

## South Canterbury Hospice Inc.

A successful past has provided a platform for the future

25 years in the making

### WHERE WE HAVE COME FROM

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| <b>1988</b> | June      | Public Meeting at Pleasant Point – Called by Pauline O’Leary.<br>Steering committee formed   |
| <b>1989</b> | August    | South Canterbury Hospice Inc established as incorporated Society.<br>Friends of Hospice formed.  |
| <b>1990</b> | April     | Hospice Awareness Meeting, Timaru (called by Altrusa)<br>Awareness Meetings at Waimate, Temuka, Pleasant Point,<br>Geraldine and Fairlie   |
|             | June      | Palliative Care Nurse appointed (in District Nursing Service)<br>Car supplied by South Canterbury Hospice  |
|             | August    | Charity Dinner   |
|             | November  | Volunteer Home Care Service began  |
| <b>1991</b> |           | Search began for suitable premises for Hospice Centre  |
|             | September | Accumulated fundraising reaches \$100,000  |
|             | November  | Negotiations on purchase of Hospice Centre began   |
| <b>1992</b> | February  | <b>PURCHASE OF HOSPICE CENTRE</b> (92 North Street)  |
|             | March     | Lottery Grant \$18,000 (to refurbish and upgrade Hospice Centre)   |
|             | April     | Hospice Home Nursing Service began<br>Upgrade, refurbishing and equipping of Hospice Centre<br>Bereavement Support Group training began<br>Training of additional Volunteer Home Support Group   |
|             | June      | Grant of \$32,000 from Lottery Board to furnish and equip<br>the Centre  |
|             | August    | <b>OPENING OF HOSPICE CENTRE</b> providing:<br>1. Base of Home Care and Home Nursing Services<br>2. Drop in and Day Care Centre<br>3. Counselling, Advice and Bereavement Support<br>4. Base for loan of equipment etc<br>5. Office and Administration |

- 1993** Consolidation and extension of all existing services  
Palliative Care Nurse resigned - position changed to two part-time nurses 20 hours per week each. Name changed to Palliative Care/Oncology Nurse.  
Negotiations held with Area Health Board and Hospice made a seeding grant for these positions to increase to 24 hours per week for each nurse.
- 1994**  
September Honorary Medical Director appointed  
October Part-time Office Administrator appointed  
December New car purchased for Palliative Care/Oncology Nurse's use  
First street collection held
- 1995**  
November Awareness meeting held in Waimate  
Nursing service formally commenced in Waimate  
Antiques Road Show held  
Services further extended as required
- 1996**  
May Community Trust Hospice Foundation incorporated. This body formed to own and manage Hospice buildings and investments.  
November Awareness meeting held in Twizel  
Education and Services Co-ordinator commenced duties  
Community Trust Hospice Foundation formed  
Mid & South Canterbury Community Trust donated \$242,000 to purchase 55 and 57 Broadway Avenue for the purpose of a 5 bed hospice unit
- 1997** January Moved from North Street to Broadway Avenue  
February 92 North Street sold  
October Application to NZ Lottery General Grants Board for funding for renovation and refurbishing of Broadway Avenue – 5 Bed Unit  
Plans completed for Hospice Unit  
Provisional licence approved by Ministry of Health  
1<sup>st</sup> Nurse Manager Appointed
- 1998** January Builders commenced work  
May Renovations completed  
Refurbishment completed  
Dr Gavin Liddell appointed honorary medical officer  
September **OPENING OF COMMUNITY TRUST HOSPICE by Governor General Sir Michael Hardie-Boys**

