

# Christmas cards a gift for hospice

By Sarah Coddington

A terminally ill cancer patient is bringing the joy of Christmas to hospice.

Gabrielle Prince discovered her love of painting when her husband bought her art lessons as a Christmas present about five years ago.

Now she has created pictures for a series of cards for North Shore Hospice to sell this Christmas.

"Even when I'm not painting I'm thinking about painting. I'm very passionate about it," says the Coatesville resident.

This is not the first time Mrs Prince has helped hospice. At the beginning of the year she raised \$10,000 for hospice through an art action of her work.

She was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2001. She now has secondary cancers and is making the most of her limited time.

Mrs Prince even has her own "bucket list" and a few months ago decided to rent a campervan by herself and take her paintings around the country.

She comes from a large family and had never spent more than a few days on her own and wanted to experience it.



**Giving Time:** Terminal cancer patient Gabrielle Prince has created Christmas cards for North Shore Hospice.

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