

## Australia & New Zealand Haemophilia Conference

From October 8 to 10, the Australia & New Zealand Haemophilia Conference was held in Brisbane, Queensland. Twenty HFNZ delegates, including members and staff, travelled over to hear the latest developments in the care and well-being of people with bleeding disorders. We Kiwis had great presence at the conference, especially on the dance floor.

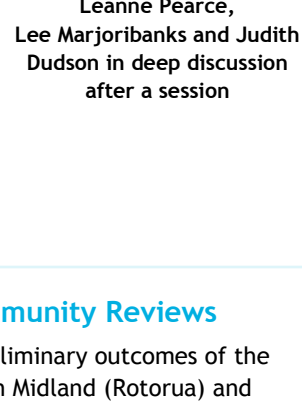
Held every two years, the conference always has a good mix of patients and their families, healthcare providers, regulatory people and industry. The advantage of this is a lot of perspectives are presented. This year was no different and had sessions ranging from the impact of chronic disease on adolescents, product safety, genetics and reproductive choice, dental care and practical living. Truly something of interest for everyone. A full report will be featured in the next Bloodline.

Overall, one of the take away messages from the conference was that haemophilia care is not just clotting factor. It involves all the aspects of comprehensive care, looking after ourselves, and when a bleed occurs giving ourselves the opportunity to truly rest and recover.

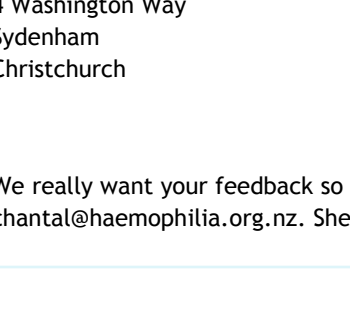
The next ANZ conference will be in Sydney in 2011.



CEO Belinda with the speakers of the Women's Issues session



Leanne Pearce, Lee Marjoribanks and Judith Dudson in deep discussion after a session



## Needs Assessment—Community Reviews

Community Reviews of the preliminary outcomes of the Needs Assessment were held in Midland (Rotorua) and Northern (Auckland) in October. Although we had very small groups in both centres, many topics were discussed and some very good feedback and ideas generated.

Thank you to those who took the time to voice their opinions on their needs.

The remaining community reviews will be held in November:

### Upper South

4 November, 6:30 pm

### HFNZ Office

4 Washington Way

Sydenham

Christchurch

### Lower South

5 November, 6:30 pm

### Steven's Household

238 South Road

Caversham

Dunedin

### Central

21 November, 11:30 am

### Brentwood Hotel

16 Kemp St

Kilbirnie

Wellington

*Followed by lunch*

We really want your feedback so if you are one of these areas, please RSVP to chantal@haemophilia.org.nz. She will then send you a copy of the Preliminary Report to review.

## Volunteering NZ—Volunteers Unleashed

Earlier this week, VP Grant Hook and National Information Coordinator participated in the Volunteering NZ Conference in Wellington.

The conference provided inspiring speakers and lots of food for thought on how HFNZ can better engage with members and improve in many areas. It provided a really good understanding of the voluntary sector in New Zealand and the challenges and opportunities it is facing. It was also a great chance to network with other organisations who face many of the same issues.

## Tidbits

News in brief and updates

- **The deadline for all material for the December issue of Bloodline, including Regional Reports and conference reports, is 5 November.** We welcome articles from members and letters to the editor.
- On 25 October a Masquerade Ball was held in conjunction with the Armageddon Expo in Auckland. The organisers chose to donate proceeds from the Ball to HFNZ. Dawn Howat, our Northern Outreach Worker, attended to represent HFNZ and accepted the approximately \$600.00 raised on the night. They have invited HFNZ back for next year so we will try to organise a bigger presence next time around.
- The Children's Education Days held in September and October were a huge success. Thanks for all those that participated and Colleen for her great organisation.
- Congratulations to adventurer Jack Finn who became the proud father of a little girl last week. We wish the new family well and are sure we will have photos of the little one in a kayak before long.

## Upcoming Events

- **4 November**—Community Review—Christchurch
- **5 November**—Community Review—Dunedin
- **6-8 November** - Parents Empowering Parents (PEP)
- **8 November**—Midland Christmas Party, Hamilton Zoo
- **21 November**—Community Review—Central
- **28-29 November**—National Council Meeting and budget planning for 2010
- **11-13 December** Couples Weekend
- **13 December**—Southern Family Picnic
- **22 December—4 January**—HFNZ Office Closed

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