- 2000 - 1** Executive Officer appointed John Doggett  
Cockroft House purchased for Administration Centre and accommodation for families of patients within the service.  
Administrator appointed  
Clinical Services Manager appointed on retirement of the Nurse Manager  
Wine and Food Festival started 2001
- 2002** Dr Graeme Mawson appointed medical officer on Dr Liddell's retirement
- 2003** Chaplain service commenced  
John Doggett retired  
Karen McCrostie appointed funding manager
- 2004** Volunteer Co-Ordinator appointed
- 2007** Commencement of future building plans.  
70 Orbell Street property purchased used as Administration Centre during Building Programme, with the help of a \$180,000 loan from the Timaru District Council Community Board and a \$10,000 community grant.  
New Volunteer co-ordinator commenced
- 2008** New 7 Bed Inpatient Unit Building Commenced
- 2009** July **OPENING OF NEW HOSPICE** 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2009 by Prime Minister John Keys and Sister Rae Berry, Home of Compassion. Funds for the redevelopment came from the St Vianneys Timaru Trust with \$500,000 granted for the building. The trust also donated a large stained glass window, a hoist, pumps and syringe drivers. South Canterbury Finance granted \$200,000 to the administrative wing. Other donors above \$20,000; Southern Trust \$150,000; Mid and South Canterbury Trust \$80,000; Eureka Trust \$50,000; Lion Foundation \$45,000; Temuka Boxing Club \$38,000; Cancer Society Canterbury/West Coast Division \$30,000; Janie Murray Trust \$25,000; Trust Aoraki \$20,000 and Midlands Masonic Charitable Trust \$20,000.

- 2010**  
October Liverpool Care Pathway Programme introduced to our patients and also to facilitate further Education and Professional Development  
Family Support Counsellor appointed.
- 2011** August Purchased a further property at 68 Orbell Street for proposed Hospice Shop.
- 2012** April Opened “Hospice Shop” Corner Orbell and Rugby Streets Timaru. Officially opened by Jo Goodhew MP for Rangitata and Janie Annear Mayor of Timaru
- 2013** March “The Cottage” at 70 Orbell Street was opened as a Therapeutic Centre and base for our new Clinical Nurse Educator.  
April Alan Munro appointed honorary chief executive officer.  
Shona Lawson resigned as Clinical Services Manager after 12 years in this position.  
Hazel Harrison appointed to new position of Clinical Nurse Leader.
- 2013** First 25 years of South Canterbury Hospice celebrated. Book on the history entitled Loving Care written by Carol Angland.
- 2014**  
March Alan Munro Retired as CEO 31 March 2014  
April Hazel Harrison appointed CEO/Nursing Director  
New role established Fundraising Assistant appointed Jeanna Munro.  
November Faye Gillies appointed Clinical Nurse Manager.
- 2015** June Peter O’Neill appointed General Manager following resignation of Hazel Harrison.  
August Increased contract from SC District Health Board signed, following pre-election promise from the National Party
- 2016** July Medical officer Graeme Mawson retired.  
September Second shop opened in Church Street.

- 2017** March First Caroline Bay Rock and Hop  
 May Hospice in the Home, Night Carer Service launched  
 May Solar panel system turned on, funded mostly by St Vianneys Timaru Trust (\$27,300), supported by Alpine Energy and Infratec.
- 2018** April Extension to Orbell Street shop opened.
- June Catherine D’Souza, Palliative Care Medical Specialist, appointed. Employed by the SCDHB, Hospice South Canterbury contributes to the salary with Dr D’Souza’s time split between the Hospital, Hospice and the community.
- August Portico built at 54Church  
 August Caroline Bay Rock and Hop wins Community Impact award at the South Canterbury Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Awards.
- 2019** Extension to The Cottage started. This project to cater for increased use including new courses (Better Breathing, Relax and Revive, Carer Skills) and an outpatient clinic for Dr D’Souza. Funds for this extension provided by St Vianneys Timaru Trust (\$150,000) and the EG and DM Kerr Trust (\$18,000) with the balance from the Community Trust Hospice Foundation.
- 2020** Cottage extension completed, operated for two weeks before Covid-19 saw services postponed from mid-March. Caroline Bay Rock and Hop also cancelled.
- Storage shed built at Church St site, due for completion 2020