



Spring 2021

Welcome to all Members, Friends and New Members



This photo is of our dog bubble Oakie, Saffy, Lilli and Thumpa. Regards Ann Evans



To a lot of us Daffodils represent Spring.

Ann Evans has sent us a photo of her dogs amongst the Daffodils for the past few years now. It seems perfect to feature them on the cover.

This year she has added her two sweet little pet lambs. Aren't they gorgeous? Ann says she is going to plant another 400 bulbs for next year. Thank you Ann for the lovely photos.



President's Report September 2021

I hope this finds you, your families and dogs safe and well during what certainly feels like uncertain times yet again. It seems like yesterday we held our AGM and our lives were close to "normal".

I wish to thank you all for your continued support and let's hope we can resume visiting soon. The committee and I are mindful of how the Covid pandemic is impacting on the lives of rest home residents, hospital and hospice patients and staff in these facilities and of course on you as members. We are in contact with relevant organisations and will keep you informed.

In June my husband and I said goodbye to Piers, our beautiful Golden Retriever who had been part of our family since 2014 when he came to us after retiring from the world of dog showing, having gained Australian and NZ Show Champion status. It quickly became apparent he would be ideal for Canine Friends with his bombproof and gentlemanly temperament, so he embarked on a new career. We visited Summerset By The Lake here in Taupo for five years, attended two memorial services there and was very much loved by all who knew him. Our friends called him "The Statesman" and "Dreamboat" which say it all. He also featured on the front cover of a DogsNZ Dog World magazine – a lovely photo of him on a windswept Paraparaumu Beach. He has left our home but will always be in our hearts.

Last month I attended the NZ Society of Diversional and Recreational Therapists conference in New Plymouth and showed our Power Point Presentation and spoke to an audience of 160 invitees. We were also asked to run two workshop type sessions with a local member/dog team going through a mock assessment. This provided the therapists with an insight of what we expect from both owner and dog.

Please remember our Volunteer Mentor service offered to all members but particularly to those after their first visiting experience. This is a complimentary phone service which can be arranged by first emailing VolunteerMentor@caninefriends.org.nz

This is also available to any member needing support, for example after a health and safety incident, being asked about euthanasia, or feeling overwhelmed or emotional about your role, or any other concerns. Further information is available under the Members Only section of our website.

Vicky Graham

President



Lovely photo of Vicky Graham & Piers

Thank you Christina

Hello Christina, Gary & Kairo and Belinda & Bella

On behalf of the National Committee, we would like to formally acknowledge you and your dogs for the help you provided our President (Vicky Graham) at the NZSDRT Conference over the weekend.

This was a very important conference for us, as it brought together a significant number of Diversional Therapists and was the first time that we could promote pet therapy directly to the DTs for their consideration.

Vicky said that your dogs were **AMAZING** and did a great job coping with the new environment, people and the questions you received. Regards Leanne



A photo of us Christina, Gary and Kairo.

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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdnZJ4LaiApt2bLpdssY2rA>
3. Up to date photos and outings on our Face book page

Thank you to all the Members and Liaison Officers who have contributed to the articles in this Newsletter. However, please keep sending the photos of new members & their dogs but please remember if you take photos of residents you must have a Photo Permission Form signed. We cannot print any photos or stories without prior permission. Editor

In Memorium - lovely Nesta

Nesta was a Saluki X Labrador with a very gentle nature.

Nesta was a Registered Therapy Pet in the UK but then did not have a lot of opportunity to put it all into practice until coming to New Zealand where we welcomed Swetlana and Nesta to become a team for Canine Friends in the Manawatu in 2016. Their first visiting started at Summerhill Resthome but found that Linton Camp Ruahine Kindergarten was more for them and became a weekly visitor there until recently. He just loved the young children there.

They also joined us in many events. Nesta has been at A&P Shows, Harvest Festivals plus many student facilities but UCOL was a favourite, and we still see Swetlana, as she is studying vet nursing there now to continue her love of animals and other visits.

Swetlana said "My dog Nesta has always given me so much love and happiness and where better to be able to share this with facilities under the Canine Friends Pet Therapy Banner."

