

August 2010



It has been an extremely busy year here at the Foundation hence the very late newsletter for the first half of 2010. We do hope this finds you well and keeping warm during these winter months.



Our big news of the moment is the imminent 2010 Real Homes and Garden Tour. The Tour committee has been working hard all year and it is coming together very well indeed. We have 8 lovely homes and gardens included this year and we just know you will have a fabulous day out visiting them. We do appreciate all that the homeowners are doing to make this a very special day. Tickets for the Tour are \$40.00. They are on sale now at Pohlen Hospital reception.



There is a special finale for the days end: **Wine and Cheese with Annabelle White:** This will start at 4.30pm and finish around 6.30pm. **Dalton's Plantation** has offered the venue, **Matamata New World** has offered the wine and cheese, and Annabelle has offered her time. This event is also an opportunity to re launch her very favourite recipe book. Also great timing to **grab some "signed" Christmas presents!**

Wine and Cheese tickets will be separate from the Tour tickets, and are \$20.00 per person. You must have purchased a Tour ticket to purchase a Wine and Cheese ticket. Proceeds from the day will assist the New Wing building project. We would like to thank our main sponsors for their fantastic support:

**Comag, Unichem, Professionals, Mitre 10, Harcourts, Swaps, and Daltons.**

**For additional info regarding the Tour**

- Phone Judith Challis 07 881 9100 ext 834 - office hours Wednesday to Friday 9-3pm
- Phone Mary-Anne Bretherton 07 881 9100 ext 2 Monday to Friday 8am-5pm

**2010 Ladies Luncheon at Longlands is on Friday November 26<sup>th</sup>** . We are delighted to announce Wendyl Nissen as our guest speaker. Wendyl currently writes for NZ Herald, NZ Woman's Weekly, and is a weekly commentator on current affairs and the media on Newstalk ZB. She is an author and self proclaimed "Green Goddess". For more fascinating information about Wendyl please go to her website: [www.wendylsgreengoddess.co.nz](http://www.wendylsgreengoddess.co.nz). She is very much looking forward to meeting the ladies of Matamata!



We are extremely fortunate to have the on going support of **Daltons Daisies for Pohlen**. They have done fabulous things to promote and assist the Waikato Cancer Society through Relay for Life. Since their retirement from this annual event they have fundraised for Pohlen at the Saturday Fleamarket during April to great effect. They will also be running a **raffle during October** with the proceeds to Pohlen as well. Prizes include a grocery hamper, a \$75 Villagrad Luncheon Voucher, and a \$50 Daltons voucher. Thank you Daisies!!



During May we had International Chef Peter Gordon join us for our **Dine with Peter Gordon** event. We had a wonderful dinner planned and supervised by Peter Gordon, and ably assisted by Pumice. The RED Barn was the perfect venue too. It was loads of fun and the food of course was fabulous! We raised \$16,000.00 which kick started our New Wing Building Fund. Thank you to our main sponsors on the night:



**RED BARN.**



**TRAC SPORTS BAR**

Also during May we had the **Annual Charity Golf Tournament for Pohlen**. Tony and Gail Bailey from TRAC Bar along with Keith Lunn and NZCT combined to host this event on our behalf. We were delighted that Matamata Golf Club generously waived their fees. It was also lovely to have Casey Williams join us. Thank you to everyone who assisted. Proceeds supported the 3<sup>rd</sup> Stage of the Track and Hoist project at the Hospital. This equipment provides for safer lifting for both patients and staff.

### We have been very fortunate with philanthropic grants this year:



- **NZCT** donated \$18,800.00 so as to install stage 3 of our Track and Hoist project
- **Community Lotteries** donated \$2,880 so the Hospital can continue to employ Tui Priest as co ordinator of our Outdoor Exercise Facility. She is doing a fabulous job too!
- **Lion Foundation** donated \$15,350 to assist with the fit out of the observation suite which was opened during March.



You may have seen **Tui Priest** working along side users of the new **Outdoor Exercise Facility** over the winter months. Tui is employed by the hospital as coordinator of this exercise facility. She has spent considerable time promoting this and ensuring that people are using the equipment correctly and effectively. Tui is on site every Wednesday from 11am- 12noon if you would like to chat to

her about how you could benefit from this type of exercise. Summer really is coming. Why not venture out [bring a friend] and give this exercise equipment a go. It is fun, social and you will be amazed at how quickly you see results. We really appreciated support from COGS for Tui's salary to date.



**Outdoor Furniture Wanted::** Summer is coming and we desperately need some more outdoor furniture for patients and their visitors. If you are thinking of replacing your table, chairs, or benches this year, we would appreciate donations of pre loved items. Please phone Anton on 07 881 9100 extension 833.

Best wishes from all of us here at the Foundation

see our website [www.pohlen.co.nz](http://www.pohlen.co.nz)