



# MDA South Island | Te Waipounamu

## First Newsletter for 2022

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### New look newsletter for our new look branch

We have finally had the go-ahead to amalgamate the two South Island branches, you should have received notification from MDANZ to advise this change. This is exciting news for us and we hope to form a new committee at the AGM in April. More information to come at a later date. We are now formally The South Island (Te Waipounamu) Branch of the Muscular Dystrophy Association of New Zealand Incorporated, T/A MDA South Island | Te Waipounamu. Big thanks to all of you who completed the survey and provided feedback last year.

Your fieldworker and services remain the same.

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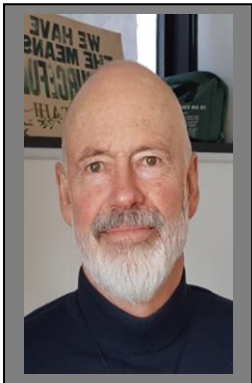
Unfortunately, due to COVID the Show Your Ability Expo 2022 has been postponed.

MDA South Island | Te Waipounamu will be holding a stand at the Dunedin and Christchurch Expo's when the new dates are decided. Please let Vivienne know if you are interested in volunteering at one our stands.



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## News from the field



**Ross**



**Jackie**



**Jane**

We would like to welcome everyone into the New Year. Our hope is that like us you feel refreshed by the opportunity to catch up with family and friends over the Xmas break after what was a difficult year with Covid 19.

As Fieldworkers we are continuing to get out into the Community after the interruption to the face-to-face service last year. As always, we are available for phone catch ups and zoom meetings if that is easier for you.

### **Trips planned for Jane**

*Blenheim-* At this stage Jane will be travelling to Blenheim on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month if there is a need. She will attend the coffee group every 8 weeks with the first for 2022 to be advised (depending on COVID in the community).

*Westcoast-* Jane's next trip down the Westcoast is planned for the week of 16 May 2022 unless there is a need prior. Unfortunately, at this stage we don't have enough members in close proximity to start a coffee group but will certainly keep this in mind. On her last trip down the coast before Christmas there were a couple of members she could not see so it would be good to catch up with them this time.

*Nelson/Tasman-* Jane will be in contact with you to arrange visits over the next few months. The next Coffee group at Pecs Peanut Butter Café is to be advised. These are held every 6 weeks and are well organised by Kevin Page and George Martin (all coffee groups are dependant on COVID and may be cancelled).

### **Trips planned for Ross**

Ross is intending to travel to Mid and South Canterbury in the week beginning 14/02/2022 where he will be in Ashburton on Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> and will then progress through to Temuka and Timaru returning to Christchurch at the end of the week via Methven. There were a small number of folk that he was unable to contact last trip and he is particularly keen to catch up with this time. He will be in contact in the upcoming weeks to schedule a time to meet.

### **Trips planned for Jackie**

Jackie recently enjoyed catching up with members in Southland, new trips TBA.

### Other news from the fieldworkers:

- Ross has begun attending the Respiratory Clinic held bimonthly in the Outpatients Building in Christchurch Hospital. He will continue attending this year.
- Jane is liaising with the Nelson city council and Marlborough District Councils to allow MDA to carry out assessments for the Total Mobility Scheme Taxi card service.
- Jane, Jackie & Ross are regularly in contact with the local needs assessors and allied health team and community agencies so please let us know if there is anything you would like us to discuss with them.



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## General News

### Bradley Jenkin Memorial Fund

Did you know that MDANZ offer members an opportunity to apply for funding through the Bradley Jenkin Memorial Fund. The fund is named after Trevor and Joy Jenkin's son Bradley who sadly passed away from complications of DMD aged 17. Trevor and Joy are both National Counsellors, and on the committee of the Northern Branch, Trevor is currently the National Executive Chairperson of MDANZ.

This is a contestable fund for members with neuromuscular conditions, please contact your fieldworker for help with the application process. There are more details on our website [www.mda.org.nz](http://www.mda.org.nz) under the tab 'What we Offer'

The closing dates for the four rounds are: 31<sup>st</sup> January, 30<sup>th</sup> April, 31<sup>st</sup> July & 31<sup>st</sup> October.



### Annual Donations and Membership

If you wish to join MDA South Island | Te Waipounamu, please contact the fieldworker for your region, (pg. 1)

Our organisation depends on grant funding and donations to continue offering our great services.

We have recommended donations, however any donation is gratefully received.

Individual Donation	\$26.00
Family Donation	\$30.00
Tamariki Donation	\$15.00

Donations can be made via internet banking directly into our account.

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Westpac  
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**Please remember to put your name in the reference field so we can send you a tax receipt.**

If you are not a member and wish to make a donation, please email Vivienne at [southern@mda.org.nz](mailto:southern@mda.org.nz) to request a receipt.

If you wish to set up a regular gift, please use the account details above with your name as the reference.

