

# Hospice News

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An exciting year as SHCH and Warrigal Bundanoon discuss the Hospice site

By **Margaret Rosenthal** Board Chairman

**A**fter a difficult year, SHCH ended 2015 on a high note with the Board starting negotiations with Warrigal Care to establish the Hospice on the site of their Bundanoon Village.

The decision followed months of work evaluating 25 possible sites against strict criteria to select the best option for our Hospice.

All Board members visited Warrigal Village and met with staff. This was followed up with a letter of intent to begin formal negotiations, and these are now underway.

Dr Rosenthal said "We will continue discussions with Warrigal over the coming months to decide on the best outcome for both our clients and the community".

Warrigal Village hosts a range of aged care services and has done so for many years. There is a nursing home on the site and ample vacant land available with the correct zoning for a hospice.

"When negotiations are further down the track, we will be ready to launch a campaign to raise the funds needed to establish and operate the Hospice. Only community support can make this a reality. There is much work to do and we are determined to make the project a success," Dr Rosenthal said.



Beautiful Bundanoon

Warrigal CEO, Mark Sewell said "We look forward to discussions with SHCH. Warrigal Bundanoon is an ideal location for the Hospice. It has a reputation for excellent palliative care for older people and we welcome the addition of the Hospice to further support the Southern Highlands community in one of the area's most beautiful locations."

## Advantages of the Warrigal Site

- ✓ No rezoning required
- ✓ The site is peaceful and tranquil
- ✓ There is access to all necessary services
- ✓ It is close to the railway station
- ✓ There is a pharmacy and a medical practice with five doctors and another practice to open
- ✓ A range of accommodation and food is available in the village for patients' relatives
- ✓ Opportunities to share specialist staff, large meeting rooms, a bus and other services

## Jim's memories of 26 years of flying

SHCH Board member and avid private pilot, Jim Foran, (pictured below right) crashed on the "Kalganyi" airstrip near Marulan on Friday 8 January.

The aircraft quickly caught fire and was totally destroyed. Jim, who was alone in the plane, climbed out unhurt. He soon emailed friends and relatives that, at age 78, he had immediately phoned his wife to say he would never fly again. Everyone's response was uniform: "Rejoice after 26 years of happy flying, and savour your memories."

Jim's memories include nearly 6,000 landings in nine countries, including solo flights to New Zealand, Vanuatu, New Caledonia, and Thailand.

His most scenic flights? Flying past volcanoes on the Indonesian island of Java and past Mt Shasta in Northern California. His scariest flight? Leaving Vanuatu for New Caledonia, an over-water flight of some 500 km, the engine was producing much less than its normal power, which enabled the plane to climb only a few hundred feet per minute.

Jim returned to Port Vila, where an engineer couldn't find anything wrong. He left again the next morning, limping at reduced power all the way to Noumea and back home via Norfolk and Lord Howe Islands. It took the



plane's regular engineer in Goulburn only a few minutes to find the problem: a small piece of cellophane cigarette wrapper partly blocking the carburettor air intake!



Jim says his happiest landings were at hundreds of outback strips in all Australian states: the more remote the airstrip, the warmer the welcome.

*Above: Growler Airstrip, Havelock River, South Island, NZ. The scale and clear air can fool you: the 1883m mountain at the end of the airstrip is 10km away!*

## It's all about better communication

Managing the rosters for five Hospice shops is a large and complex task. Since November, the Roster Coordinators Kate Mitchell and Debbie Darling have been busy putting in place a new and more efficient roster system for shop volunteers.

Kate is responsible for filling shifts at the three Bowral shops, and Debbie manages the two Mittagong shops.

They meet regularly to make sure they are 'on the same page' and to share their knowledge as they work with the online rosters introduced recently on the SHCH website.

Supervisors and shop volunteers are now able to access the roster system on the website, where there are special roster pages that Debbie and Kate manage.

"This has been a huge undertaking and the biggest challenge for both of us has been getting to know all of the fantastic volunteers who work in the shops, including when they are in the shops and those who can step in quickly if things change' says Debbie.

They hope the new online set up will enable them to more rapidly and easily communicate with the ever-growing number of Hospice shop volunteers.



Debbie and Kate discuss rosters at the Mittagong Furniture shop.

