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## FLOWERS

Due to allergic reactions suffered by patients and staff, Dunstan Hospital requests that flower arrangements **DO NOT** contain lilies or other highly scented flowers.

## From the General Manager

Warm wishes to all for the holiday season. May you all enjoy a healthy summer.

This spring we marked 5 years since the new hospital opened. Since 2005, there has been ongoing work to complete the hospital upgrade, and we are very pleased we are able to maintain continuous improvement. This year the sewage system was upgraded, the site for the surgical bus was improved, the fire alarm system was tested and upgraded, and currently the roof over the old part of the hospital is being replaced.

Changes are a normal part of health service delivery and this year also saw the merger of the Southland and Otago District Health Boards, a combination of the primary health organisations in the area, and a campaign to retain neurosurgery in our region that was hugely organised and supported by the community.

The decade ahead of us will undoubtedly bring new challenges, and require innovations to address them. I wish to acknowledge the Friends of Dunstan Hospital who generously support us for small equipment needs on an ongoing basis and of course our community trust, Central Otago Health Inc. for their ongoing support. As always I acknowledge the dedicated staff at Dunstan Hospital who make all the difference to our patients.

Happy holidays.

*Dr Carol Horgan*  
General Manager



**In an  
Emergency  
Dial 111**

## Services Over December / January Holiday Season

Dunstan Hospital inpatient services will continue as usual throughout the holiday period. Admissions to hospital need to be made through General Practitioners or directly through St Johns Ambulance if an emergency occurs. The GP will assess the patient and discuss the need for possible hospitalisation with Dunstan Hospital doctors.

District nursing services will continue to be provided each day, except Christmas Day when an on call service is available. District Nurses will not go to Camping Grounds to see patients. These patients will need to arrange to see the District Nurse at Dunstan Hospital, or the District Nursing premises in Wanaka.

Occupational Therapy, Child Development Services, Medical Social Workers and Speech Language Therapy will not be available on weekends or Public Holidays.

The Outpatients Department will close on December 24<sup>th</sup> and reopen on January 17<sup>th</sup>.

*Debi Lawry*  
Nursing Services Manager

## Ventilator for Dunstan Hospital

In November Dunstan Hospital took delivery of a new ventilator. This equipment is used to provide breathing support to acutely ill patients, to help stabilise and maintain them in the best condition possible, whilst they await transfer to Dunedin Hospital. The funding for the ventilator was supplied by the Central Lakes Trust. We are delighted that, through community support, we have the ability to enhance the acute care provided to patients during a critical stage.



Registered Nurses, Lana John and Jill Hansen, with the Oxylog 3000 Ventilator.

## Friends of Dunstan Hospital

The Friends of Dunstan Hospital continue to actively support services provided by Central Otago Health Services Ltd.

Purchases in the past year have included:

- ◆ Fridge
- ◆ Data logger for chemotherapy drugs
- ◆ New chairs for the Chemotherapy Unit
- ◆ Defibrillator
- ◆ Intravenous infusion pumps

Funding contributions have been made towards the cost of major items such as the Computed Radiography System .

We are very grateful for the support of Friends of Dunstan Hospital.

## ALLIED HEALTH

Seasons greetings to all our clients from the Allied Health Team.

As the Christmas and holiday season approaches some of you may be needing equipment for family or friends staying over the holiday period. Equipment can now be hired at a very reasonable weekly cost from the Disability & Resource Centre in Queenstown. Wheelchairs and walkers cost \$10.00 per week and all other small equipment \$5.00 per week.

Contact details are Phone 0800 372 786 or you can email them at [info@drcqueenstown.co.nz](mailto:info@drcqueenstown.co.nz). The equipment will be delivered and collected from your home.

### Hospital Equipment Amnesty



**Do you have any equipment from Dunstan Hospital that is no longer in use ?**

- ◆ bathroom equipment
- ◆ chairs
- ◆ mattresses etc.

Please return it to the hospital so someone else can use it  
or Phone 03 440 4302 to arrange pickup.

## Patients must be referred to Dunstan Hospital by a GP or St John Ambulance.

Emergency services in the wider Central Otago area are provided on a collaborative basis between General Practitioners (GP's) and Dunstan Hospital.

In the first instance, anyone requiring medical attention should contact the Medical Centre for an appointment or advice.

Details of Medical Centres are published in the front of the Otago Telephone Book and 'on-call' GP's in the local newspapers.

**PLEASE NOTE:** With the exception of life threatening conditions eg. chest pain, uncontrolled bleeding or severe difficulty in breathing, patients presenting to Dunstan Hospital without a referral will not be treated.

## Mission:

To provide an integrated health service that is client / patient focused, clinically competent, efficiently delivered, well coordinated, culturally appropriate and meets the changing needs of the COHSL service areas.