

HFNZ Panui

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53rd HFNZ Annual General Meeting—27 March, Auckland

This year's AGM was held last Saturday in Auckland at the Hotel Grand Chancellor near Auckland Airport. Over 40 people attended including members, Life members, staff, supporters, two of our haemophilia nurses and HFNZ Patron, Dr Elizabeth Berry.

President Deon York said that 2009 was a period of transformation for HFNZ, with staffing and structural changes. Through all this, HFNZ continued to deliver a range of important programmes and remained a strong voice for people with bleeding disorders. In 2010, while HFNZ will continue to work on growing healthy families, emphasis must also be place on our aging haemophilia population. Financially, HFNZ is healthy, ending in a surplus after a fantastic year of fundraising from KiwiFirst.

The HFNZ National Council for 2010:

- President: Deon York
- Vice-Presidents: Catriona Gordon, Grant Hook
- Treasurer: Phillip Cowley
- Youth Delegate: Karl Archibald
- Māori Delegate: Joe Wrathall
- Northern Delegate: Richard Scott
- Midland Delegate: Lee Marjoribanks
- Central Delegate: Michael Ho
- Southern Delegate: Mark Uren

Steve Waring and CEO Belinda Burnett were also seconded to National Council as non-voting members.

Those not standing for re-election to Council, David Habershon, former Vice-President, and Frances Thomas, former Northern Regional Delegate, were acknowledged for their time and input.

Special resolutions made during the AGM included changes to the constitution that solidified the position of Māori Delegate onto National Council and the way that position would be elected by HFNZ members who identify as Māori at a hui prior to the AGM each year.

Dr Elizabeth Berry, a trustee of the Allan Coster Educational Endowment Trust also reported at the AGM that they only had a few requests for grants in 2009. She also announced that trustees Peta Hardley and Barbara Sutherland would be retiring from their positions and that Life Members Mike Mapperson and Mike Carnahan have agreed to replace them.

3rd HFNZ Hui

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

By all accounts it was a productive meeting. Joe Wrathall was elected to served as the Māori Delegate to National Council. Regional Māori representatives were also elected:

Northern: Kahurangi Carter & T.A. Stirling Midland: Tara Mounsey
Central: Raukura Riwaka Southern: Tania Kaa

The group is working on developing a haemophilia-friendly haka and our own wiata.

HFNZ Exercise Competition

HFNZ are proud to announce that Midland region have won the latest HFNZ Exercise Competition.

The Elizabeth Berry Exercise Cup was presented to Midland Chair Lee Marjoribanks at the AGM (seen here with VP Catriona Gordon also of Midland).



Step Up Reach Out

Sam Hawkins (19) and Sam Glynn (20) are the latest NZ youth to participate in the Step Up Reach Out leadership development programme.

They have just returned from the second leg of the training, which was held in beautiful Barcelona, Spain. It wasn't all sight-seeing, however, as each participant has been working on a project since the first training in the USA and had to present on their progress in Spain. We are very proud that a New Zealander has again won best presentation (and best content), with Sam Hawkins taking away the honours.

Well done guys!

More Haemophilia News

When a Scratch or a Nosebleed Turns Into a Flood (*article on haemophilia and vWD in the NY Times*) [more...](#)

Start of Phase I/II Gene Therapy Clinical Trial for Hemophilia B [more...](#)

Free online medical journal—The Journal of Coagulations Disorders [more...](#)

Interesting interview with UK pro-cyclist and person with haemophilia, Andrew Dowsett [more...](#)

Researchers probe Hep C-diabetes link - Sydney Morning Herald [more...](#)



UK time trial champion
Alex Dowsett

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:** New Families Camp is just around the corner. We have over 160 coming to Camp Keswick near Rotorua in April. If you have registered and not received all the details you need (what to bring, directions, flight info, etc) contact Camp organiser Colleen McKay at HFNZ National Office on 03 371 7477 or at colleen@haemophilia.org.nz.
- **Adult Wellness Weekend:** Mark your calendar! This year HFNZ will be running an educational workshop and social weekend for adults with bleeding disorders 25-27 June at the Copthorne Hotel Auckland Harbour City. Partners are also welcome. Confirmed guests speakers include:
 - Brian O'Mahoney, person with haemophilia and former WFH President and Irish Haemophilia Society CEO;
 - Liver specialist Prof. Ed Gane; and
 - Haemophilia physiotherapy specialist Ian D'Young.Invitations will be sent out in the next few weeks.

Upcoming Events

- **9-12 April** — National New Families Camp, Camp Keswick, Rotorua
- **17 April**— World Haemophilia Day
- **18 June**—Southern Global Feast/Art Auction
- **25-27 June**— National Adult Wellness Weekend
- **10-14 July**— WFH World Hemophilia Congress, Buenos Aires, Argentina

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