Taranaki Ostomy Society Newsletter: May 2020

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PRESIDENTS REPORT JULY 2020

July already and I hear you say "where has this year gone?, "well, this could have something to do with the Covid 19 abyss, which has left most of us feeling a little under par. Cheer up! Spring is on its way.

Firstly, a message for our long-time member, Judith Aldridge, who very recently lost her dear husband, John. Please accept our sincere sympathy, Judith.

Bernie Christian has been co-opted onto your committee. Those of you who attended our Stratford sausage sizzle will have sampled the delicious coleslaw and rice salad she generously donated, adding to the success of the day. Bernie and her husband have a magnificent garden in Hawera which is usually in the Fringe Garden Festival and last year we were the lucky recipients of $300 raised by her during that time. Welcome on-board Bernie.

As mentioned in our May newsletter, we made the decision to cancel our AGM because of our vulnerability regarding the Covid 19 pandemic. We have been liaising closely with the Charities Commission and have complied with their requirements. Our Treasurer prepared all our Financials for the Reviewer (John Owen) which have now been returned to us, details of which are in Alex's report in this newsletter. Any financial member wishing to view the full report in hard copy is welcome to request the documents.

Many thanks to Shawn Gibbon and First National Real Estate for their agreement to sponsor our newsletters from now on, which means we will only pay for envelopes and stamps. Great news!

Subscriptions for 2020 – 2021 are now due. Please note the enclosed forms for payment options.

Thank you to all who have recently paid their subs, and to those of you who gave us additional donations.

We are having our next get-together on 29th August. This will be held in the Barrett Room at Base hospital cafeteria from 2pm to 3pm. Katy Martin-Skurr will be in attendance to answer questions – grab a coffee or a snack and please be seated by 2pm. Look forward to seeing you all then.

Stay safe, dry and warm, with kind regards, Shelley

Membership Subscriptions are Now Due

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Subscription for year ending 31st March 2021 $20……

Donation $……

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Cheques – make payable to the Taranaki Ostomy Society

So as we can update our records ***please circle*** that which applies to you

Colostomy	Ileostomy	Urostomy
Other	Partner	Caregiver

Please send annual subscription to:
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P.O. Box 853
Taranaki Mail Centre
New Plymouth 4340

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shelleymcdougall1951@gmail.com
after payment has been made

Need help or advice with your Ostomy?

Our Stoma therapist Katy Martin-Skurr and Alison Meerman can be contacted in the following ways

Phone:	067537797 Ext 8793
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Mobile:	027 249 8716
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Please reference details when online banking

Treasurer's Report July 2020

This past financial year has seen the society run at a loss of $2,627.00. Primarily this was caused by :-

1. The donation of 2 Microsoft Surface Pro portable computers for use by the Stoma Therapy nurses in New Plymouth and South Taranaki. These cost the society $1,698.00. It was decided by majority vote that as our local DHB was unwilling to provided what we considered essential tools for the nurses, we as a society would provide them. Please Note:-These computers were donated to the role of the Stoma nurses not the people currently in those positions.

2. The decision to fund the majority of the cost of the Christmas function thereby giving back to our membership.

Also members subscriptions were down from the previous year and our overall income was down $1,383.27 from the previous year. Also our conference delegate expenses were up on the previous year.
To help to offset losses this current year we have cancelled our 0800 number as this was not being used and was costing us money for no return. Also as our printing costs have risen to around $80.00 per newsletter we have sought out a sponsor who will cover the costs of printing. We are still responsible for the distribution and postage. Also we will not incur any FNZOS Conference costs this year because of the COVID 19 crisis.
We are holding cash assets of $14,924.73 as at 31st March 2020.

Alex McDougall

Coffee Mornings

We're Back In August

August 10th
September 7th
October 12th
November 9th

Aroma Coffee Lounge
New Plymouth – 10am

Get Together August 29th

Base Hospital
Cafeteria
Barrett Room

2pm to 3pm

Our Stoma Nurse Katy Martin-Skurr will be in attendance to answer any queries.

Grab a coffee and a snack

please be seated by 2pm

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Contact Alex McDougall with a referral, 027 211 9566
Alex will donate $500 to the Taranaki Ostomy society from any sale resulting from your referral.

Support the team at First National who kindly support us by printing our Ostomy Newsletter.

Only when I laugh

A Texan farmer goes to Australia for a vacation

There he meets an Aussie farmer and gets talking.

The Aussie shows off his big wheat field and the Texan says'
:Oh! We have wheat fields that are twice as large".

Then they walk around the ranch and the Aussie shows off his herd of cattle.

The Texan immediately say's "we have Longhorns that are at least twice as large as your cows".

The conversation has, meanwhile, almost died when the Texan sees a herd of Kangaroo hopping through the field.

The Texan asks, "and what are those?'

The Aussie replies with an incredulous look…."
What!, don't you have any grasshoppers in Texas??"

KEEP THIS DAY FREE

29TH NOVEMBER

Christmas Function

Shakee Pear

Stratford - from 1pm

Note: All current members free, non members $20

More details to follow

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