

## Chairperson's Report 2009/10

We are delighted to say that the Auckland Branch is strong, well-organised and in good spirit.

### Branch successes this year include:

- Raising more than \$30,000 during CF Awareness Week '09. We again invited people to run something (muffin day, bad hair day, cocktail party, dinner...anything that took their fancy) and raise money, whilst heightening awareness about CF. Our **street appeal** was extremely successful. We asked **schools** to run an event or fundraise for us and the response was tremendous. Our inaugural **Trade Me Charity Auction** organised by Stephanie Payne, raised over \$2500. A huge vote of thanks to all involved in CF Awareness Week, who were so generous with their time helping us achieve such an incredible result.
- The Branch achieved huge success with **grant applications** totaling more than \$50,000. Special thanks to our grants person Robyn Somerville, for her constant and unrelenting efforts. These grants have assisted with the purchase of new Pari Boy nebulisers, physio equipment, funds for attending the National Conference in Auckland 2009 and in Christchurch 2010. We also received funding for rent for the office and for our Branch Administrator's salary.
- A new fundraising initiative was our participation at the **Kowhai Festival** at Warkworth in October 2009. The CF community got their baking aprons on and coerced friends and family to bake for our fabulous stall. We raised over \$650 and had a wonderful time too.
- A very important communication tool for our CF community is the Branch **newsletter**, which just gets better with every edition and continues to help keep our community well informed.
- A new initiative is the development of an Auckland Branch **web site**, which we are hoping to launch this year. Thanks to Amanda Blakey for her work on this project, which will be another great tool in our communication belt.
- **Social get-togethers** have been very successful this year, with our annual Christmas drinks at Jill and John Thorrat's place, and the regular week day coffee mornings at Helen's place.
- The Branch had two representatives attend the CFANZ **Chairperson/Branch representatives Conference** held in Christchurch in 2009. This conference is an opportunity to engage and network with other CF Branches around NZ, to share experiences and ideas. The branch greatly appreciates those who give their time to represent us at this conference.

Our grateful thanks to our **committee members** for the time and energy you all put into the branch. A huge vote of thanks to treasurer **Allyson Harvey**, who has had a bigger challenge than usual this year as we adapt to a change of financial year end. To **Helen Geary**, Branch Coordinator, we are appreciative of your commitment to our CF community and are in awe of your organisational skills. We also thank **Sally Carron**, our North Island fieldworker who always has the cause of CF and our community close to her heart. The Branch sincerely thanks the **CF teams** at Starship and at Auckland Hospital for the excellent and dedicated care they provide for all our members. We are very fortunate to have such awesome teams! We also thank all our **generous supporters**: Boehringer Ingelheim, Muffin Break, Auckland City, The ASB Community Trust, Be Natural, Subway and our newsletter designers, Humdinger Design.

The heart of our organisation is always people with CF. We look forward to the next year in the strong and super Auckland Branch as we grow and develop so that we may even better serve the developing needs of our CF Community.

***Jane Drumm and Lisa Collins, Co-chairperson  
(abridged)***