

### Rotorua Hospital Chaplaincy Report for Waiapu Diocese 2013

The Chaplaincy Team at Rotorua Hospital have made over 16,000 visits in the last 12 months, including contacts with patients, family and staff.

We continue to hold a service in the Chapel every Sunday, which has been greatly supported by the local churches, who assist with collecting patients, sitting with them, and taking them back to their rooms after the service. We also provide bed side communions and sacramental services as required.

The Chaplaincy Team is very stable and we have a number of volunteers who have been with us for some considerable time. In February, we commissioned two new volunteers, both of whom bring a great spirit into the team.

Our Catholic Chaplain was presented with a QSM in the New Years Honours list for her service to the Rotorua Community through her work with the Chaplaincy Department. She has been with us for over 15 years now and is very devoted to her service here.

One of our valued team members, Rev Susan Cooper, was Ordained as a Priest in November 2012. This was celebrated in the Cathedral in Napier where she was ordained by Bishop David.

There is a wonderful spirit of community amongst the team, which is evident when we meet once a month for lunch and on going professional development. Team Members are encouraged to attend Regional Chaplaincy Meetings and, as a team, and we hold an annual retreat, one day at Titoki. One of our team members became very unwell with tetanus, and was in Waikato Hospital for a time. She has been absent from us for a while now, but God has blessed her with healing, and she is looking forward to coming back to us.

I have completed supervising another unit of CPE in June in which we had 6 students, 1 Priest Assistant, 2 Hospital Chaplains, 1 Pastor, 1 Hospice Chaplain and 1 Pastoral Worker.

We were approached by the Rotorua Symphonic Orchestra to play in the Chapel, but I felt that it would be better for them to play in the Atrium of the Hospital, as it would be easier for patients and staff to be able to see and to hear them. We had a good attendance of patients and relatives, and the Chaplaincy team who came to help bring patients from the wards to the Atrium.

Last Christmas, the Chaplaincy Department, together with Hospital staff, enjoyed an evening of caroling with patients, and handing out of teddy bears.

I would like to once again express my appreciation to the Diocese of Waiapu for their continued support of Chaplaincy which enables us to minister to the people in our Community.

Yours sincerely

Rev Ray Bloomfield, QSM JP AHCC  
Chaplain