

She believed she could so she did



Lee Pepping

Happy retirement.....



Strive Rehabilitation at
Hawke's Bay

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PHOTO GALLERY



Westpac
HAWKES BAY
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Business Awards
FINALIST

PHOTO GALLERY (cont...)



LEE'S FAREWELL'S

Formal Farewell By Maxine Bevin

The last week of February saw several farewell events for Lee (Pepping), Service Manager, who retired on 28.02.2018. A formal function was held on Tuesday afternoon which was attended by local and national Trust members, EIT staff, work colleagues, whānau and friends.

Victor Saywell, Jan Henry, Maxine Bevin and Susan Jacobs all spoke of Lee's able leadership and management of the Stewart Centre @ EIT (now Strive Rehabilitation @ Hawke's Bay) over the last 19 years. It was great to be able to acknowledge Lee's significant contribution to the establishment and growth of the service.

Lee talked of her experiences during key her role as manager of the rehabilitation service and thanked key people.

Lee was presented with gifts and flowers to mark the occasion and to thank her for all she has given both professionally and personally to this wonderful service.

Enjoy your retirement, Lee! Ka kite ano.



Victor presenting Lee with a gift



Four lovely ladies who have been great friends of Strive Rehabilitation @ Hawke's Bay/Stewart Centre @ EIT for years



Lee admiring the painting by local artist Raewyn Harris

Farewell Morning Tea with Clients & Family

On Wednesday 28 February it was Lee's last day as the Service Manager and we had a special morning tea/lunch with clients and family to help her celebrate.

We started off with speeches then we presented Lee with a huge hamper full of goodies like a massage voucher, plant voucher, a selection of oils & chutney's, nuts, olives, jams, honeys & a lot more goodies. As well as a cork noticeboard, flowers & an album which people had signed.

Seth did a blessing then we had a delicious finger food lunch thanks to Kim & Maria, finished off with ones of Kim's divine fruit cakes (see the photo below).

Thank you to everyone who came & joined us in wishing Lee nothing but the best for the future.



Half eaten cake but you still get an idea how good it looks



Speeches



YUM!

THANK YOU LEE By Victor Saywell

It is with best wishes that we all farewelled Lee to a well-deserved retirement at the end of February. Lee has been with Strive Rehabilitation @ HB (or the Stewart Centre @ EIT as we have known it for most of that time) since the very beginning, 19 years ago. As Service Manager she has lead and developed a very capable team that has provided brain rehabilitation services to clients through many changes, growth and challenges.

On behalf of the trustees, we have been very appreciative of the way she has worked to deliver services and manage the organisation. The feedback from external stakeholders has always been strongly supportive and this was reiterated again during the rebranding recently to Strive Rehabilitation.

One of the hallmarks of Lee's leadership has been the way she has supported the innovation and ideas of the team as they have sought to provide the best client care and develop new services over time. This has included developing excellent quality systems in conjunction with our sister trusts in Gisborne and Manawatu together with the national trust and the strong peer relationships developed and maintained over time. Lee will be remembered most for the very genuine way she worked with all people to achieve the best outcomes for clients and whanau, responsiveness to funding and other agencies, and high satisfaction in their work for staff.

Thank you Lee. We wish you an enjoyable retirement!



WOMEN'S GROUP NECKLACE FOR LEE By Annie Spiekerman

The **Women's Group** was adamant to present Lee with a gift for her retirement. A **token of our appreciation** to Lee. After some **brainstorming**, the group decided it needed to be something that would fit everyone's name. We looked at several jewellery options such as Deb Bell Design in Hastings; she has beautiful things but a bit out of our price range. It was decided to go to **St Beads**.

We were early and ready to start but when we got there, the shop was closed. Lucky for us there is a café next door and we could have a drink before getting to work. When at St Beads everyone got their own bowl and **picked the beads** they liked, we brought them together at the table and started to mix and match to **create the necklace**. The **flower** with its **10 petals** was perfect as it fitted all **10 names** of the people whom created the necklace.

Lee wore the necklace on her farewell party and I have to say it did look very nice.



