

Hospice shop reveals some honest gems

By Sarah Coddington

Takapuna's new North Shore hospice store is no ordinary op shop.

The hospice shop moved two doors up on Parkway Arcade off Hurstmere Rd into an old fish shop.

Hospice shop manager Tom Eglinton, 23, is the newest and youngest member of the team and says the store has been modernised and has a new look.

Many people have been donating great items, he says.

One of the volunteers even donated a six-month-old modern table worth about \$6000 and he's expecting it to be snapped up at half that price.

Mr Eglinton says it has been hard work to get the

shop up to scratch. The entire shop needed renovating and the old fish tanks ripped out.

"There have been lots of volunteers," Mr Eglinton says.

"The landlord has been good to us and has done some of the work for free."

Jean Burt has been volunteering at the shop for about four years and is thrilled to have Mr Eglinton as the new manager.

She enjoys working for the store because it is very social and she is able to help the hospice.

The new hospice shop is looking for more volunteers. Anyone wanting to help can contact Jenni Bancroft at North Shore Hospice Trust on 486-1688.



New Look: Volunteer Jean Burt and hospice store manager Tom Eglinton in the new Takapuna hospice shop.

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