

## About us

We provide community-based specialist palliative care to patients living in the mid north, from Taupo Bay in the north to Towai in the South and coast to coast, including South Hokianga.

Anyone with a life limiting condition (not only cancer) can access support - there is no charge for our service, which includes:

- ◆ **Specialist nursing assessment, care and support in the home**
- ◆ **24 hour phone access for advice**
- ◆ **Access to advice from a Palliative Medicine Specialist**
- ◆ **Loan equipment (for patients)**
- ◆ **Liaison with GPs and other health care professionals**
- ◆ **Advice, support and education for carers.**
- ◆ **Volunteer support**
- ◆ **Grief, loss and bereavement support for family/whanau**
- ◆ **Special Time - complementary therapy for patients and caregivers**

Hospice receives up to 50 percent of its funding through Northland District Health Board. The balance needed to care for our patients is funded through the generosity of the community, Hospice shops, donations, fundraising and bequests.



## Palliative care

- ◆ provides assistance with pain and other distressing symptoms.
- ◆ affirms life and regards dying as a normal process.
- ◆ intends neither to hasten nor postpone death.
- ◆ integrates the physical (tinana), social (whanau) emotional (hinengaro) and spiritual (wairua) aspects of patients' care to help the dying person and their family/whanau attain an acceptable quality of life.
- ◆ offers a support system to help patients live as actively as possible until death.
- ◆ offers a support system to help the family/whanau cope both during the patient's illness and with their own bereavement.

*"The support was more than expected. It has changed the family's thinking about Hospice. There has not been any good past experiences with death. Our family suffers greatly from anxiety and seeing Poro die peacefully is a wonderful memory to hold on to. We have the utmost respect for Hospice."*  
(Sarah)

*"Ma Te atua Koutou E Manaaki, No Reira, Tena Koutou, Tena Koutou, Tena Koutou Katoua."*

*"The way the nurses showed me how to care for Manu meant that the two of us could have special time together without lots of others coming and going. Manu wanted to be at home and the nurses made it possible."* (Carol)

*"What we valued most from Hospice was the 'Total Package'. Just being there for support whenever we needed you."* (Naomi)

*"All Hospice nurses and staff made us feel valued as caregivers, providing support whenever we needed it, trusting our in-depth knowledge of our mum and allowing our input. I would say trust and respect were most valued."*  
(Mark)



**Te Rangimarie**—Our Special Time Cottage, Kerikeri.



*“Our love for Dad and your support made it so easy to care for him at home”.*

### **Our Vision**

By 2025 Hospice becomes sustainable and a valued /integral part of the mid north community by educating and encouraging 45,000 conversations about our service.

### **Our Core Purpose**

We provide holistic specialist palliative care and lead awareness and education about Hospice in our community.

### **The Cultural Values We Live By**

People First - *Tuatahi: te mea nui he tagata*  
Go the extra mile – *Kia anga-mua i nga wa katoa*

We are as one – *he iwi kotahi a tatou katoa*  
Always educating – *Ko tatou rite te iwi Kotahi*

Celebrate life and dignify death –  
*Whawhai tia te mate, kia rangatiratia tonu tou to*

Every dollar counts – *Ahakoia te iti te putea e pounamu te wariu*

### **How to access Hospice**

Your Specialist, GP, other health professional or your family/whanau can refer a patient to Hospice Mid-Northland.

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mid-northland  
Whare Manaaki Te Tai Tokerau