

Otago and Southland 'away from home' Haemodialysis Caravan



The caravan provides a dialysing facility for independent haemodialysis patients only. It is equipped with Fresenius equipment for treatment to be carried out in the caravan, and allows patients to have a holiday away from home whilst continuing their regular dialysis treatment. The caravan is for use in the Otago and Southland region only.

Can I sleep in the caravan?

Unfortunately the caravan has no sleeping facilities. We have taken out the bed to put in a reclining chair and cabinet unit along with the dialysing equipment. There is TV screen that can play DVDs. The purpose of this caravan is to have it located in a private home section or camping ground. Those wishing to use it will need to have made their own sleeping and living arrangements.

What dialysis equipment is available?

The caravan is equipped with a Fresenius 4008B machine. The particulars of any consumables an individual may or may not need to provide will be clarified with the Dunedin Dialysis Unit Charge Nurse Manager when you discuss the booking with him.

Cost

For New Zealand residents the hire fee of the caravan is \$20.00 a day. For overseas visitors who are not covered by the New Zealand/Australia/UK reciprocal health

agreement the hire fee of the caravan is \$50 a day. This fee is to be paid directly to the Owaka Lions Club. Any other fees such as camping fees are the patient's responsibility.

Bond

A refundable bond of \$50 is required. This is to be paid directly to the Owaka Lions Club.

How do I get the caravan to my holiday destination?

We are happy for clients to tow the caravan if you have a suitable vehicle with a tow bar. It must not be towed outside the Otago Southland region. Alternatively, we can arrange for the caravan to be towed to your chosen site within the Otago/Southland region only.

Insurance

Owaka Lions Club covers the insurance of the caravan only.

Cleaning

Those using the caravan must thoroughly clean the chair and dialysis unit with the provided disinfectant wipes after each dialysis session. Clients will receive and leave the caravan in a clean state.

How do I book the caravan?

Firstly contact Alan Burgess to enquire about availability.

Email: greenwoodfarm@xtra.co.nz

Phone: 03 4158259 or 0274384538

Secondly, contact Blair Donkin Charge Nurse Manager, Dialysis, Southern DHB

Email: blair.donkin@southerndhb.govt.nz

The dialysis equipment is the property of, and is maintained by Southern DHB and in order to be able to rent the caravan and use the equipment the Charge Nurse Manager will check with the individual, and their home dialysis unit, that you are able to operate the machine safely and independently.

Do I have to be from Otago or Southland to use the caravan?

No! Although many of our users are from the region, we've had people from all over the world taking advantage of this great facility.

More about the caravan

The dialysis caravan has been made possible thanks to the Owaka Lions Club and donations from the 202F Lions Clubs. Many local businesses have given generous donations of their time and materials to renovate and set up this latest mobile dialysis caravan. The dialysis equipment has kindly been donated by the Southern DHB who also maintain it.

