

Road Map for application for Welfare Guardianship.

By George Maylam

How I set about applying for guardianship and my thoughts.

1. Fill out all the forms
2. Get the Doctors report from the medical centre... I rang and asked for it did NOT make an appointment BUT had to pick it up in person.
3. Get a JP to sign off the Statutory Declaration on the last page
4. Attend an interview with the residents Solicitor

Further to the above I was sent the following set of guidelines from the Family Court. Some of the following may not apply in all situations but here it is in full.

The family court judges in Christchurch have decided to issue this set of guidelines to assist in ensuing a more expeditious processing and hearing of applications

In general, applicants and solicitors for applicants should provide the following with the initial application:

1. A memorandum setting out the names and addresses of the spouse, if any, and children, if any, of the person, or stating that there are none and, where the persons spouse is deceased, the date of death of that spouse.
2. An affidavit or reasonably detailed medical report from a medical practitioner addressing the degree of incompetency of the person as well as the nature of the persons illness or disability and whether he or she is capable of understanding the nature of the proceedings. The affidavit or report should state whether the person wholly or partly lacks competence and, if partly, those areas in which the person does or may have competence.
3. A memorandum listing in reasonable detail the persons assets and liabilities of the person with government valuations of real property and bank

account numbers and approximately credits in bank accounts WHERE THESE ARE KNOWN.

4. A memorandum as to any dispositions in the persons will with which the exercise of any of the proposed powers might conflict. The date of the will should also be given and, if it is not for some reason inappropriate, a copy of the will should be lodged on the basis that it will be returned when the application is finally disposed of. A copy of the will, if it is to be filed, should NOT be attached to any document which may be issued for service.
5. A memorandum specifying the powers sought for the proposed manager in a property application with reference to the First Schedule of the Act. It is generally not appropriate to seek all the powers set out in the schedule as the act requires that any order made shall interfere to the least possible extent with the subject persons rights.
6. Here the application is filed by a solicitor there should be a clear statement as to whether the solicitor has received instructions from the person or is acting on his or her own initiative or has received instructions from a member of the family of the person or from some other persons.

Breaking News:

Identify tours has come to Dunedin!

The focus of Identity tours is to provide a growth encouraging experience for people, in which they are able to travel and socialise with people from different cultures.

Identity tours has been providing services to the Christchurch people for many years and are now moving into the Dunedin market and offering their services initially to Hawksbury. For information contact the Senior Support Staff of the home.

Donations and Support

Hawksbury Community Living Trust is a registered charity (Charity Number: CC21582) and is funded by the Government to cover day-to-day running costs only. Doing anything above that gets harder and more expensive every year. For that reason we, and those we support, are enormously grateful when family members, businesses and the general public support our activities financially.

There are several ways individuals can help including Direct Donations or leaving a Bequest in a Will.

Full details on how this can be achieved as well as how we use and manage funds raised can be found on our website www.hawksbury.co.nz

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Hawksbury News

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Twenty five years - it can't possibly be can it?

By Richard Thomson - Board Chair

That means when Hawksbury launched its first home I was still slim and dark haired. My knees worked much better too. Can we go back please! But seriously, twenty five years is a hell of long time and a big chunk of anyones life. Yet it seems to have passed in the blink of an eye. I can still recall the then manager of Cherry Farm Hospital (and my good friend) Peter Bradshaw arriving on my doorstep one evening to tell me that there were some parents who wanted to set up a Trust to take over the care of their relatives when Cherry Farm closed but they just needed someone to give them a bit of a hand for a few months and would I?

Three months has kind of expanded I guess but I have really enjoyed the achievement of getting this thing off the ground with no money but a lot of dreams. And whilst we still have the dream its nature has changed over the years. We have continued to grow our thinking and how we do things. We have changed from all large group homes to much more intimate living environments. We have branched into supported living options. We have always tried to ask ourselves - why are we doing it this way and what do we need to adapt. And we have always tried to put our residents and their families first.

I used to joke at the beginning that we needed to aim for an "upper middle class lifestyle" because our residents had already drawn the short straw in life and I wasn't prepared to make it shorter. I think we have largely achieved that (although no one gets it 100% right). Of course we have had our share of tests along the way. Early on, when our bank discovered we only had one year contracts they pulled the pin on the mortgage a week out from Xmas. That was a moment! Only one of the big banks was prepared to talk to us and they are still supporting us now.

The Christchurch quakes were a huge test for us and one that has really only finished in the last few weeks as we moved from Pages Rd to Beach Grove. Money has almost always been an issue but we have got by through good stewardship, and the enormous support of a very dedicated group of staff and some fantastic management. And of course through that journey we have been blessed with a Board that has stayed the journey. People like Graham Spence (longer serving than me), and our recently retired treasurer Paul Glass who did 20 years plus. It's been great fun, and many times a bit of a worry, but I wouldn't trade the last 25 years for anything (well perhaps I'd take back the waistline and the hair colour!)

Staff Forums

At the end of June, we held our annual staff forums, with a great turn out in Dunedin and Christchurch. We had a busy agenda discussing the code of rights, senior's appointment in homes, the strategic plan and an afternoon session focused on any questions or queries from support staff.