Just recently Nesta succumbed to old age and stiffness in the joints and was unable to thus participate in regular visits and we all wish him well as he crossed over the Rainbow Bridge on 6 March 2021. Regards Ann Evans



Nesta at
the Marton
Harvest
Festival on
March 17

Thank you
so much for
your service



Gulf views Rest Home
22 Selwyn Rd
Howick
Auckland 2010.

We have been so lucky to have had Sue and Roger bring Ollie to our rest home for the past 2 years (approx.)

I would love for you to pop a few photos and a little story in your magazine if you have room.
Sue and Roger have been fantastic keeping in touch over the lock down periods with messages and photos to our residents.

Last ANZAC day was very different for us all and we received a heartfelt message from the family that really lifted the residents spirits.

Yesterday Monday the 26th April 2021 a public holiday I received a text from Sue asking if they could take Ollie in for a visit to the home . Yes please, of course, was the reply .
Sue and Ollie have become friends to the Gulf views residents and they soo look forward to seeing Ollie and his owners.

The past two Christmas' we were also happy to have a visit from the two granddaughters much to the delight of our residents . Please see attached photos .

Contact
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Activities Co Ordinator
Gulf Views Rest Home
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Yesterday • 10:24 PM



Hi Pam. We are hoping everyone is keeping well and free of the virus ❤️. It has certainly been an interesting month and we are looking forward to getting back to some 'normality'. We loved the article Simeon did with Eric for ANZAC day and we just wanted to send you a photo of our tribute. We are missing our visits to Gulf Views and we look forward to when we can see everyone again but in the meantime please pass on our regards to all the residents and staff. Xx.
Roger, Sue & Ollie.



Ollie sharing his absolute Love. Such warm feelings to be so appreciated.



The Hutt regional team would like to share our Founders Day with other members. Please [click here](#) to see a collection of our favourite photos. Photographs provided by Nick Withers.

Please "click on" as you will see some great photos of the Hutt Valley Group playing games, having their Certificates awarded and enjoying Eileen's company. What a wonderful occasion to have Eileen Curry (Founder) present. We were so fortunate. Editor



Out & About visit to Ranfurly Residential Care Centre in Feilding

June 24 Thursday: We were invited to a concert at Ranfurly Residential Care Centre in Feilding. When we arrived, we found out we were double billing with our very own Kiwi Vicki Lee an international performer specialising in Vera Lynn era songs. Vicki attended Vera Lynn's 100-year birthday over in England and is a very sought-after singer internationally and even wrote a song for

Vera Lynn who passed away 1 year ago, celebration in England and a statue is being formed of her to sit overlooking the famous Cliffs of Dover. Seven dogs attended this performance and received many pats and cuddles during the performance.

Her first song was "How much is that doggie in the window" especially for us and then she sang all the great wartime songs which was just fabulous for all the residents plus fancy afternoon tea for all. Kaye and Ann



Ann, Kaye & their Group definitely have many varied and unusual outings

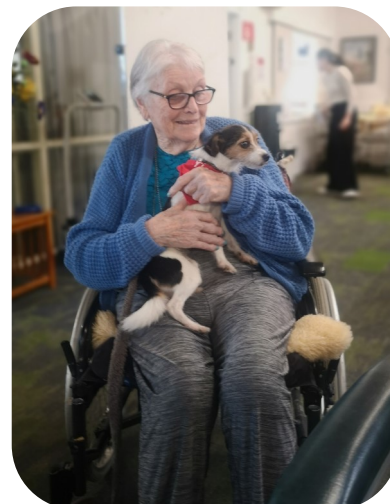
Retirement Home, Ons Dorp. Visits by Matilda van Rijnberk with her dog, Tandy (Auckland)

My tiny rescue dog Tandy and I are regular visitors to Ons Dorp in Henderson, Auckland. Since I am Dutch and Ons Dorp has many Dutch residents and staff as well, it seemed a good idea for me to go there.

Some of the residents are now starting to know and recognise me and Tandy, while others never remember seeing us before and we are new to them every time they see us. Some of the residents I visit in their rooms and we talk about a lot more than just my dog. Often they have owned dogs themselves and they tell me about them. I try to interact with as many of the residents who like dogs as I can and we usually stay for about an hour before lunchtime.

The fact that Tandy is very small and also nice and calm, makes it possible for people to have her on their lap and pat her. I do own three small dogs though, all rescues from the SPCA, the council shelter and a private rescue, and Brody has learned a large array of tricks. I knew it would be fun for the residents and also for Brody and me to show some of his tricks off, so I discussed it with the office. They agreed wholeheartedly and we decided on a day in the near future that would suit them and me.

