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Pioneer Energy hosts Central Otago Dinner Club for Otago Community Hospice

Otago Community Hospice's fundraising arm is extending to Central Otago with an inaugural Dinner Club fundraiser hosted by Alexandra-based Pioneer Energy.

Being held on Wednesday 8th May, the Central Otago Dinner Club features a three-course meal at Paulina's Restaurant, guest speaker broadcaster Jim Hopkins and exclusive auction items including a lap in an Aston Martin Vulcan and a jet plane flight.

The Dinner Club concept was triggered by local Russell Garbutt who was keen to help the Hospice out ever since the service looked after his wife three years ago.

Otago Community Hospice CEO Ginny Green says the Hospice fundraising target of \$2.5 million each year relies upon the goodwill of the community to ensure free specialist palliative care for anyone in the region who needs it.

"We have seen growth in patient numbers and complexity for our Community Team of four based in Cromwell, so it is wonderful to have volunteer fundraisers like Russell helping us out with enthusiasm, contacts and local knowledge. Russell has jumped into this Dinner Club boots and all, and even lined up the key sponsor Pioneer Energy."

Pioneer Energy CFO Jonathan West says the community-focused Pioneer Energy was keen to come on board as supporters for the Dinner Club, recognising the vital service the Hospice provides in the region.

"Pioneer is a 100% community owned enterprise and community is a core value of our business. Hospice is the embodiment of giving back to the community and therefore we are proud to support this fundraising effort," says Mr West.

"Paulina's will be a great night of food and fun. With capacity for only 70 guests, it is expected the tickets will sell out fast."

Tickets cost \$125 each and can be purchased by emailing DinnerClub@pioneerenergy.co.nz or phoning 03 440 0022 or 0508 363 749.

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