

## HFNZ Panui

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### 53rd HFNZ Annual General Meeting—27 March, Auckland

Next week you will receive a letter from HFNZ inviting you to attend the HFNZ Annual General Meeting (AGM) and detailing proposed updates to the HFNZ Constitution.

Each year in March HFNZ are required to hold an AGM. This is an opportunity for National Council to meet with members to report on performance in 2009 and explain the organisation's strategy. The purpose of the AGM is also to elect officers for the coming year and vote on any proposed amendments to the Constitution, Life member nominations, or other issues where sufficient notice has been given.

The location of the AGM is rotated each between the four HFNZ regions to give local members a chance to attend. This year it is Northern's turn so the AGM is being held in Auckland at the Hotel Grand Chancellor near Auckland Airport. The meeting will begin in at 2 p.m. and will be followed by tea and coffee. There is charged parking available at the hotel or free parking on the street. Driving directions are available on the [hotel website](#).



If you plan to attend the AGM please RSVP to HFNZ National Office on 03 371 7477 or email [info@haemophilia.org.nz](mailto:info@haemophilia.org.nz) by Thursday 25 March.

Anyone interested in HFNZ is welcome to attend, however only Individual and Family members who are financial at the time of meeting and Life Members are entitled to vote. Family memberships are entitled to up to two votes per household.

Financial members who are unable to attend the AGM may assign a proxy to vote on their behalf. Completed proxy forms must be received by HFNZ office two days before the AGM (25 March). You should contact your regional branch Chairperson for a proxy form or can request one by email at [info@haemophilia.org.nz](mailto:info@haemophilia.org.nz).

An electronic copy of the final agenda and the HFNZ Annual Report 2009 will be available online on the Events pages on [www.haemophilia.org.nz](http://www.haemophilia.org.nz) one week before the AGM. Hard copies will be distributed at the AGM.

### 3rd HFNZ Hui date set

The 3rd HFNZ Hui will take place 13 March at Ako Pai Marae at the Karori campus of Victoria University in Wellington.

All HFNZ members who identify as Maori are invited. At the moment, 14 people have registered to attend. If you did not receive an invitation but would like to attend please contact Colleen McKay at HFNZ National Office on 03 371 7477.

### Applications Open to be an HFNZ delegate in Buenos Aires

The WFH Congress is the largest international meeting place for members of the global bleeding disorders community. Renowned international treatment and research experts from around the world will participate in the Congress. The Congress is also a great opportunity to exchanging experiences and new ideas between scientific peers, colleagues, and friends, and for establishing new bonds with people from all over the world. It is truly an amazing learning experience.



**Hemophilia**  
World Congress 2010  
Buenos Aires • ARGENTINA  
Saturday, July 10 - Wednesday, July 14

HFNZ plans to fund a small number of staff and volunteers to travel to Buenos Aires for the Congress. Applications are currently open for HFNZ members to apply to be HFNZ volunteer delegates to the Congress.

The [application form](#) is available on the HFNZ website [www.haemophilia.org.nz](http://www.haemophilia.org.nz). Complete the form and forward to HFNZ National Office by email at [info@haemophilia.org.nz](mailto:info@haemophilia.org.nz) or by post at FREEPOST 188174, HFNZ, P.O. Box 7647, Sydenham, Christchurch, 8240. Applications closed on 15 March.

### More Haemophilia News

Study shows benefits of prophylaxis in children with haemophilia B [more...](#)

New online forum for haemophilia mums (US Based) [more...](#)

Nothing slow Jack down (Marlborough Express) [more...](#)

Sunday 28 February -International Rare Diseases Day arrives in New Zealand. The Vodafone

Warriors stand tall for rare disease patients during their Carnival Week. International Rare Diseases Day, a fairly new event, draws in groups from New Zealand and around the world as they work to improve information and support for patients and families affected by rare diseases, to improve health care, and boost research into treatments for them. [More...](#)



Jack Uren of Blenheim,  
with friends and dad Mark

### Tidbits

News in brief and updates

- **Bloodline:** The deadline for all material for the June 2010 issue of Bloodline, including Regional Reports and letters to the editor, is 10 May. We welcome content from members and ideas for articles as well.
- **New Families Camp:** Registrations are still open for the National New Families Educational Camp taking place near Rotorua in April. At the moment around 90 people are set to attend so get in quickly to reserve your spot! For more information speak with your Outreach Worker (0508 FACTOR) or call camp organizer at HFNZ National Office, Colleen McKay, on 03 371 7477.
- **Northern Outreach:** Interviews for a new Northern Haemophilia Outreach Worker will be taking place in the next week or so. In the meantime, Colleen McKay has been covering the role from Christchurch. If you live in Northern and require Outreach assistance, please leave a message on the Northern Outreach phone (09 845 4658 or 0508 FACTOR) and she will get back to you.

### Upcoming Events

- **27 February**—Southern AGM
- **7 March** — Midland AGM
- **13 March**— 3rd HFNZ Hui
- **27 March**— HFNZ National Annual General Meeting, 2 pm, Hotel Grand Chancellor Auckland Airport
- **28 March**— National Council Meeting
- **9-12 April** — National New Families Camp, Camp Keswick, Rotorua
- **17 April**— World Haemophilia Day
- **25-27 June**— National Adult Wellness Weekend
- **10-14 July**— WFH World Hemophilia Congress, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Questions or comments? Dates to add? Email [info@haemophilia.org.nz](mailto:info@haemophilia.org.nz) or call Chantal on 03 371 7477

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