A group of residents sat in a circle, with Brody and me in the center. I had given my phone to someone else to take some photos of us. We worked through most of our tricks and Brody did very well. He loves his food and all his focus was on me, while in the circle of chairs and wheelchairs with residents watching us! I think they really enjoyed it! Matilda



Manawatu Founder's Day Celebration

Our Manawatu Founders Day was held on Sunday 13 June at the Feilding Dog Training Club Grounds. We met at 11am, had a couple of games including an adapted version of musical chairs and fetch games including hats, balls, rolled newspaper, paper plates, kiwifruit, snacks to mix everyone up followed by making lunch for our canines. Their lunch was a smorgasbord of goodies including pieces of cheese, sausage, apple, carrot duck tenders & Ziwi snacks where their owners plated them up to take outside and in a group the dogs all sat with their party hats on and waited for their lunch.

Great fun for canines and persons. We then banqueted on a shared lunch followed by cake and the presentation of certificates. Unfortunately, Marilyn our 10 year recipient, had a prior engagement so one of our 8 years of service Rachel cut our cake. We then enjoyed a leisurely walk around the park. The day was bright and sunny and everyone had a great time including our young ones. We had 25 dogs there at some point in the day. Bridget although now not a member due to her health and age but had visited for longer than I know and has a certificate to prove it also joined us with 2 of her corgis which was also a special time for her as well as us.

I, personally, visited Nelson St Residential Care Home and surprised Marilyn and Ruby with their 10 year certificate and the residents loved the special occasion. Marilyn has been a weekly visitor first with Bella and now with Ruby throughout her ten years, visiting Wimbledon Secure Unit firstly, then branched out to be in the Resthome and Hospital units as well. Marilyn asked for a change so now alternates her weeks between Wimbledon and Nelson St Residential Care and



Marilyn receiving her 10 yr Appreciation Certificate with Ruby





Friendly & caring environment

Ranfurly Manor like all the other care facilities activity encourages family/whānau, friends and community volunteers to be part of events and the lives of residents. We strive to create a quality and genuinely caring environment for residents, their family/whānau and friends.

Ranfurly Residential Care Centre in Feilding have produced a new website and handbook for potential residents. One page tells the story of a friendly and caring environment and shows Thumpa doing what he loves to do

Ann Evans (What a lovely compliment to both of you as well as Canine Friends) Editor



Zara and Mocha are Kaye's two dogs with their facemasks on ready to go out and about. Kaye is LO Manawatu



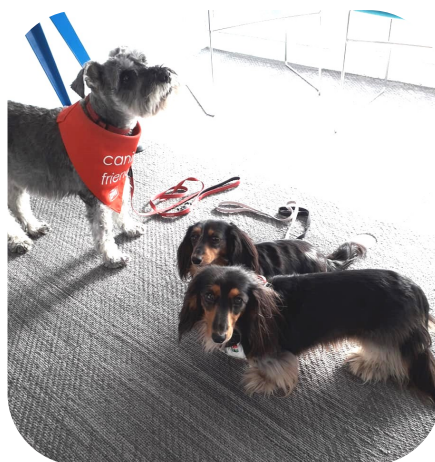
Kazan on the 7th floor Fitzherbert Rowe Lawyers



Feilding Lawyers visited by Thumpa, Mishka and Biggles



Fitzherbert Rowe Palmerston North visited by Kazan, Mouse, Brody, Zara, Mocha and Murphy



Law Offices Palmerston North visited by Murphy, Zara and Mocha

A request from Fitzherbert Rowe lawyers in Palmerston North was attended by 6 dogs on Tuesday 6 July which then snowballed to the Law Offices in Palmerston North & 2 dogs visited here (Friday 9) and then at the Fitzherbert Rowe offices in Feilding (Wednesday 14) where 3 dogs were over patted and put a distinct hold to work while we were there.

