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Letter to  
Editor

and despair went out.

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## Hospice hope

Did you read the May 7 article on Jan Wickens from North Shore Hospice?

I hope it moves you to support the hospice appeal week and I hope you never ever need the wonderful help they freely give to those who suffer this awful affliction and their family and friends.

When my wife Joan became ill I discovered a new world of supreme kindness and support from doctors, nurses, support staff, volunteers local pharmacy and friends. I was also blessed having a loving family. Without all this Joan and I could not have coped.

If I expanded on this it would take a book to tell it all and we don't want that. I shall forever be indebted to the hospice and when Jan and her colleagues visited our home to care for Joan and me, hope came through the door