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### **New Liaison Nurse Offers Extra Support for Community**

The Waikato/Bay of Plenty Cancer Society has increased its support services to those living in rural areas.

The appointment of two new liaison nurses ensures that those with cancer living in rural areas can easily access the Cancer Society's support services.

Vicki Donderwinkel, a registered nurse, has been employed as a community liaison nurse, covering the south Waikato and King Country areas. She has an extensive background in oncology and also holds an Advanced Diploma of Nursing.

Judy Gould, Waikato/Bay of Plenty Cancer Society chief executive, says Vicki's appointment makes a welcome addition to the Hamilton-based liaison nurse team.

"Vicki will offer another outlet of support for those people living with cancer in rural communities, working alongside and with the wider support networks available."

Cancer Society liaison nurses assist those people in the community affected by cancer, and their family and friends, by offering information, support and advocacy for other services.

"Liaison nurses facilitate regular cancer support groups, run the Living With Cancer programme through the year and offer access to a vast amount of information and support to assist people in the community affected by cancer.

"We are always working hard to grow our services to ensure that everyone in the community has access to the necessary support and information that they require. Vicki is sure to be a great benefit to many communities around the region."

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Vicki will be working in and around the following centres:

- Otorohanga
- Te Kuiti
- Piopio
- Taumarunui

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***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