Ann and Kaye

Out & About in Palmerston North

On Thursday 17 June five dogs and their owners attended the **Mid-Winter Christmas Party at Aroha Resthome in Palmerston North**. Dressed for the occasion they were loved by all as they enjoyed a lovely Xmas dinner and pats afterwards

Kaye LO Palmerston North



On Thursday 8 July six dogs attended the **Mad Hatters Tea Party at Brightwater Resthome in Palmerston North**. Quite the occasion and the only requirement for entry being you must wear a hat!! We were welcomed by Alice in Wonderland and followed by the Queen of Hearts - the DT's dressed up especially for the occasion, they looked super. An invite had also been extended to another couple of Resthomes so was quite a gathering.

A real High Tea was served including little savouries, baby sandwiches all on three tier servers plus specially made dessert which included us as well. Prizes were given to best hat plus others and some spot prizes as well, lots of fun and laughter. In between doing the table rounds with plenty of pats (and treats at some tables of course) we visited the other units of the Resthome who were not able to join in the party. A sing-a-long followed with many getting up to dance around including the dogs so was a really fun time for all. The group photo is with Alice and the Queen of Hearts



Kaye and Ann



Masonic Court Rest Home in Palmerston North

On Tuesday 22 December 9 dogs enjoyed the company of the residents at Masonic Court Rest Home in Palmerston North. This was a late request for a visit but still our group brought happiness to all those they met and once again turned out in their Xmas splendour. Some of us were very taken with their life-sized Santa at the door so had our own "Photos with Santa". The residents also had a planned outing that afternoon but no one wanted to go but wanted the dogs to stay longer.

Ann and Kaye Joint LO'S



Pauline with Bingo



Group (Tess, Zara, Mocha, Con, Oakie, Thumpa. Bingo, Coffee & Brandy

My apologies for these photos appearing late in the year (Editor)



Exposure in all sorts of places - here is Wendy Reynolds (LO Blenheim) enjoying a photo opportunity at the Seniors' Expo. Thank you Wendy for taking the opportunity of exposing Canine Friends with your lovely dogs.

Seniors' Expo a great success

2:34 PM Wednesday 7 April 2021



Mayor John Leggett had an up close and personal fluffy encounter with (from left) Crystal, Pearl, Ruby and Jasper at the Seniors Expo. The agility and pet therapy working dogs belong to Wendy Reynolds (pictured), Marlborough liaison officer for Canine Friends Pet Therapy

Lotti visits with owner Sara Booth from Blenheim



Whanganui Living Waters Rest Home

Judith Langford & Moremore. A delightful photo with Moremore enjoying a pat.



Makoha Rest Home Rotorua

Attached is a great photo of Bobby with Marie on a visit to Makoha Rest Home. Bobby is owned by Henk Buissink and they visit the Rest Home every week. Bobby is very popular there.

Kind Regards Julie Cowell (LO Rotorua)



More Exposure - this time in the Waikato

The Waikato DHB used this photo and article in their Covid newsletter that was released yesterday. It has gone out to 6,000 employees. That is what I call spreading the word of Canine Friends! (Barry Ridgeway).
Yvette Shore (LO Waikato).

Support comes in 'paw' ways than one



Thank you Barry & Molly for being such fantastic Ambassadors for Canine Friends

"Molly, the pet therapy dog, was close by for support when her Dad, Barry Ridgeway, a Canine Friends volunteer, got his vaccination last week.

'When I went and had my first vaccination at Waikato Hospital, the whole process was smooth and seamless' he said. 'I brought Molly in with me and a lot of people were curious about what she was doing there and her job at the hospital. I normally bring Molly in about once a week to different wards to visit patients and to chat with them. It can help take their mind off why they're in the hospital in the first place.

Patients and staff love having Molly around because she's a very calming presence.

She really helped in the observation area of the Vaccination Centre because a lot of people were asking to pet her and take photos. Some people don't like injections so Molly was a bit of a welcome distraction for them!"



Whanganui Team - Introducing Margrette & Doreen

I have visited two of our long term members Marg and Doreen recently and would like to introduce them to you if you don't already know them.

Marg has been our Canine Friends Member for over 8 years, Marg and Rocky visits St Johns Hill Healthcare every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month and Masonic Court every 3rd Thursday of the month for the past 8 years. Marg and her beloved Canine Friend Hunter has been in service for 6 years before we lost him and now she has Rocky in service for 2 years.

Doreen and Toby have been visiting Kowhainui Complex every Thursday for over 2 and a half years. Doreen has taken up the role to help members in our buddy system to do visits with her at Kowhainui. Thank you Doreen for stepping up.

