

Chairperson's Report – Trevor Jenkin

AGM Saturday 15th March 2014

Welcome to the Annual General Meeting of Muscular Dystrophy Northern Incorporated for 2014

It gives me great pleasure as Chairperson to present this report and report to the membership on a very busy and successful year. MDN is part of the Muscular Dystrophy Association of NZ and is one of 4 branches, with a National Support office which we utilise if and when needed, this has been working very well in the past year. The Northern office is based in Albany Auckland, we have 1 fulltime Fieldworker Darian Smith, 1 part time Fieldworker Kristine Newsome, and of course our part time Office/Information Manager Denise Ganley who keeps the Branch ticking over and running smoothly. Our branch is also very lucky to have a pro-bono Accountant Raema Inglis who keeps our finances all up to date and reports to our committee regularly; a huge thank you to Raema. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our staff Darian, Kristine and Denise for their hard work and dedication, an extra thank you to Denise this year as she has taken on the hard job of being our Grants Procurement officer as well and I must say has done an excellent job.

For those of you who are not aware we get no funding from the Government to cover our costs and fieldworker service so rely heavily on fundraising, donations and Grants. Our fieldworker statistics were from 1st January 2013 – 31st December 2013:

Face to face contacts = 657

Other member contacts = 2527

Newsletters = 4

Obviously as previously stated this work has to be funded somehow and below is the list of trusts and supporters that have supported us.

- Trusts who have supported MDN in 2013:

COGS

Lottery Grants Board – Auckland

Lottery Grants Board – Waikato

ASB

Bay Trust

Trust Waikato

Geoffrey & Nell Erne Adams Trust

Trillian Trust

Infinity Foundation

JM Thompson Trust

Newmarket Rotary

Lion Foundation

North Shore Presbyterian Hospital Trust

Auckland Airport Community Trust

Wel Energy

James Searle Say Foundation

Sir Ernest Hyam Davis Trust

Grassroots Trust

Sargood Bequest

- Other supporters:

Harley Owners Group – Auckland

Outsource IT – donated a laptop for the Office Manager

Angie Roddick – raised \$2586 in the 15km Motatapu Offroad Miners Trail

Bowtie raised \$4633

- Donations **over \$100** were received from the following people:

Ewen Cooke

Merv Crosby

Peter Greenaway

Russell Hewitt

Mel Lee

Lions Club of Reporoa

Roger Loveless

Marion Loveridge

Rod MacNeil

Lindsay McGregor

Sheryl McGregor

John McKinney & Michelle Hunt

Roger Miller

Skellerup Rubber Services

South Hamilton Lioness Club

Tokoroa Host Lions

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

Mike Pulman

Brooke Clive

Jeanette Brock (Resigned 08 April 2013)

Barbara Hart (Resigned 21 November 2013)

Cherie Reinders

Below is a list of events that have been organised this past year by members, Fieldworkers or committee.

- Events in 2013:

Coffee groups in Auckland Central and North Shore continued to meet each month.

Bowtie picnic in Omokoroa.

Card making workshop.

Ice skating.

Hamilton Zoo trip.

Spring lunch in Auckland.
Bowtie collection at the HOG National Rally at Ellerslie.
Christmas Party.

- Facebook

We continue to make use of our Facebook page to promote various events to our members, their families and other supporters. Our friends list continues to grow and we now have 318 friends on Facebook.

- Website

Our Northern Branch page on the MDA website is updated on a regular basis and we are pleased to report that it is the second most viewed page on the website.

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 after all that is why we are here for the members. I look forward to this next year and hope to continue on making a positive difference.

Trevor Jenkin
Muscular Dystrophy Northern Chairperson.
National Council member (Northern Rep).
March 2014