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BRADLEY'S BLOG



Hato Hone
St John

Kia ora tātou | Hello everyone

Firstly, talk about mixing your metaphors - or in this case acronyms - as I realised after last week's blog that IYOB should have been IOYB!

Thanks to those who emailed me too after last week's blog. Your positive feedback, including an email last night that finished with just two words - don't change - was much appreciated, and not a single Yorkshire pudding was harmed along the way!

It has been another big week dealing with the industrial action on Tuesday and again tomorrow. Thanks to everyone who has supported us through this and it's pleasing to see no patients appear to have been significantly affected as a result. We look forward to getting back around the table with our Union colleagues late next week.

Just a brief word about our ambulance funding messaging, which as you all know, is that we want all the running (operating) costs of our ambulance service fully funded, but we are happy to keep fundraising for ambulances and key pieces of equipment. This message has taken some getting through to politicians, despite sending at least four letters and having five face-to-face meetings with Cabinet Ministers and the Prime Minister in recent months. As I said to a senior Health New Zealand official this week, hearing in the media that we do not want to be 100% funded for all our ambulance service operating costs is simply **not** correct!

In other news this week, HHStJ was recognised at the [CAA Awards of Excellence](#), winning the Excellence in Leadership Category for our Tactical Command Training Framework. The course was designed to help our teams provide a well-coordinated response to major incidents and improve our organisational readiness and the safety of ambulance staff and patients. Over 200 of our

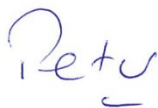
operational and clinical managers have now completed the programme, and it's great to have received external recognition as well! Thanks to everyone who made this possible.

Also this week, Chancellor John Whitehead officially opened Te Puna Oranga Ngakau | Hato Hone St John Levin Ambulance Station on Saturday – a build that was made possible by the commitment and unwavering dedication of the Horowhenua Area Committee members, the contributions of the St John Retail Store, and the invaluable support of HHStJ and its community members. Together, they played a pivotal role in uniting the community and raising funds over the past 11 years to make this new facility possible. Ka pai to everyone involved!

Finally, a few weeks ago, during a visit to the Waihi ambulance station, I noticed they had a wellness & positivity notice board. It had a great selection of affirmations, patient thanks, successes and good news stories – what a great idea! One of the quotes that struck a chord with me was *“I am proud of what I do and that is the best motivation there is.”*

And, while we were in Katikati the next day, we met the station cat, Katemine! A very friendly cat with his own lazy boy!

Mā te wā | Bye for now

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Peter". The letters are cursive and slightly slanted to the right.

Peter