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The New Zealand Home Birth Association

Manawatu Branch of The N.Z. Home Birth Assoc.

36 Duke Street,
Feilding.
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Dear Barbara,

We thought the first national newsletter was excellent, and we'll really appreciate being able to circulate it in our area.

There is one small point we'd like to clear up. It seems as though there has been a misunderstanding since it is mentioned that we face a very hostile attitude from the hospital. This is not, and has never been, one of our problems. I think Allison brought out in her report to the conference how good our relationship with the hospital has been. Our midwife, Linley, is on excellent terms with the hospital staff and is quite happy about transferring patients if the need should arise. She has asked me to correct the impression given in the newsletter and has said that Palmerston North Hospital staff have been as supportive as they possibly could have been. There have, of course, been the recent negative statements from the Chairman of the Hospital Board but this has not been reflected in any way in the attitudes of hospital personnel.

Before sending the newsletter to our members we would like to delete this - we just feel that as the relationship is good at the moment we'd not like to jeopardize it by circulating a newsletter saying that it wasn't.

We thought Auckland did an excellent job in organizing the conference. We all got a lot out of it and Linley especially valued meeting and talking with the other midwives.

Kind regards,

Elizabeth

P.S. We have twenty paid up members and think that distribution by each branch to local members would be the most satisfactory arrangement.