

Part of Our Community

A group of women in Otaki devoted to fundraising are contributing thousands of dollars to their community every year.

The Otaki Women's Community Club was formed from the demise of the Otaki Lioness Club 10 years ago.

The club's 40 members are aged 40 to 90 years. There are no subscriptions, just a determination to support the town they live in.

The popular Sunday markets held every fortnight on the Main Highway, which had been started by the Lioness Club, were doing well so these became their main fundraising project, supplemented by smaller projects during the year.

Fundraisers extraordinary



The Otaki Women's Community Club's most dedicated supporter has manned a stall for all of the market's 17 years. Harry South, (right) who made bead bracelets, has just turned 100 years old and has only just relinquished his spot opposite the club's sausage sizzle.



The popular market attracts 60 stallholders selling craft, food, produce and bric-a-brac to the hundreds of regulars and passers-by who visit.

They have paid out an average of \$13,000 to \$15,000 each year to the Arohanui Hospice, the St John Health Shuttle, rescue helicopter, the Cancer Society, school groups and individuals. Each year they give two \$750 prizes to Otaki College pupils.

The club is preparing for another major fundraiser in November, a garden walk with the proceeds going to the St John Health Shuttle and the rescue helicopter. There will be 13 gardens to visit around Otaki. Refreshments will be available at one and there will be plants and raffles for sale.

The garden walk will be held on November 2, 10am-4pm. Tickets are \$10.

Contacts:

Craft fair – Sherryl Gray, phone 3646267

Garden walk – Cathie Cole, phone 3648673.

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