Both Marg and Doreen know their facility's Diversional Therapist very well and they have really strong bonding with their residents. Well done! They have also renewed their Health and Safety Briefing with the facility so they are all ready to help the members in the buddy system to do theirs on their first visit. Regards Hannah



Margrette
& Rocky
(left)



Doreen &
Toby
(right)

Out & About visiting

Hannah visiting the Inclusion Support Centre at Waitakere College

There are some great shots of the children from the Inclusion Support Centre at Waitakere College meeting Hannah. I have been there three times now and it's very cool to see how the confidence has grown in some of them and how they react to Hannah. Seeing the smiles on their faces is a joy! I don't really get to notice it when I'm there as I'm concentrating on Hannah and what she's doing or where her paws are, so seeing some of these happy photos makes it all worthwhile.

The Inclusion Support Centre staff are truly grateful for the visits and have been very welcoming. I do have to arrive at least 10 minutes early, however, because all the other reception staff, teachers and students want to stop and say 'Hello' to Hannah on our way through to the centre..... she is a great distraction.

I also have a photo of when some of the residents from Craigwell House visited the Base and we stopped to have lunch at one of our Messes – Hannah was making sure she could catch any crumbs. It's a little sad however, because one of the gentlemen who visited that day has now passed away; this can be a tough job sometimes.

I look forward to seeing everyone next Saturday. Hannah will be very excited to meet the other dogs too.... hope you're all prepared!

Regards

Alison Elford

Executive Assistant - BCDR AK, RNZAF Base Auckland
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FOUNDER'S DAY GATHERING: TAITUA ARBORETUM

Saturday, 8 May, 2021

We flew our new **Waikato Canine Friends banner** for the first time in the carpark, and although it was a quiet day, it definitely caught the attention of other visitors...

What a wonderful afternoon! The weather was perfect for walking and the company amazing. Although there were not many of us, this worked well. It gave us all a chance to really talk and get to know everyone else - and even to remember everyone's names as we wandered through the arboretum which looked absolutely beautiful dressed in its autumn colours.

All the dogs were on their very best behaviour and anyone would have been proud to be part of our group. With winter nearly upon us, there were very few chickens about so they had no effect on our promenade. We met a few other walkers (and dogs) on the paths and Lisa did an amazing job of announcing who we were and what we did. We thought one family must be following us as we bumped into them so repeatedly and one of their children was able to reel off all the dogs' names by sight.

Thank you all so much. I was so chuffed we could get together like this. Yvette Shore, Waikato

Waikato had two Founder's Day Gatherings because of the number of members This was the first. Editor



(Left to right): Tania and Poppy (Boxer) from Maramarua; Susan and Molly (Border Collie) from Hamilton, Fiona and Cuda (Border Collie - back) from Tokoroa, Yvette and Toby (Cavoodle) from Hamilton, Barry and Molly (Border Collie) from Te Awamutu, and Lisa and Boomer (Boxer) from Te Kowhai.



Our Dogs out & about



Sparky with owner Sharon at Silverstream St. Josephs Home of Compassion. Sharon is my wife and loves Sparky. Regards Pat

Our Duke (canine) with one of his friends, Cyril, at Woburn Masonic Care in Lower Hutt.



Duke (canine) and Joanne have been coming to Woburn for nearly 2 years now. Duke has made some fantastic friendships here. It was wonderful to see how relaxed Duke was on this visit and brought real joy to Cyril (resident) .

Ella visits in Northland



Regards Larissa Burnett, Diversional Therapist



Her name is Ella, she is a rescue dog whom we will have had almost a year with now, (middle of Sept), and she is currently in training for search and rescue kind of work (Scent work & Tracking) in which she is doing very well ! Ella loves visiting the Rest Homes too.

