

HFNZ Panui

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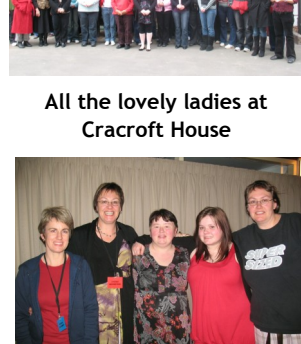
Women's Workshop Weekend

Although HFNZ had previously hosted a young women's weekend and a mother and daughter weekend, this was the first time we have hosted a weekend for women affected by bleeding disorders of all ages. From the fantastic response and comments of participants it was certainly long overdue.

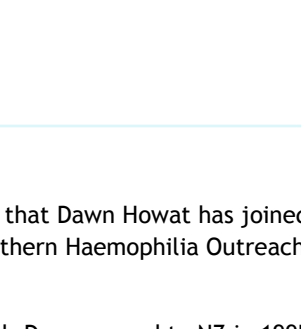
Nearly 50 women from the ages of 16 to 77 came together in Christchurch for the workshop. Although there was certainly a lot of learning crammed in, the weekend also offered plenty of time just to get to know each other.

For some women, this is the first time they had taken a moment to consider the implications of their bleeding disorder on their lives and not just their children. For those with haemophilia, who carry the haemophilia gene and those with von Willebrand disorder the weekend was a great way to meet others who understand the issues they face in their personal lives.

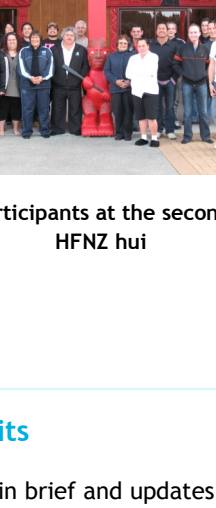
While next time more comfortable chairs are certainly a must, overall the weekend was a resounding success.



All the lovely ladies at Cracroft House



Some of the participants from the far South



Dawn Howat

Northern Outreach

HFNZ are pleased to announce that Dawn Howat has joined the HFNZ team as the new Northern Haemophilia Outreach Worker.

Hailing originally from Scotland, Dawn moved to NZ in 1995. She holds a Bachelor of Social Practice and has recently been working for Family Works using a mixture of counseling and social work skills. She is also a mother of three.

Dawn's first day on the job was the first day of the Women's Weekend—talk about jumping into the deep end.

HFNZ's Second Hui

As discussed last month, HFNZ held their second Hui for Maori members in early August. The aims were to set terms of reference for the Maori Support Group (roopu) and nominate a representative to be seconded onto National Council.

Joe Wrathall was nominated to the position of Maori Support Group (Roopu) representative and attended the National Council Meeting on 15 August.

Full outcomes from the meeting will be available in the near future.

Tidbits

News in brief and updates

- The next step of the HFNZ Needs Assessment is a community review of the preliminary report. Chantal Lauzon will be holding a short meeting in each region around October to get feedback from those willing to review the preliminary report. More details to follow. The preliminary report will be available in September.
- Delegates attending the Australia & New Zealand Haemophilia Conference in Brisbane will shortly be receiving their information packages. Please review all the material provided and contact Chantal with your preferences for which session you would like to cover.
- The deadline for all material for the December issue of Bloodline, including Regional Reports, is 5 November. We welcome articles from members and letters to the editor.

Upcoming Events

- **28-30 August**—Central Winter Escape, Napier
- **29 September**—Midland Children's Education Day
- **2 October**—Northern Children's Education Day
- **3 October**—Southern Children's Education Day
- **17 October** - Central Children's Education Day
- **6-8 November** - Parents Empowering Parents (PEP)
- **28-29 November**—National Council Meeting and budget planning for 2010
- **11-13 December** Couples Weekend

Questions or comments? Dates to add? Email info@haemophilia.org.nz or call Chantal on 03 371 7477