Please talk to us if you wish to discuss bequests, we can provide further information.



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## Van for Sale

### 1997 Dodge Grand Caravan for Sale – Private Sale



This wheelchair accessible vehicle has been life transforming for me. We have now upgraded to a newer model but there are many years happy driving left in this old girl yet. We are looking forward to seeing a new owner enjoy the liberating freedom we have experienced.

It has an automatic transmission, an auto side door, an auto ramp and the vehicle kneels down for ease of access in and out. There is an eazi lock system for clicking a power chair securely in position as a driver or passenger. Buyer will need to have this modified to suit their chair. Alternatively, tie down tracks are present and can be used if desired.

The vehicle is a USA import, brought back to NZ by its previous owners when they returned to NZ to live. It is therefore a left hand drive but do not let this put you off. I drove the car quite happily until my increasing disability meant I had to give up driving. It is certified and registered for use on NZ roads.

This lovely looking Dodge is in good condition for its age and 265,000 km. It has been well maintained with regular servicing. The cam belt and water pump have both been done recently.

As a power chair user, you will get to enjoy front seat position and the lovely views this provides. So very different, to travelling in the back of a traditional type wheelchair van. You will feel like a first class citizen again.

Selling now for \$10,000. Be quick!

Call Gary on 021 998 127 with enquiries. Thanks

### CMT Support Group - Nathan Francis

If you have CMT (Charcot Marie Tooth) muscular dystrophy, please join our Facebook page:  
[www.facebook.com/groups/1153510888101577](http://www.facebook.com/groups/1153510888101577)

I run the CMT NZ Facebook group ( **C.M.T New Zealand (Charcot Marie Tooth Disease)** )

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## Ray White Offers

### Offer 1

### Offer 2

### Ray White Papanui - Offer for Members and Friends

### Calling on Papanui Residents

For property sales in North Canterbury, Selwyn and Christchurch

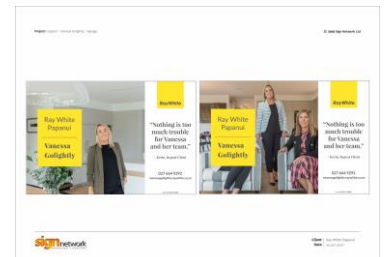
### Fences wanted



Vanessa Golightly

Ray White Papanui will donate money to our branch for anyone willing to have Vanessa's sign on their street facing fence in the Papanui area. Please contact Vivienne at MDA on 022 304 6840 or Vanessa directly and let her know you saw this offer.

Here are some sign examples. The signs are 1800x1200mm.



## Exclusive Discount for Muscular Dystrophy New Zealand

Exclusive 10% Discount off total commission on completion of property sale during 2022. \$500 will also be donated to Muscular Dystrophy New Zealand.

Contact me today for more details. It would be lovely to hear from you.

Vanessa Golightly  
Ray White Papanui

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We are very thankful to Vanessa and her team for the wonderful support they have given us over the past two years.



# MDA South Island | Te Waipounamu

## Coffee Groups

**Coffee groups are on hold until March – this may change depending on COVID in the community.**

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates and cancellations. Vaccine Passports required to enter the café's

### Christchurch

Monthly on the first Saturday of the month  
Venue: Columbus Café at Mitre 10 Mega on Harewood Road  
Time: 10.00 am  
Contact & RSVP: Paul 027 260 6180 or [pnarthur74@gmail.com](mailto:pnarthur74@gmail.com)

Monthly on the second Saturday of the month  
Venue: McDonalds Riccarton (in the private room)  
Time: 10.00am  
Contact & RSVP: Heather 020 406 29014 or [hfanerson1969@gmail.com](mailto:hfanerson1969@gmail.com)

### North Canterbury

Monthly on the last Wednesday of the month  
Venue: Rangiora RSA, 82 Victoria Street, Rangiora  
Time: 2.00pm  
Contact & RSVP: Ross 022 473 6434 or [ross.paterson@mda.org.nz](mailto:ross.paterson@mda.org.nz)

### Nelson

6 Weekly – next one to be advised  
Venue: Pic's Peanut Butter Café  
Time: 10.30am  
Contact & RSVP: Kevin 03 544 7586 or George 03 528 0645 or 027 420 5631

### Blenheim

Bi-Monthly – next one to be advised  
Venue: Revival Café, Springlands  
Time: 10.30am  
Contact & RSVP: Jane 027 205 5586 or [jane.hazlett@mda.org.nz](mailto:jane.hazlett@mda.org.nz)

### Timaru

Next Meeting TBC  
Contact & RSVP: Dave or Fran [davefran162@gmail.com](mailto:davefran162@gmail.com)

### ***Coffee Groups are funded by the following:***

The Rehabilitation Welfare Trust  
The Redwood Trust  
South Canterbury Trusts  
Branch Fundraising



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