Greetings Anneke (or Anna) Wolterbeek

New Members: 25 June to 7 September, 2021

Auckland

Alicia Andrew & Xia, German Shepherd
Sally Barnett & Awhi, Chocolate Labrador
Amanda Buhr & Jet, Greyhound
Claire Dowson & Lily, Labradoodle
Claire Foy & Summer, Greyhound
Jonathan and Wendy Hagon & Amber, Labrador
Tracy Kirkcaldy & Rio, Standard Poodle cross
Stephanie Langford & Otto, West Highlander terrier X with Schnauzer
Shona and Brooke Manak & Rylee, Border Collie
Sharron Marshall & Teddy, Spoodle
Nadia Miranti & Munchie, Golden Retriever
Gisela Montello-Bruce & Ziggy Stardust, Greyhound
Jules Pusinelli & Tinks, Mini Schnauzer X poodle
Megan Salt & Dudley, Rough Collie
Sabah Smith & Paris, Welsh Pembroke Corgi
Dean Sykes & Mabel, Labrador Retriever
Jenni Tozer & Abigael, Swiss German Shepherd
Irene Van Schalkwyk & Coco, Whippet

Christchurch

Jo Anderson & Reggie, Spoodle
Chrissy Campbell & Gucci, Border Collie
Alicia Erceg & Nola, Border Collie
Jan Evans-Freeman & Ruben, Border Collie
Agnieszka Fairlie & Teddy, Hungarian Vizsla
Meg Gregson & Bert, Miniature Schnauzer
Felicia Indra & Charlie, Labradoodle
Lydia Jin & Ilay, Border Collie
Rebecca Marley & Honor, Golden Retriever
Tammy Mccutcheon and Mike Bunn & Bear, Samoyed
Erin Mitchell & Willow, Labrador
Wanda and Marc Vivequin & Biskit, Border Collie
Heather Watson & Boston, Maltese Papillon X

Hastings

Lauren Albans & Molly, Labrador

Kapiti

Emily Wynch & Wilbur, Border Terrier

Lower Hutt

Sarah Parton & Lola, Leonberger
Stephanie Robertson & Moose, Labradoodle

Manawatu

Jasmine Dalkie & Dallas, Golden Retriever
Angela and John Drake & Gus, Golden Retriever
Rachel Greene & Sky, Heading dog
Dee Hyde & Twinkstar, Border Terrier

Napier

Chris Jolly & Django, Siberian Husky
Cindy Ludeman & Maggie, Labrador
Maggie Ronchi & Tess, Bearded Collie
Mandy White & Harvey, Spoodle

Rotorua

Amanda Lester & Buddy, Labrador

Taranaki

Sandra Banks & Grace, Border Collie Red/White
Rocky Kenneally & Mika, Shih tzu cross Maltese
Sarah Menzies & Sophie, Heading dog
Jane Roguski & Holly, English Cocker Spaniel

Taupo

Aeron Mellish & Rhum, Black Labrador
Kathryn Swart & Honey, Maltese Shih Tzu cross

Tauranga

Melody Cameron & Cookie, Border Collie
Ruth Woodward & Lena, Golden Retriever

Tauranga Hospital

Ian Gronert & Meika, Siberian Husky

Waikato

Jenny Brawand & Innu, Border Collie
Sue Holdom & Finn, Jack Russell Foxy X

Wellington

Madeleine Denton & Luna, Golden Retriever
Ben Smith & Leroy, Black Labrador

Whanganui

Maggie Collard & Cecily and Rubi Anne, Griffon-Poodle-Bichon-Shiatzu
Wendy Watson & Uschi, Dachshund

Whitby to Johnsonville

Kelly Taylor & Sam, Cavalier King Charles Spaniel

Alice, a nurse at Taupo Hospital enjoying a quiet moment with Lexi who belongs to long time member Lesley Cotterill.

Kind Regards
Vicky





My wonderful Surprise which I received in the post.. I was quite overwhelmed to think I should receive such a lovely gift. Thank you Christine. Thank you, thank you. Beverley

Pauline Rukawai and I are 'doggy friends' but also belong to a Craft Club.

We meet every Tuesday morning knitting and nattering is good for the soul. Just now we are crocheting little blankets for puppies all saved by a Dog Rescue Group. These little blankets go into a gift pack when the pups are adopted to their forever home. All the yarns are donated to the Craft Club ladies who also knit for Plunket and 'Beanies for Babies' etc so all in all we keep the love spreading around Hamilton in many different ways.

So pleased the rug has given you a happy surprise. Enjoy it on your lap. It is mostly man-made fibre.

I will pass-on to the other ladies that you enjoyed your gift. One described it as a Korowai. Thus a mantle of prestige and honour, symbolic of care for people and the environment. So now you have a 'doggy korowai'

How Sweet is that ! Regards Christine Johnson Waikato



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