



# HAWKE'S BAY OSTOMY SUPPORT GROUP INC

## October 2017



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### Greetings from your President

#### **Greetings to all,**

And with Spring Sprung may we all be enjoying longer days and the beauty spring provides. To those not so well our prayers and thoughts are with you.

Our monthly luncheon combined with the Life Membership presentation to three of our members held at Napier RSA was a marvelous success, with both Jean and David unaware of their award. Unfortunately John Lowry was unable to attend. The press coverage that followed was magic. Thank you Jean, David and John for your huge contribution over the years.

I recently read of a break-through in bowel surgery by a group of London based surgeons, pioneering a new less invasive technique of large polyp removal, sparing the major life changing surgery and the inconvenience of having to carry a stoma bag. What great news for the future.

Regards to all.  
Hugh



#### ***Greetings from the Ostomy Service Department.***

*Firstly we wish to congratulate the new Life Members Jean, David & John, on a wonderful achievement and service to the Ostomy Support Group and the great promotion in the article in The Hawke's Bay Today.*

*We were sorry not to have been able to attend in person the luncheon and presentation honouring your achievements. Unfortunately Dorothy was away on leave and Sharon was running the clinic in Hastings. It was already full, so we couldn't really cancel patients.*

*The Ostomy Support Group is a wonderful service and does a fantastic job in supporting each other. Please rest assured we promote your service to all our new clients, but as the majority of patients now only have a stoma for a few weeks they don't get meet you. Only you as group can really understand and empathise with what a new ostomate is going through.*

*Kind regards,  
Dorothy, Sharon & Maree*

*P.S. Life here at the DHB continues to be busy but in a good way. Please continue to phone us for any queries/questions or supply issues and reviews in the clinic.*

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## **Sadly Missed**

*Elaine Tantrum – 13<sup>th</sup> June 2017. Glad to have experienced Elaine's wonderful smile and courage.*

*Mary Reed – 7<sup>th</sup> July 2017. A brave and inspiring ostomate for 60 years.*

*Natalie Deslandes – 19<sup>th</sup> July 2017. A wonderfully supportive surgical nurse while a fellow ostomate.*

*Donations were made to Child Cancer and St John Ambulance in lieu of flowers.*

HDC Advocate for Patients' Rights, Judy Hylton, met at the Heretaunga Women's Centre, Hastings, 6<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2017, to talk about the role of the Health and Disability Commissioner and why he was set up by government c. 1996. Judge Sylvia Cartwright put forth recommendations that the decisions of the Commissioner had to be legally enforceable. "The Ten Rights of the Patient", now displayed in health practitioners waiting rooms. Judy Hylton, is at present visiting prisons, rest homes, disability residences and has a wish to meet with health support groups. She explained that the biggest problem re incoming complaints, is communication problems with one's doctor. Each understanding the other – not that satisfactory! Brochures available are for the support of and protection for the Patient. (Thanks to Deorwyn Baker for the Info)

## **Dates to Remember**

### **Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> October – 10am**

*Coffee at Mondo (Hastings City New World)*

### **Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> October – 11.15am**

*Visit our WOD Tree in Karituwhenua Walkway*

*Access to the Reserve*

*Is from Te Mata Rd on the left and between*

*Palmbrook Ave and Arataki Roads.*

*The visit is followed by*

### **Social Lunch**

### **ROSE & SHAMROCK 11.45am**

*Napier Rd. Havelock North.*

### **Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> November – 10am**

*Coffee at Mondo (Hastings City New World)*

### **Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> November – 11.45am**

## **CHRISTMAS DINNER**

**RSA NAPIER**

**ALL WELCOME: OSTOMATES, SUPPORTERS**

**FAMILY & FRIENDS**

**THE MORE THE MERRIER**

**(\$5 GIFT FOR SANTA'S SACK PLEASE)**

### **Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> December – 10am**

*Coffee at Mondo (Hastings City New World)*

*This is the last gathering for 2017*

**LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL IN 2018**

### **Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> February – 10am**

*Coffee at Mondo (Hastings City New World)*

### **Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> February – 10.45am**

*Meeting: Hawke's Bay Ostomy Support Group*

**CLUBS HASTINGS, VICTORIA CROSS ROOM**

*Followed by a Bar Lunch.*

## **Notices**

### **11<sup>th</sup> October at 11.15am**

Our commemorative Golden Totara tree was planted on World Ostomy Day 3<sup>rd</sup>

October 2015, at the Karituwhenua Walkway, Havelock North.

Kaumatua Jerry Hapuku, gave prayer and blessings for the life of the tree and all Ostomates, families and carers.

The planting was a moving experience and now after two years a brief visit is planned. We can check the growth and quietly remember those who can no longer gather with us.

At the next World Ostomy Day 2018, a new plaque will show our identity as the Hawke's Bay Ostomy Support Group.

Access is from Te Mata Rd on the left and between Palmbrook Ave and Arataki Road. Easily found.

**Social Lunch, Rose and Shamrock, at 11.45am**

**Napier Road, Havelock North.**

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A linguist professor is lecturing.

"In English," he says, "a double negative forms a positive. But in some languages, a double negative remains a negative. Yet there isn't a language in the world in which a double positive can express a negative."

A voice from the back of the room pipes up. "Yeah, right."

AA

My wife says I twist everything she says to my advantage.

I take that as a compliment.