When not managing the roster systems, among other volunteer activities, Debbie works as a supervisor at the Mittagong Furniture and Fashion shops, while Kate divides her time between the Mittagong Furniture and Bowral Fashion shops.

"We both love working in the shops, especially catching up with all the other volunteers and customers," says Debbie. "It's very gratifying to see the smile on someone's face when they make a special purchase from us!"

## Volunteer Voice

### Lynne Rawson

#### From-shopper, shop supervisor, Volunteer Coordinator

I well recall my first visit to the Hospice shops. I called in to offer my congratulations on the beautiful presentation of the shops and to pass on my observation that the three shops in Bowral had truly enlivened the High Street arcade. About two minutes later I left with a great silk scarf to mark the occasion!

Two years ago I became a volunteer. The experience is enormously rewarding. The volunteers are such a dedicated and energetic group. Their hard work creates the delightful shops stocked with quality merchandise. Customers consistently commend our efforts. Many visit several times a week, recognising that great finds do not last. They feel like friends and are a constant source of generous donations themselves, as are so many people in the area. In fact,

on many occasions, people who have discovered the Hospice shops on a visit to the Highlands, have returned with wonderful goods to donate on their next visit.

Working in the shops is a fantastic way to meet many lovely people. The volunteers have a hugely diverse range of experience and expertise and new volunteers are always welcome. Currently several travel from as far afield as Picton, Goulburn and Kiama. Everyone is united in the commitment to establish a Hospice for our community. I have found it particularly heartening in conversations with visitors from other parts of Australia and overseas, from areas where a Hospice exists, that they are amazed that we do not have one. All have been enormously encouraging of our endeavour.

Now I am the Volunteer Coordinator. It's a busy role in a dynamic organisation with over



250 volunteers. I still work weekly as a supervisor in the shops because I love it. We hope that 2016 will see exciting progress towards our goal. With our five shops, we always need more volunteers. If you would like to join us, please fill in the form in any of our shops or email me at [volunteers@shchospice.org.au](mailto:volunteers@shchospice.org.au). We will be very pleased to hear from you.

*Above: Lynne and Furniture Shop Manager Bruce Robertson at the Bowral Fashion Shop.*

## Christmas is a time of giving time

By **Joanne Bransdon** *Business Director*

Managing the rosters for five Hospice shops is complex and dynamic – seven days, 15 shifts per week, and more than 100 shop volunteers. When you add school holidays and Christmas and New Year into the mix, the job is even more challenging.

It's an important family time. Christmas celebrations involving lots of visitors and visits, and going away on holidays, can make filling the rosters difficult.

But, in a demonstration of fantastic goodwill and generosity, many volunteers were immediately willing to step forward and fill the gaps. A few hours after the

email went out asking if there were shop volunteers who could help out, the rosters had been filled! Quite a few people emailed and even phoned to say they could take on an extra shift or two if that was needed.

As an aside, it was a pleasant time in the shops, welcoming customers in convivial, holiday 'mode' who came into the shops with a carefree attitude to picking up a few things and making the most of their time in the Highlands.

So a huge thank you to our volunteers who were able to help. We're very fortunate and appreciative to have such support.

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Your ongoing support is part of the lifeblood of the Southern Highlands Community Hospice project. We want to acknowledge the groups, organisations, local businesses and individuals who made a monetary donation or have donated goods, prizes or services, or the proceeds from events. They include:

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- ★ IGA, Moss Vale
- ★ Interiors For You, Bowral
- ★ Joadja Vineyards & Winery, High Range
- ★ Jones, Annie

