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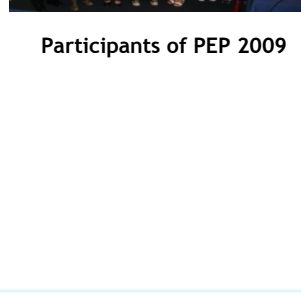
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Parents Empowering Parents 2009

HFNZ held New Zealand's second Parents Empowering Parents (PEP) programme in Christchurch over the weekend of 6-8 November.



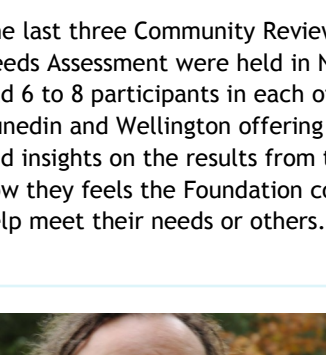
Ten parents of young children with bleeding disorders attended the innovative peer-to-peer skills programme that introduces parents to the tools they need to better handle the realities of raising a child with a bleeding disorder.



Participants of PEP 2009

Drew MacKenzie, our previous Central Outreach Worker, made a special return appearance to lead the workshop along with parent leaders Stephanie Coulman and Diana Bell, and Palmerston North haemophilia nurse Darryl Pollock.

Thanks to Bayer and Christie Murzello for sponsoring the programme. Another workshop is planned for 2010. Interested parents should speak to their Outreach Worker.



Couples Weekend Postponed

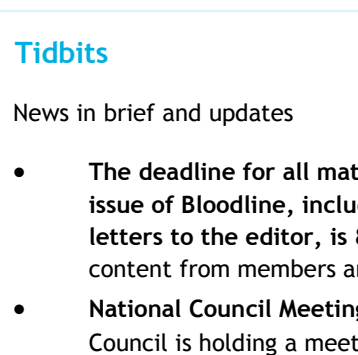
Due to low registrations, the Couples Weekend workshops has been postponed to 2010. Some people cited the timing of the 11-13 December simply too close to Christmas for them to be able to get away.

A new date will be available soon and new invitations sent out. Registrations fees for those who registered will be held over until the 2010 workshop.

Needs Assessment Community Reviews

The last three Community Reviews for the Needs Assessment were held in November. We had 6 to 8 participants in each of Christchurch, Dunedin and Wellington offering their opinions and insights on the results from the survey and how they feels the Foundation could better help meet their needs or others.

The feedback from all the community reviews is being incorporated in the final report which will be mailed with the year's last issue of Bloodline later in December. The report will also be made available on www.haemophilia.org.nz.



Changes to Southern Outreach

Southern Outreach Worker Stu Morris' passion is to work with youth. Outside of his work at the Foundation Stu mentors at risk youth in the Christchurch area. When the programme he works for gained secure funding, Stu was presented with an opportunity he felt he had to follow.

As such, Stu has resigned from his position with HFNZ effective at the end of December. It feels like he has been with the Foundation much longer than a year and he will be sorely missed by Southern members and by the other staff at National (although they are happy their chocolate stashes will no longer be raided ☺).

The vacancy has been advertised and applications close on 30 November. Hopefully we will be able to update you with details on the new Southern Outreach Worker next time.

Tidbits

News in brief and updates

- **The deadline for all material for the March 2010 issue of Bloodline, including Regional Reports and letters to the editor, is 8 February.** We welcome content from members and ideas for articles as well.
- **National Council Meeting:** This weekend National Council is holding a meeting in Christchurch. The Saturday will be the budget planning meeting for 2010 with representatives from the regional committees and a regular council meeting on Sunday.
- **Staff on the mend:** The National office has been a bit quiet this month with both Chantal and Colleen having some sick leave as they recover from restorative surgeries (Chantal on her knee, and Colleen on her shoulder). Chantal is now back at work with leg elevate by the desk, but Colleen will be away recovering for another few weeks. In the meantime, please contact Belinda if you need to speak with Colleen.
- **Holiday Hours:** The National Office will officially be closed from the 22 December to the 4 January, however at least one Outreach Worker will remain on call over the holidays.

Upcoming Events

- **28-29 November**—National Council Meeting and budget planning for 2010
- **13 December**—Southern Family Picnic
- **22 December**—**4 January**—HFNZ Office Closed
- **9-12 April 2010**—National New Families Camps, Camp Keswick, Rotorua

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