

Open Letter to the Horowhenua Community,

During the last month we have been the unfortunate victim to two burglaries at our Levin Arohanui Hospice shop on Main Road South, you may have read about these. This is disappointing and some what frustrating as I am sure you understand. Our shop network collectively raises almost 40% of the funding we need to meet our annual shortfall in funding. The Hospice shops in Levin and Otaki contribute significantly to this fundraising and all of the money raised in the Horowhenua goes towards services provided to the Horowhenua community.

As a Hospice we are committed to the Horowhenua region and are committed to delivering palliative care services that meet the needs of the community. To this end, we are currently in the process of opening an Arohanui Hospice centre in Levin situated on the corner of Stuckey Street and Oxford Street (the old midwifery rooms). The new centre will provide day services to the people of the Horowhenua – enabling people to see one of our specialist team and providing services close to home – reducing the travel for patients to Palmerston North. Of course, these exciting new projects do require funding and support to enable them to take place and be successful. We are happy to invest in the Horowhenua and to continue to ensure that we meet the increasing need for palliative care services. Unfortunately, events such as these burglaries are a distraction to our current priorities and divert much needed funds from where they should be, as we make repairs to our hospice shop.

I am writing this letter to ask you as a community, to keep an eye out for unusual activity around the Hospice Shops and the new Horowhenua Centre. While we have put in extra security measures, the eyes and ears of the community are an added defence against future burglaries. If you are passing the Hospice Shops or the new Centre on the corner of Stuckey Street and Oxford Street, and if you see anything unusual, please call the Levin Police Station (06) 366 0500 (or after hours dial 111 and ask for Police) to report the activity. No heroics please – stay safe – but we would really appreciate you looking out for us!

Thank you for your support and we look forward to caring for the people of the Horowhenua into the future.

Kind regards

Clare Randall
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Arohanui Hospice