

Chairperson's Report – Muscular Dystrophy Northern

Welcome to the Annual General Meeting of Muscular Dystrophy Northern Incorporated for 2016.

It gives me great pleasure as Chairperson to present this report to the membership on yet another very busy and successful year for Muscular Dystrophy Northern.

The Northern office is based in Albany, Auckland where we employ one fulltime Fieldworker (Darian Smith), one part time Fieldworker (Kristine Newsome), and our part time Office/Information Manager (Denise Ganley) who also has responsibility for our funding and grant applications. Thank you to all three of them for their hard work and dedication to MDN and its members.

Thank you also to our pro-bono Accountant Raema Inglis who has been working with us for many years. We are very appreciative of Raema's time in doing our accounts as this helps enormously with the smooth running of the branch.

Without any Government funding to cover our costs for the Fieldworker service we rely heavily on fundraising, donations and Grants. Thank you to all of the Trusts who have supported our Fieldworker service in 2015. I'd also like to thank Outsource IT for their pro bono IT support and the Auckland HOG Chapter who have continued to be wonderful supporters for MDN.

The projected budget deficit for 2015 was (-\$66,060) and the actual deficit was (-\$10,133) – a difference of nearly \$56,000. The difference is accounted for in receiving just under \$30,000 more than budgeted from grants, \$14,000 more than budgeted in "other income", and expenses were approximately \$12,000 less than budgeted. Thanks to Denise for her work in bringing in this extra grants income and to everyone who has attended fundraising events throughout the year.

Our two Fieldworkers continue to attend specialist clinics, relevant expos and events and provide in service training to health and educational professionals.

- **Our Fieldworker statistics were from 1st January 2015 – 31st December 2015:**

Face to face contacts = 469

Other member contacts = 1692

Newsletters = 4

- **Trusts who have supported MDN in 2015:**

COGS, Lottery Grants Board , ASB, BA Lewis Trust, Bay Trust, Bluesky Community Trust, The Trusts Community Foundation, Trust Waikato, Hamilton City Council, CR Stead Trust, JR Lewis Trust, Grassroots Trust, James Seale Say Foundation, Oxford Sports Trust, JM Thompson Trust, Lion Foundation, North Shore Presbyterian Hospital Trust, NZ Community Trust, Wel Energy, David Levene Foundation.

- **Other supporters:**

Harley Owners Group – Auckland
Outsource IT – pro bono IT support.
Bowtie raised \$2245

- **Donations of \$100 or more were received from the following people:**

BRO-CCAABB, Glen Beal, Jennifer Biggs, Jeanette Brock, Carol Duncan, Margaret Hare, Margaret Hatchman, Peter High, Honda NZ Ltd, Howick Laughter Group, Kiwanis Westside Club Hamilton, Bruce Knecht, Liquorland Waiheke Island, Heartland Hotel, Marion Loveridge, John Murray, Maria Oomen, Otorohanga Lions Club, Taxes Hamilton Social Club, Paul Wilson.

- **MDN Committee**

MDN is governed by an elected committee, I would like to thank each of them for the work they have done in the past year.

Joy Jenkin - Secretary
Andrea Clive - Treasurer
Lew Pulman
Oliver Groom
Raymond Mok
Denis Davison

- **Events in 2015:**

Coffee groups in Auckland Central and North Shore continued to meet each month.
Ice skating
Family Camp in Ngaruawahia
Civic Theatre Tour
Armageddon
Mid-winter lunch Auckland
Mid-winter lunch Hamilton
Duchenne Awareness Day
HOG/MDN Poker Run
Christmas Party



- **Facebook**

We have 483 likes on our page.

- **Website**

Our Northern Branch page on the MDA website is updated on a regular basis with events and photos.

Lastly I would like to say that I have enjoyed this past year as Chairperson for Muscular Dystrophy Northern and hope that we have made a positive difference in some way for our members and for the membership as a whole. I look forward to this next year and the challenges that lie ahead.

Trevor Jenkin
Muscular Dystrophy Northern Chairperson
Saturday 5th March 2016