It was also a great opportunity for the Leadership Team to announce who had been selected to attend the New Zealand Disability Support Network 2018 Conference in Wellington to acknowledge their ongoing support and dedication to their roles.

Christchurch, Luz Mata, Elaina Peters and Lisa Wan
Dunedin, Raywyn Ford and Kerilee Birtles.

In Dunedin, the average length of service for support staff was 10 years and in Christchurch, 5 ½ years.

We recognised the following people for their long service with Hawksbury

5 YEARS

Pio Palma and David McLean

10 YEARS

Lisa Wan, Vanessa O'Neill, Pat Webb, Sifiso Gwaze & Verna Thomson

15 YEARS

Fran John and Moyra Hobson

20 YEARS

Jillian Pearce & Donna Terry

SEE THE PHOTOS INSIDE!

Introducing Senior Support Staff



**Donna Terry
Bennington Way**

I am married with 2 grown up children. Tracey my daughter is a Vet and has 2 sons, Gareth my son is a Civil Engineer in Australia.

I have worked for Hawksbury Trust for 20 years, mainly at Rochford Place and most

recently at 4 and 6 Bennington Way.

In the last few months I have stepped up into the role of Senior Support Staff at Bennington Way which I am enjoying and the challenges it brings.



**Manta Deep
William Brittan**

I have been working for the Trust for over 2 years. I am now Senior Support Staff at William Brittan. I love my job. I have done B. Pharmacy and a Graduate diploma in Infection prevention and control level – 7. I enjoy

watching movies, spending time with family and friends, going for drives. I love cooking especially new type of foods.



**Dorothy Timario
Condell Avenue**

I am originally from the Filipino. I speak English, Filipino and French. I have a Diploma in Counselling and Family Therapy (Level 6) and Certificate in Health and Wellbeing (Level 2). I have worked for Hawksbury since

November 2015 and recently moved into the role of Senior Support Staff at Condell Avenue.



**Emma Aitken
Avonhead Road**

I am 34 years old and enjoy the gym, rugby and, Dragon boat racing that I do competitively. I have two fur baby's Tess and Mishka both Siberian huskies.

I have been employed with Hawksbury Trust since April 2017. I have worked across

different fields such as supporting people with Huntington's and other neurological diseases. As well as supporting teenagers with challenging behaviours and supported them to be a part of the community on a daily basis.



**Margo Short
Gordon Road**

I am the Senior Support Staff working at Gordon Road, I support Kathy Batten the Dunedin Team Leader in ensuring the Gordon Road and Church Street homes are running smoothly and the

people supported are having their needs met.

I have worked for the Hawksbury Community Living Trust for 19 years in various positions in all of the homes the Trust have run in Dunedin and now know all of the people supported in Dunedin.

My outside interests include Family, Sugar Art and Cake Decorating, Politics and Growing Orchids.



**Wendy Deans
Gladstone Road**

I am married to Barry for 39 years. I have a 31 year old son living with his partner in Australia. My 29 year old daughter married recently and I became an instant Step Granny. I have a little dog who enjoys taking me for a daily

walk. I am happy to have had the privilege of working for Hawksbury for 16 years and have met some lovely people though this association.



**Vicki Astle
Centre Street**

I have 3 adult children and 5 grand- children. I love spending time with all my family and often have family meals at my home to catch up. I do a lot of baking and knitting for the kids. I love long walks and up until this year my wee dog, Beckie

would go walking with me for hours, but now 15 years old she no longer copes.

I also take great proud in my home and garden which I built 3 years ago. As a very energetic person I love my work and being busy.



**Manuel Jesus Evora
Ranginui Drive**

I am a husband of a lovely wife and a father of 11yr old & 4 yr old boys. I have a degree in nursing and have been with the Trust for 8 months now. I enjoy my work giving love, care and support for people with different needs uplifts me.



**Kirby Malasaga
Gainford Street**

I am a Philippine Registered Nurse and qualified NZ counselor. I was previously employed as a service co- ordinator in RDNS, Auckland and a tutor. I love playing volleyball and socialising with friends.



**Don Montana
Oxley Avenue**

I am married with one son. I have previously worked as medical representative, private nurse, and a hospital nurse. My college background is Medical Technology and Nursing.

Staff Forums



We were very fortunate in Dunedin that a donation from the family of the late David Smith paid for the staff forums.

Dunedin Workplace Communication, Literacy and Numeracy

Laura Franklin (Trainer)

The course is to build skills in communication, reading, writing, technology or maths. People choose which areas to work on. The goal is to help the people in everyday life.

For many people, it is the first time they have studied since they left school. Often they were bullied or told they could not learn and have not had good experiences in education.

We have a celebration half way through and a graduation at the end. The graduation is a milestone for them. For most it is the first time they have received a certificate and finished a course.

Here are some nice comments from the group. drawing the money out. I learn."

"It's good. I am learning my name, address, phone number, date of birth. Learning notes and coins. Letters. How to read. I like it".

