

Wellington Welfare Guardianship Trust



Newsletter

December 2017

The primary objective of the WWGT is to assist most often elderly persons, who have lost mental capacity and become estranged from family or who may have simply outlasted whanau.. When a problem arises for them there is often no one to step into to help. WWGT aim is to assist by providing a supported, trained volunteer welfare guardian.

For vulnerable persons the lack of a welfare guardian can have significant personal consequences to their quality of life.

Success in 2017

Further to our meeting in February attended by 40 representatives from a diverse range of organisations - all supportive of the need for Welfare Guardianship volunteers, we can report the Trust has successfully recruited, trained and is currently in the process of

With the systems now in place, the Trust is now in a position to increase the volume of volunteer Welfare Guardians

We have found that the most successful means of finding volunteers is via our personal

Annette King has agreed to be a Patron for Wellington Welfare Guardianship Trust

legally appointing Welfare Guardians for a small number of subject persons.

The trust has instituted regular meetings, training sessions and concentrated on establishing protocols to ensure there is a robust system around volunteer appointment.

networks, where the “need” of a subject person is outlined and a targeted approach can be made to an individual with the skill set required to undertake this role.

Our aim for 2018 is to promote this service more widely and the trust is delighted to announce that Annette King – recently retired, long serving MP for Rongotai has

Trust Objectives



1. To assist persons who lack capacity to make decisions relating to their personal care and welfare

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Requests for Welfare Guardians in 2017

2. To recruit and train suitable persons to apply for Welfare Guardian Appointments

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New volunteers in 2017

3. Provision of Education and Training to promote and mentor volunteers

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Training and Information sessions during 2017

4 To promote and educate the public on WG's

5. Activities are consistent with a charitable Trust

agreed to be a patron for WWGT.

We hope Annette's involvement will assist the Trust in promoting and educating the general public on Welfare Guardianship

The informative website firstly developed by the Otago Trust <https://welfareguardians.nz> is creating enquiry from around New Zealand, and we have fielded multiple enquiries from other regions very eager to see the establishment of a similar trust within their locations.

We are of course happy to support these regions with provision of shared information resources and advice. Currently our volunteers are focused primarily in Wellington and the Hutt Valley.

Looking ahead 2018

Our initial focus in providing volunteer WG was to meet the need in the aged care sector as that

was where the expertise of the trust was focused.

We have had applications from one person whose disability resulted from an accident and another who has an enduring mental illness.

Our approach is to welcome applications for a Volunteer WG from anyone who has this need. We will be reliant on whether the volunteers available are willing to take a particular subject person on. This may be affected by the travel distance to the residence of the subject person, the degree of comfort with the circumstances of the subject person, and of course the caseloads of the volunteers available.

The trust aims to recruit more volunteers during 2018 and will institute a campaign starting early in the year to increase the volunteer base.

Volunteer thank you!

We held an afternoon tea for Trustees and Volunteers to socialise and meet this month. A lovely sunny afternoon it was enjoyed by all, with wonderful fare prepared by Beau a Thai Cordon-Bleu Institute student who donated her time to prepare some beautiful food!



Trustees of the Wellington Welfare Guardianship Trust as at 2017

Dr Ben Gray Vicki Wilde Annette Gray Darien Mahony Roz Fraser



For further details on the Trust please refer to our website

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