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Cancer Society Recognises Hard Working Volunteers

Today 16 dedicated Waikato/Bay of Plenty Cancer Society volunteers were recognised at the annual volunteer awards function.

Judy Gould, Cancer Society CEO, says the awards celebrate and acknowledge the valuable contribution made by volunteers to the Cancer Society and particularly those in the community affected by cancer.

“Not only is it an opportunity to thank those receiving awards but this provides us a chance of showing our appreciation, in a small way, to the many, many people in the community who so willingly give their time to assist the Cancer Society.”

The Cancer Society’s volunteer awards were held at the Hamilton Gardens’ pavilion with volunteers enjoying an afternoon tea and entertainment by Boogie Woogie Bugle Girls.

“The Cancer Society receives no direct government funding and relies on the generosity of donors and volunteers to continue to provide our free support services.”

Volunteer roles can range from driving people to and from appointments, visiting people in hospital and at home, providing administrative and clerical support as well as helping with fundraising events such as Daffodil Day and Relay For Life.

“Further out in the community there are also Cancer Society volunteer support groups operating with assistance from the Cancer Society.”

She says the society is always looking for volunteers who have a positive attitude, communicate well with others and can show initiative.

More ...

To get involved in your community as a Cancer Society volunteer please call 07 838 2027 or 0800 22 77 44 or visit www.cancersociety.org.nz for more information.

Award winners for 2007 were:

Long Service Awards:

Jeanne Beattie	Opotiki
Valerie Stewart	Opotiki
Shirley Bertram	Hamilton
Claire Hinton	Hamilton
Max Hodson	Hamilton

Outstanding contribution by a volunteer:

Graeme Crerar	Cambridge
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Most Dependable and Willing Volunteer:

Gavin Mclvor	Hamilton
Trevor Beatty	Hamilton
Dorothy Allison	Te Aroha
Margaret Dempsey	Te Kuiti
Raewyn Taylor	Hamilton

Most versatile volunteer:

Cushla Clare	Whitianga
Sonia Wells	Hamilton

Special Award for administrative duties:

Phillippa Aubrey	Hamilton
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Community Service Awards

“Look Good ... Feel Better”

“The Raglan Retreat”

Ends

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The Waikato/Bay of Plenty Division of the Cancer Society of New Zealand Inc is a non-profit organisation that receives no direct financial support from the Government. We are funded by bequests and donations from the public as well as fundraising activities.

We are committed to minimising the impact of cancer in our communities by providing:

- Quality support services for people affected by cancer
- Education to promote early detection and help reduce the risk of cancer
- Free information and resources on cancer
- Support for research into the causes, prevention, detection and treatment of cancer