

Newsletter

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ST GEORGE'S
CANCER INSTITUTE

Greetings

Fundraising Event - Saturday 09 March 2013:

Themed a "Hot Night Out" this event promises to be a fun filled evening with **food, drink and entertainment, all included in the ticket price!**

Time: 6.00 pm – 11.00 pm

Venue: Marquees on the west lawn, St George's Hospital
Entry through 131 Leinster Road, St George's
Cancer Care Centre

The aim is to raise \$100,000 – this will help the St George's Cancer Institute towards its target of \$7 million. There will be live and silent auctions as well as balloon sales throughout the night. If you would like to make a donation for the silent auctions or balloons it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact me on 021 662 195.

If you wish to purchase a ticket please contact Dawn on 355 9763 or dawn.hinton@stgeorges.org.nz. **Ticket price is \$100 per person, all inclusive as above.**

The Fundraising Committee has been very busy planning this event - I appreciate their enthusiasm and commitment.



We also have six Probus groups booked for a tour of the Centre over the next two months. If any of you belong to a group who would like a tour, along with drinks and nibbles, (provided by St George's Hospital) we would be happy to arrange an evening for you. Groups that have been so far have found it a very informative evening.

Wishing you all a healthy 2013

Cilla Glasson

**Chair, Cancer Institute Trustees Limited and
Fundraising Committee**

St George's Cancer Care Centre: What our patients are saying after radiation treatment

As with any service it is important for us to know what our patients think and if we can improve things. We provide feedback forms in our waiting areas but also on completion of treatment, radiation patients receive a phone call from the treatment team 2 weeks after they finish. This is to assess how they are managing the side effects, how they are coping in other aspects, and also to ask if we could have done anything else for them.

Do you have any suggestions or comments to make about your treatment or the department?

- He was really happy with his whole treatment experience. He looked forward to coming in everyday and the treatment team made him feel very comfortable. He was pleased that he never felt nervous or apprehensive about treatment.

- Really enjoyed her treatment and said she found coming in for treatment was the most relaxing part of her day. She liked that there was no rushing and that there was a consistent team treating her.
- Both feel really pleased with the service. Found it to be efficient, pleasant and friendly. They were both happy with being able to find a car park space - especially after driving in from the farm and having to time the bladder filling – and never having to wait for their treatment.
- Everyone did a good job.
- She said she thought the department was fantastic, and she really liked seeing the same therapists every day treating her. It made her much more at ease and she found we had built a good rapport with her.
- She thought everyone was great and everyone was really good at answering all her questions.
- Thought the service was excellent and the way we do things, wonderful. The team was very professional and everything well done.

Staff Profile: Mary Van Schalkwyk, CT Coordinator /Advanced Planning Radiation Therapist

Radiation Therapists (RTs) are responsible for the planning and delivery of radiation treatments. Planning staff work closely with the patient's Radiation Oncologist to customise the treatment plan according to each patient's specific needs. On treatment, RTs are responsible for daily care and delivery of radiation treatments to patients.



Personal profile: I began work as a radiation therapist in 2005, after completing my studies through the University of Otago. Prior to working at St George's I worked at the CDHB and then moved to the North East of England. I continued to work and develop as a Radiation Therapist in England for a year and a half, whilst having the time of my life travelling the world.

When the St George's Cancer Care Centre opened I returned home and am now fulfilling my passion of specialising in the planning aspects of radiation treatment. Since starting at St George's in February 2010. I have had the opportunity to develop my planning skills further using our IMRT and VMAT technology to provide the best possible treatment plan for our patients. I currently also manage the CT scanning area and continually look at ways to improve the journey for our patients.

It is a privilege to be part of a team that is driven by excellence and is determined to be the provider of the best cancer care in the world.

Successes: Health Professional training

St George's Cancer Care Centre is committed to contributing to the national training of health professionals and works closely with professional groups and training institutes such as Canterbury and Otago Universities to facilitate this.

To date we have provided training for 2 intern clinical psychologists, 6 radiation therapy students and have just signed an agreement with Health Workforce New Zealand (HWNZ) and Canterbury District Health Board (CDHB) for a physicist registrar position.

Following graduation radiation therapists have the opportunity to apply for New Graduate Integration Program positions. These are 6 month positions that are funded by HWNZ and aim to provide additional support for those entering the workforce as qualified staff. Until now these were only available to the public facilities, but through extensive negotiation with HWNZ we have secured a position and our first new graduate on the program, Danielle Duff started with us in December. Danielle was a student with us during her second year of training and is very excited to be back at St George's as a qualified radiation therapist.

Garden City Rotary Club – Charity Golf Tournament



The Garden City Rotary Club is holding a golf tournament and is generously donating the proceeds to the St George's Cancer Institute. Thank you!

The tournament is being held on Friday 22 February 2013 on the Woodlands Course at the Harewood Golf Club. There will be a shotgun start at 12.30 pm.

There will be a live and silent auction after the golf, and additional dinner tickets are available at \$50 per person – dinner served at 6.30 pm.

Summary of the details below:

Sponsorship package: COST \$500

Includes

- Two green fee packages
- Free advertising on hole – Sponsor to supply advertising to Golf Club and they will display,
- Sponsors acknowledgement on table cards and on Garden City Rotary Club website
- BBQ – sausages and beer/wine
- Raffle ticket
- Golf Prizes – including a car for the first hole-in-one on a designated hole
- Meal and wine

DONATION CARD

To support St George's Cancer Care Centre, please fill out the form, including your cheque or credit card details, and post to: **St George's Cancer Institute, Private Bag 4737, Christchurch 8140.**

I will be paying by (tick appropriate)

Visa MasterCard Cheque Internet Banking

Card no _____ Expiry Date _____

Amount NZ\$ _____ Signature _____

Internet banking to St George's Cancer Institute, Account no 06-0801-0643073-00

First Name: _____ Mr/Mrs/Miss/other Surname: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ e-mail: _____

A receipt quoting the St George's Cancer Institute number CC26864 will be posted to the above address.

The Trust is registered under the Charities Act 2005 No CC26864

Thank you

Players' registration: COST: 2 alternatives:

Single player or group of four (please indicate)

\$50 per person fee includes

- Green fee
- BBQ – sausages and beer/wine
- Raffle ticket
- Golf Prizes – including a car for a hole-in-one on a designated hole

\$100 per person fee includes – all the above plus

- Meal and wine

For more information or to request a sponsorship or entry form, please contact Jacqui Macfarlane on j.macfarlane@clear.net.nz.

St George's Cancer Institute Newsletters

We trust you find the regular updates on the St George's Cancer Care Centre and the fundraising activities of the St George's Cancer Institute Fundraising Committee interesting.

As previously advised, in an effort to reduce printing costs and improve distribution, you can receive future newsletters via email. **We may already have your email address in our database, however until you give us permission to send newsletters via email, we are legally unable to do so. We encourage you to add your name to our email distribution list - please advise details:**

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