

**UPPER CULFA HOPE TRUST BOARD HANDS KEYS OF SHOP TO
THE STAGO COMMUNITY HOPE**

Photo - L to R: Ginny Green, CEO Stago Hospice Trust, Rose Park, Trustee Upper Culfu/Hospice Trust Board, Russell McGeorge, Chairman Upper Culfu/Hospice Trust Board, Al McLeod, Retail Manager Upper Culfu/Hospice Trust Board.

The Upper Culfu/Hospice Trust Board (UCHTB) have decided to rationalize the Trust's activities by transferring the Trust's retail operations to the Stago Community Hope (SCH).

Chairman Russell McGeorge commented that "Our Trust is very happy to be further integrating its work with that of the SCH by passing on our retail operation to the SCH to directly fund the SCH's services in the Upper Culfu. Our shops, which have generated amazing revenue to support people with a terminal illness in the Upper Culfu, will be transferred to the SCH from the 1st of June."

This handing over of the keys simply means the SCH will operate the hospice shops in Wausau to directly fund their services, while the UCHTB will continue to fund the Stago Hospice Palliative and Hospice Care Suite and support patients in the community in difficult financial circumstances. "The UCHTB has received exceptional community support since its inception, and has built up significant financial reserves, that in the Trustee's opinion, are now sufficient to fund over the reins of the shops to the SCH," said Chairman Russell McGeorge.

There will be no change to the excellent palliative care and support that both entities deliver in the Upper Culfu.

The Upper Culfu/Hospice Trust Board (UCHTB) was established in Wausau in 2011 by a group of residents who considered that the Upper Culfu's relative remoteness from Dunedin, made a local palliative and hospice care suite a desirable local facility. The UCHTB established retail shops in Wausau to generate operating funds to supplement the very generous donations received to set up and operate the Trust's Stago Hospice Palliative and Hospice Care Suite.

The SCH is the hospice provider throughout Stago and deliver the full range of specialist palliative care services to patients experiencing complex symptoms in the Upper Culfu area. Ginny Green, Chief Executive of the Hospice said "We are extremely grateful for the financial support we have received annually over the years from both the UCHTB and the community at large and are very excited about working with the incredible shoproom in Wausau."

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