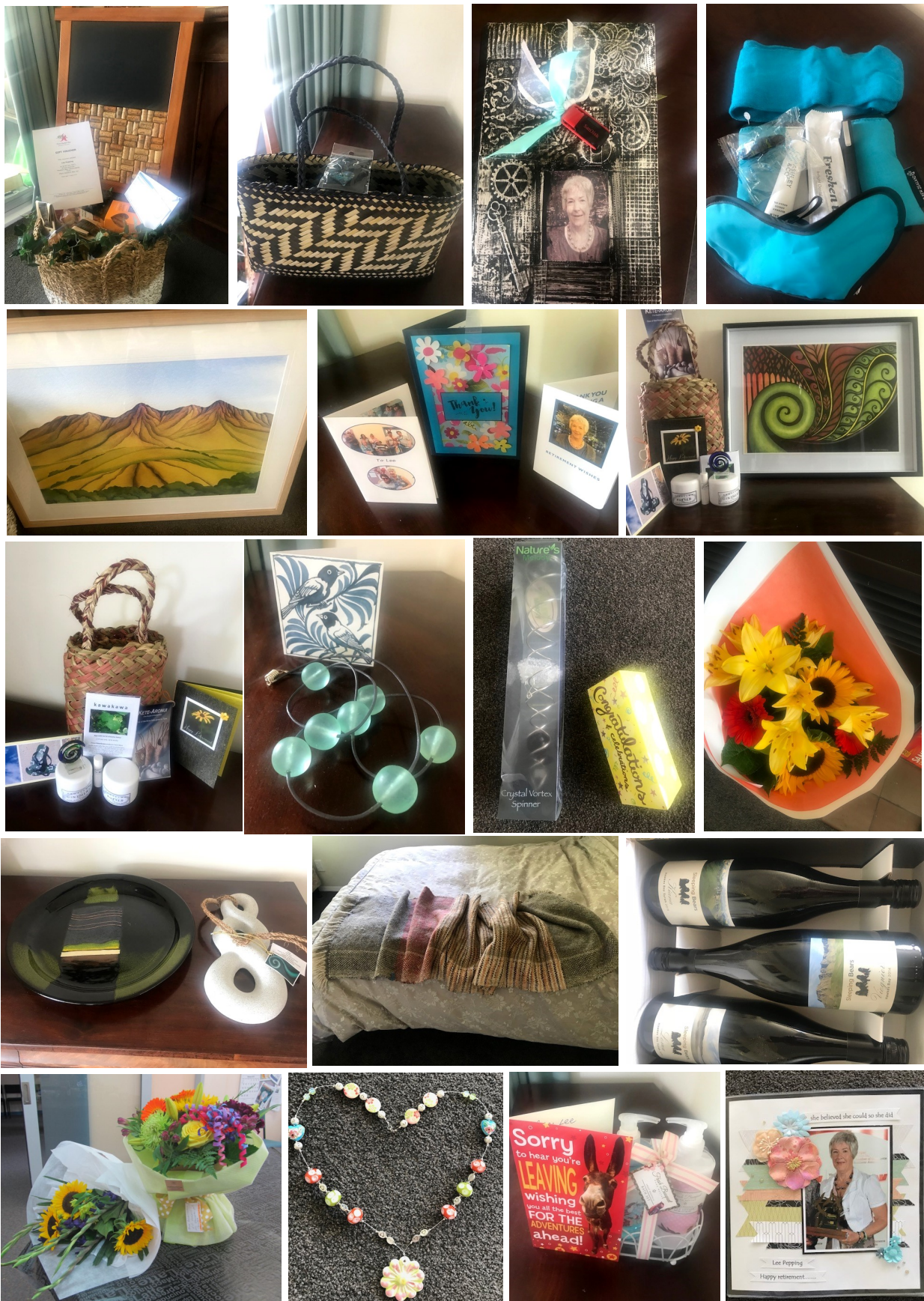
Designing the necklace in St Beads



Lee wearing the necklace on her last day

LEES GIFTS

Lee received some beautiful gifts from people and she was a bit worried as she didn't want to appear 'showy'. But Lee I think we can all agree that after **19 years** of being such a **fabulous manager**, you definitely **deserve them**.