- ★ Josh's Café, Berrima
- ★ Kent, Warwick & Jan
- ★ Kich, Maria
- ★ Kinsella, Robyn
- ★ Kirkwood, Sue
- ★ Knight Bailey Property
- ★ Knowles, Philip & Jennifer
- ★ Launders, V
- ★ Le Mans Motors, Bowral
- ★ Leaver, Christopher
- ★ Lees, Helen
- ★ Lemann, J
- ★ Leonard, Diane
- ★ Levy, Gil & Christine
- ★ Light Horse Gallery, Robertson
- ★ Lin & Barrett, Bowral
- ★ Littlemore, Tim & Vonni
- ★ Lorraine's of Bowral
- ★ Lowndes, Christine
- ★ Lynch, Jennifer
- ★ Macarthur-Onslow, Jennifer
- ★ Maffey, John & Jenny
- ★ Maharaj, D
- ★ Mansfield, Ron
- ★ Markwell, Keith & Berneice
- ★ Marshall, Brian & Elizabeth
- ★ Marshall, Shirley
- ★ Martin, Judy
- ★ Matchbox Print, Bowral
- ★ McDonald, Graham & Barbara
- ★ McEachran, Robyn
- ★ McLean, Norma
- ★ Melrose IT Computer Services, Terry Hatton
- ★ Mic Mac Boutique, Bowral
- ★ Middleton, B & J
- ★ Milk Factory Gallery, Bowral
- ★ Mittagong Garden Centre
- ★ Moss Vale Golf Club, Lady Members
- ★ Moss Vale Uniting Church
- ★ Moving Mannequins
- ★ Mt Ashby Estate
- ★ Nannetti, Flavia
- ★ Newsome, Suzanne
- ★ Nield, Jim & Shirley
- ★ Nina Leon's Shoe Boutique
- ★ Nugent, Y
- ★ O'Brien, Kristy
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- ★ Onesta Cucina, Bowral
- ★ Osborn Reed, Bowral
- ★ Oxley Butchery, Bowral
- ★ Oxley Partners, Bowral, Trevor Fair
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- ★ Rankin, Diana
- ★ Raw & Wild, Bowral
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- ★ Rheinberger, Nick
- ★ Richards, Garry & Kallenberger, Niki
- ★ Rigby, Christine
- ★ Roberts, J
- ★ Robertson Senior Citizens Group
- ★ Robertson, Bruce
- ★ Rodgers, J
- ★ Rose, Mike & Marian
- ★ Rosenberg, Alison
- ★ Rosenthal, Margaret
- ★ Roundabout The House, Mittagong
- ★ Rouse, Shirley
- ★ Russell, J & M
- ★ Sallys Corner Wines
- ★ Salon 31, Bowral
- ★ Savoir Faire Hair & Beauty, Bowral
- ★ Scottish Arms, East Bowral
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- ★ Sensoria Hair Salon, Bowral
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- ★ Spence, Evie
- ★ SportsPower, Bowral
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- ★ Stammers, Keith
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- ★ Stevens, Margi
- ★ Stewart, Maggie
- ★ Stone, Larry & Anne
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- ★ Swinfield, Celia
- ★ Sydney Amateur Sailing Club
- ★ Symons, Barbara
- ★ The Bay Tree Gallery, Berrima
- ★ The Bookshop Bowral
- ★ The Highlands Sinfonia
- ★ Thomas Elite Art, Dave Thomas
- ★ Tomlinson, Clare
- ★ Tompkins, Marion
- ★ Tony Sheffield Photography
- ★ Trattoria Eccetera Italian Restaurant, Bowral
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- ★ Upton, Alexis
- ★ Vaja-Blucher, Yvonne
- ★ Valentino's For Men, Bowral
- ★ W. M. Carpenter & Associates, Bowral
- ★ Wall, John
- ★ Wallace, H
- ★ Watson, Jo
- ★ Wilder, Ken & Jean
- ★ Wood, K M
- ★ Woolworths, Bowral



We would also like to acknowledge and thank those volunteers and supporters who have been so incredibly generous with their time – there are too many of you to list here, but, you know who you are!

***if we have accidentally omitted anyone from the list above, please let us know.***

## Volunteer Voices

### Calendar shows Monday is 'Hospice Day'

By Bruce and Vivienne Price

We first heard of SHCH and its objectives at a Probus meeting back in 2013. The then Business Manager was the guest speaker at the meeting. Her presentation was well received by the club's 50 plus members who were in attendance and all agreed that a community hospice was much needed in the district.

In mid-2014, Vivienne was invited to become a volunteer and work at the Fashion shop at Mittagong. The shop is just a 10-minute walk from our home and she thought it very worthwhile way to spend a Monday afternoon.

Vivienne has done a lot of volunteering over the years and always found it a very rewarding thing to do. Even now that we are into 2016, every Monday is still marked "Hospice Day" on her calendar.

Then in July 2015, before the Furniture shop at Mittagong opened, volunteers were invited to come in and help to get the shop set up for business. That's when Bruce decided to become a volunteer too.

