / Wellington Lions. Players, Du'Plessis Kirifi, Billy Proctor, Losi Filipo, Dominic Bird and Pepesana Patafilo scored smiles with our young champs, and staff also had a ball meeting some of their favourite players.



## Sweet Visit to Te Wao Nui

**Royal New Zealand Ballet** dancers made a special and very sweet visit to Te Wao Nui Children's Hospital in advance of their return season of Hansel and Gretel. Dancers Ana Gallardo Lobaina, Shae Berney, Kirby Selchow and Shaun James Kelly brought a touch of magic and enchantment to the hospital, creating lovely memories for our young patients, and momentarily transporting them from their hospital stay.



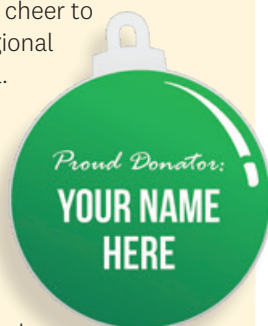
## Baubles on the Bridge

Every year, compassionate local businesses, families and individuals come together to spread holiday cheer to patients, staff and visitors at Wellington Regional Hospital and Te Wao Nui Children's Hospital. If you or your business is seeking the ideal Christmas gift, consider being part of our new **Christmas Baubles on the Bridge** campaign this festive season and sponsor your very own Christmas Bauble. With all proceeds going to fund essential equipment for Child Health, your colourful Christmas Bauble decal, bearing your name will take centre stage on the bridge that connects the main hospital complex with Te Wao Nui Children's Hospital. It's a visible symbol of your generosity and commitment to making a difference!

### Sponsorship Options

- Big Bauble with Logo: \$500+
- Medium Bauble: \$300

For more information contact [admin@whf.org.nz](mailto:admin@whf.org.nz)



## Taking the Wheel in Charitable Giving

It's safe to say that Capital City Motors are always in the driver's seat when it comes to giving back. The leading Capital City Ford and Capital City Mazda dealers have been one of our Charity Partners since 2017, and generously provide two vehicles for the Foundation's use. They also recently held a Charity Golf Day at Boulcotts Farm Heritage Golf Course. All proceeds will go towards projects for Te Wao Nui Child Health Service and Hospital.



## In the News

### Te Wao Nui Children's Hospital Receives Top Honours at Property Industry Awards 2023

Te Wao Nui Children's Hospital, located in the Mark Dunajtschik and Dorothy Spotswood Building and built by McKee Fehl, received prestigious accolades at the 2023 Property Council New Zealand Rider Levett Bucknall Property Industry Awards.

The hospital was honoured with the Rider Levett Bucknall Supreme Award and Best in Category Warren & Mahoney Civic, Health, and Arts Property Award - making it the pinnacle of property excellence in New Zealand. Renowned for its exceptional design, sustainability, efficiency, and innovation, the hospital stands as a visionary project and promises to provide care to sick tamariki and rangatahi for generations to come.

### Quilters Creating a Buzz

Our congratulations to Sue Grimwood and Shanon Peters of Busy Bee Quilt Shop, recipients of the Employee Volunteering Community Award at the Volunteer Wellington's 2023 Mahi Aroha Awards. For nearly two decades, the talented Busy Bee Quilting team has consistently crafted exquisite quilts, generously gifted to the NICU and new mothers in maternity wards at Wellington Regional Hospital, Kenepuru Hospital, and Paraparaumu Maternity Unit every Christmas and Mother's Day.



*Pictured: Bill Day Chair WHF, Sue Grimwood and Deputy Mayor, Laurie Foon*

### The gift of a lifetime

After remembering loved ones in their Wills, many people want to leave something to help make a difference. Leaving a bequest to Wellington Hospitals Foundation is a lasting gift that will ensure our hospitals can continue to provide world-class treatment and care today, tomorrow and forever. Every gift, no matter how big or small, has a significant impact on the lives of our hospitals' patients and their families. Thank you. Email [admin@whf.org.nz](mailto:admin@whf.org.nz) to find out more.



# Thank you to all our volunteers

The Foundation is very fortunate to have a team of more than 400 volunteers, who every week generously choose to gift their time and talents to help Wellington, Kenepuru and Hutt Hospitals.

Hospital volunteers have been an integral part of our hospitals' support system since 1927. The Wellington Hospital Volunteers Service was first established by the Ladies Auxiliary in 1928, and later in 1973 the famous Pink Ladies were set up to help patients with anything from refreshing water for flowers, reading newspapers or even buying cigarettes - which is totally unthinkable now!

Today, almost 100 years on, our volunteers serve as hospital guides, they offer support and companionship in the ED, Transit Lounge and Renal Unit, they provide reception in ICU, entertain with music and pet therapy, create gorgeous handcrafted items, enrich medical training by role playing, assist in the Giftshop and Therapy Pool, and



contribute in countless other ways!

Our grateful thanks to all our volunteers. People's kindness, generosity and commitment to hospital volunteering is extremely valuable and their work makes an enormous difference to staff, patients and their families.

## We need you!

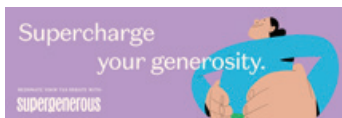
We are interested in increasing our volunteer capacity and developing teams across the different areas of our hospitals. If you'd like to join our volunteer family please visit: [whf.org.nz/volunteer](http://whf.org.nz/volunteer).

👉 Every month volunteers gift an incredible 4,200 hours to our hospitals, this includes work done by our crafty volunteers who last year donated 8,431 knitted, sewn or quilted items. Thanks to all our dedicated volunteers for their incredible mahi! 🙌 SALLY BARTON, Volunteer Services Manager

It is reassuring to know that our hospitals are here for us when we need them most and we are honoured to offer a way for families who may have experienced exceptional care from our hospital teams, to express their gratitude. To support all areas of your hospitals please donate at [whf.org.nz/donate](http://whf.org.nz/donate)

Did you know that if you have donated to us in the past 4 years you may be eligible for a rebate of 33.33%. For more information or to make a claim, head to IRD's website: [www.ird.govt.nz](http://www.ird.govt.nz)

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