

With volunteers packing food packs at Christian Community Centre.



Volunteer driver Dr Paul drove Val Sutton to her appointment at the Artificial Limb Centre in Mt Eden.



With Senior Nurse Alex De-Viell, co-ordinator Lois Horsfall, volunteer Gael Coles and trustee Marie Appleton at Franklin Hospice.

Honouring those who care

Franklin is rich in unsung heroes – those selfless people who dedicate their time and energies to helping others in our community. Volunteer Awareness Week gave local MP, Dr Paul Hutchison the opportunity to step into some volunteer shoes for a day, visiting and taking part in some of the quiet work going on behind the scenes. “I am constantly amazed and inspired by the wonderful work happening in our local Franklin community,” Dr Paul said. “Dedicated people commit themselves to extraordinary tasks of helping others. I consider that the community spirit in Franklin is one of the finest anywhere I have come across in New Zealand, or for that matter, anywhere in the world. From the huge attendance supporting cancer research through Relay for Life to the incredible work done by Franklin Hospice, the Christian Community Centre, Riding for the Disabled and the countless clubs and organisations like Lions, Rotary, Probud, RSA and church groups. Our community is very well served.”



Dr Paul shares birthday memories at Franklin Village with Phyllis Garratt, who turned 97 on the day.