He helped with the set up and when the shop opened in August, he was there on the first Monday afternoon as a shop volunteer; something he has been doing ever since.

Bruce has also used his carpentry skills to make improvements at both Mittagong shops and recently finished setting up a library area at the back of the Furniture shop. This is proving very popular; there's been regular donations of 'great reads' and regular sales.

*Right: Bruce stands in front of the new library area he built at the Mittagong Furniture shop.*

*Vivienne tackles sorting donations just received at the Mittagong Fashion shop.*



## One Size Doesn't Fit All

By Cyndi Tebbell Fashion Shop Manager

Anyone who has ever shopped for clothes knows one thing for certain: sizes vary!

One designer's size 12 can be vastly different to that of another designer. Sizes have also changed over the years. A size 10 today is more in line with what a size 12 might have been a decade ago. The reasons for this are many, but they're mostly psychological. Manufacturers know that slightly increasing a size 10 to fit a woman who normally buys a 12 will make her feel better about herself. Because 'voila', without dieting or exercise, she's suddenly "dropped a dress size"!

... until she attempts to try another size 10 and discovers it doesn't fit over her head. Such are the whimsies of fashion. (The fact that there's actually a size 0 says it all!)

At the Hospice fashion shops we operate differently to normal boutiques. Because all our garments are donated, we can't control how many different sizes we keep in stock. One day we might receive many garments that are a size 8 or 10. On another occasion, garments will be larger sizes.

But every garment is unique to our shops – there's only one, not 20 in that style. That makes our shops like Pandora's Box – you never know what you might find, but whatever you do will be great quality.

We also work to ensure our fashion shops carry as wide range of sizes and styles as possible. So if you have trouble locating what you need – please ask us. We're more than happy to help you find what you're looking for.

## Offers of beautiful furniture keep flowing in

By **Bruce Robertson** *Furniture Shop Manager*

**T**he Hospice furniture shops couldn't exist without generous donations, a buyer willing to pay the price we have set, our volunteers who work physically hard to collect the furniture and bring it to the shops and the efforts of our shop sales staff.

This all starts when we take a call from a person who wishes to donate furniture – from house loads to a single item. There are also times when we have a very large donation from somebody downsizing from a large house to a more moderate size once they decide that their property is too big and demands a huge upkeep and it's time to move and make life a bit easier.

This happened recently when we were donated a huge load of the highest quality furniture of the type that we really appreciate having for sale in our shops. Progressively over a month we moved furniture from house to shops and sales were brisk due to the high quality and reasonable pricing. During that time the moving team had the privilege of working and building a relationship with this generous family.

Moving house for most people is highly stressful and there can be a deep sense of loss therefore we are conscious of how hard it is to give away items that have

good memories and a long history but cannot be moved to the smaller house.

Pricing of furniture has to be in line with the donor's expectation of its worth; after all they wish to maximise their contribution to the project. Our team has to determine a price that consumers are prepared to pay for the quality and the history of the piece being sold. To determine a fair and reasonable price we do research – online at sites such as antique and manufacturers' stores, and second hand sites, draw from the experience of volunteers who have a background in furniture and from our past sales experiences.

Furniture and bric a brac make a really major contribution to the Hospice project and we are very grateful for everything donated.



## Changes at Retro and Furniture shops in Bowral

Regular shoppers to the Hospice shops will soon see some changes at the Retro and Furniture shops in Bowral. We have permission to create a double doorway between the two shops. This will allow us to make much better use of the space in both shops, particularly in Furniture, where there will be more room to better present the stock.

Other improvements being considered are:

The changes will allow for more wall space for artwork that is in demand as we are well known for supplying

quality products. It will also allow for bric-a-brac to be displayed in low cabinets and a secure area for valuable antiques. The changes may also allow us to expand the range of goods for sale. These may include setting up a dedicated area for books, CDs, DVDs, etc and expanding the range of accessories available.

It will also make moving furniture in and out of the shop easier, which will be a boon for our furniture volunteers and for customers who wish to take their goods with them rather than having them delivered.

### CALL FOR MALE VOLUNTEERS

SHCH needs more men to help us in our furniture department, either moving furniture or working in our two shops.

Whether it's picking up furniture or selling it in our shops, this is a great opportunity to be part of a team and to meet the wonderful people who support us with such generous donations.