FAVOURITE MEMORIES OF LEE

I was trying to think of a different heading that didn't make it sound like Lee had just passed away but sorry Lee, I couldn't come up with anything else.

We asked people around Strive rehabilitation Hawke's Bay what their favourite memory of Lee was and here is what they had to say.

*Lee's personality, she's very supportive. **Ruth***

*She was quietly working away in the background. Always good at her job. **Carol***

*Like a sister/mother figure. Always made the right decision for Stewart Centre @ EIT/ Strive Rehabilitation @ Hawke's Bay. **Raymond***

We're all going to miss her.

*She has supported me in the community outside of normal working hours. **Steven***

*Toot-to-da-toot. **Maria***

*So many memories of tower building days and fun times on the trips especially up Mt. Ruapehu in the snow, posing on skis pretending we were champions! Thanks for all the chats, laughs, support and aroha. **Mary***

On the trips Lee can sit and read a book (or two) while we are travelling along. I don't know how she can do that.

*She was like my mother, we never disagreed or had a fight. **Lindsay***

*Good heart. **Jarod***

When we went shopping in Tauranga and they only had underground parking. We sat in the entrance way deciding whether we should go or not (the height of the van). We decided to give it a crack. It went crunch as the van hit the roof. After laughing, Lee had to get out and direct me out of the carpark without doing more damage.

*Making beds with Lee in the EIT Marae soon after I first started. Lee making it the kiwi way and me doing it the Dutch way, made it a very interesting experience. **Annie***

*Since my stroke, I struggled with reading and put it in the too hard basket. Lee played an instrumental part in reigniting my passion for reading and working through the barriers so I have now read 10 books in 6 months. I will never forget this. I feel it's one of my biggest achievements since relearning to walk again. Thank you Lee. **Anita***

FAVOURITE MEMORIES OF LEE (cont...)

Women's Group

She was always working behind the scenes.

It was nice to see your happy smile every day.

Lee was helpful to me when I had a stroke and moved to Hawke's Bay to be with my family.

It was fun going on a trip to Coromandel with Lee.

When she found a piece of driftwood on her travels just like I normally do and the expression of joy on her face was so welcome and full of life and I will miss that.

I had great fun with Lee on the bike at The Waterworks in Coromandel.

I appreciate all the hard work Lee has done for me.

Lee was always happy to us and really friendly.



FROM THE APHASIA PROJECT TEAM

Love you

Take care

Welcome to retirement

Thank you

Too-da-loo



Confident Communication

Key words about Lee

- Participation
- Positivity
- Helpful
- Encourages
- Sense of humour
- Generous heart
- Funny

Messages for Lee on her retirement

- You are going to be very sadly missed
 - Farewell
- Be happy in your retirement
 - Don't forget to visit us
 - Only up from here
- Keep "Strive" in your contacts



Photos of Lee and Confident Communication at Christmas 2017

LEE'S GIFT FOR STRIVE REHABILITATION @ HAWKE'S BAY

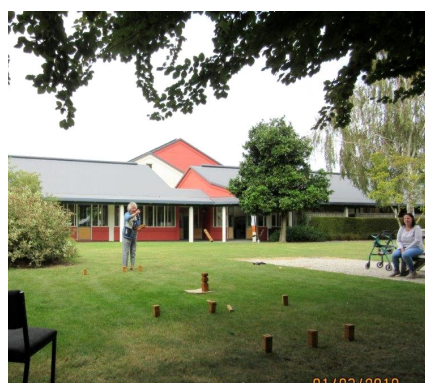
Lee gifted Strive Rehabilitation @ Hawkes Bay with a new game - **Kubb** which is a **Sweedish** throwing game similar to **bowling** or **petanque**.

The **Women's Group** had a game last Friday and said it was a lot of fun.

Thank you Lee.

Below the address for the Kubb Brothers website which tells you a little bit more about the game.

www.kubb.co.nz



BEST WISHES

Harae rā