We are always short of men to help collect or deliver furniture and a reasonable standard of fitness is required.

If you have just three hours a week or fortnight we would like to meet you.

**For more information please contact:**

**Volunteer Coordinator: Lynne Rawson**  
0402 223 166 [volunteers@shchospice.org.au](mailto:volunteers@shchospice.org.au)

**Furniture Shop Mngr: Bruce Robertson 0438 415 356**

# Volunteering in Palliative Care: Part 1

## Dr Michael Barbato, SHCH Patron\*

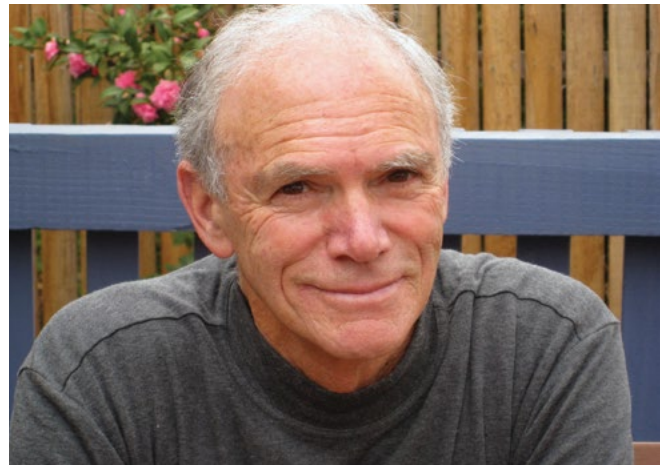
*This is the first of a three-part article; summarising a presentation Michael gave to SHCH volunteers.*

The number of people seeking to volunteer in palliative care is staggering. I regularly hear stories of applicants being told there is quite a wait, often many months, before they can commence a prescribed training course.

What draws people to commit their time and themselves to a field of care that brings them face to face with what the majority of the population dreads, namely death?

The reasons vary, but it is not uncommon to find that those aspiring to be a volunteer have been touched by death and wish to give something back to their community. At another level their experience has affected them in a way that draws them to be with people who have a life-limiting illness. It is as if their fear of death has been altered by their experience and they now seek to enter further into what is commonly called the 'mystery of death'. They wish to contribute, but also wish to learn, and it is this combination of contributing and learning that makes volunteering in palliative care so attractive and fulfilling.

Overseas studies suggest the four most common reasons people seek to volunteer are: altruism, civic responsibility, personal gain and leisure (I hardly consider volunteering in palliative care 'leisure'). In



Dr Michael Barbato

another study the main motivation was "to help ease the pain of those living with a life-threatening illness."

**Part 2 covers how palliative care volunteers can contribute.**

Dr Michael Barbato is Patron of the Southern Highlands Community Hospice, Inc. He has been in medical practice for more than 50 years and a palliative care physician for over 20 years.

**You can find the total presentation summary at [www.shchospice.org.au](http://www.shchospice.org.au) under Resources.**

## Meaning of Hospice

### *Where did the words come from?*

SHCH volunteer Clare Tomlinson recently sent in some research she had done on the meaning and derivation of the words 'hospice' and 'palliative care'. Here are her results.

The word 'hospice' is derived from the Latin *hospitare* meaning to receive as a guest.

A hospice used to be a place of rest for pilgrims and was run by an order of monks. It could also offer the same comfort to other travellers.

By mediaeval times a hospice could also be a place where ill or destitute people could find refuge. Sometimes the same place was called both a 'hospice' and a 'hospital'.

The modern distinction between hospital (for treatment of sick and injured people), hospice (for palliative care

of the terminally ill) developed gradually while a place simply for rest during travels separated out from the association with illness and became a hostel.

### *Why is it palliative care?*

Palliative comes from the *palliasse* or straw mattress that the olden day hospices provided for pilgrims to sleep on thus 'palliating' or alleviating the discomfort of bare earthen or stone floors.

Clare says: "Our Southern Highlands Community Hospice will certainly provide more than a straw mattress but it will retain the concept of alleviating or mitigating the effects of terminal illness for people regardless of their ability to pay."

"Helping this vision for the Hospice to come to fruition is truly a worthwhile goal for our own community of volunteers to work towards."