

**Chairperson Report  
AGM 21 July 2015  
CFNZ Offices - Auckland  
Grafton**

It is hard to believe that almost a year has gone by since our last annual AGM (August 2014) where we met together at Choice Hotel in Parnell. Tonight we gather for our first AGM in our beautiful shared office space here in Grafton! Friday the 10th July saw the first year in our new space 'tick over' and we have been thrilled to be able to operate from such a lovely environment, centrally located and close to the hospitals.

Once again it has been a very busy year for CFNZ's Auckland Branch involving ourselves in tasks and participating in activities that enable us to meet our following branch goals in order of priority:

- #1 - Provide equipment for PWCF*
- #2 - Provide support for clinic appointments - parking vouchers, petrol support (assessed) and Tiny Bites for people having long appointments at Starship*
- #3 - Provide support for inpatient families and adults - vouchers - Subway and coffee, Countdown vouchers, parking/petrol vouchers and phone vouchers*
- #4 - Provide gifts that create activity for inpatients - hospital packs*
- #5 - Provide assistance for attending conference*
- #6 - Provide Christmas presents/vouchers*

Due to the diligence and hard work of our committee and keen members we have been able to raise funds to cover the spend of needs in all 6 priorities during the past year.

**FUNDRAISING:**

Awareness Week 2014

A total of \$26,536 was raised from Awareness Week activity:

- Street/Mall Collections/Merchandise sales, etc \$10,634
- High Tea \$1,466.
- '65 Roses' \$10,000
- Schools: Hawick College 'Bacot House' \$2,200,  
Pinehurst School Mufti 'Jean's Day' \$1,236,  
Mahurangi College \$1,000.

Again, the date of Awareness Week being held in October was problematic for us as a branch. Senior high school students are not as readily available for street collections or able to run school fundraisers due to timing of exam prep/and or exams at this time. The lower amount of raised from street and mall collections, in comparison to years where our awareness week was held in August, reflects this issue. We are thankful to LJ Hooker volunteer teams who kindly stepped in to collect at Ponsonby central and on various streets throughout Auckland. It will be interesting to see what the 2015 Awareness appeal will bring for us now that the date for this has been brought back to August. We encourage our members to get involved in some way to help raise awareness of cystic fibrosis and funds for our branch needs.

Auckland Marathon

CF Auckland branch ran the Auckland Marathon fundraising event on behalf of CFNZ.

Christmas Heirloom

A jovial time was had by those who attended our Christmas Heirloom fundraiser at Milford Mall leading up to Christmas 2014. Those who attended learnt some decorating 'tricks of the trade' and had the opportunity to purchase beautiful Christmas items at a discounted rate. A total of \$425 was raised from the evening.

### Round the Bays

While we as a branch didn't involve ourselves in this fundraiser we wish to acknowledge and thank our members and/or friends who ran and raised funds for CF Auckland in March this year. A total of \$1,295 was raised for our branch.

### Sileni Wines

Two 'Sileni Wines' fundraisers have been run in the past year, one prior to Christmas 2014 raising \$1,240 and one just finishing in June, raising **\$833 [profit received & recorded in next financial year]**.

### 'Z' Good in the Hood

Huge thanks to Z! CF Auckland Branch were one of the charity groups chosen for 'Z' petrol station's 'Good in the Hood' campaign during the month of May. We received a total of \$3038 from the following stations based on percentage of public votes.

- Milford \$872
- Botany \$1500
- Newton \$666

### **DONATIONS**

Spark Foundation \$1,000;

"In lieu of gifts for" a 60<sup>th</sup> birthday \$2,595 and a wedding \$240.

### **GRANTS**

Our enormous thanks once again to our diligent Grants Officers who spend many hours sourcing and applying for grants on behalf of CF Auckland Branch. We acknowledge this is a huge job and at times challenging, especially when needing to complete applications under time restraints and when the 'knock backs' occur. Sourcing funding for our new office furniture (\$4000) and for funds to meet national conference costs for our members who attended in May (\$8850) have certainly been two significant contributions to our branch. David Levene Foundation (\$5,000), ANZ Staff Foundation [Data Projector] \$1,720. We appreciate there are some grant applications for medical equipment currently awaiting a decision.

### **BRANCH CHANGES**

#### Branch Co-ordinator

Shelley Oliver resigned from her role as our Branch Co-ordinator at the end of May. We are currently in the process of finding her replacement. In this interim period office operations have been largely covered by us as Chairs, along with Allyson our treasurer who has carried a lot of the office administration tasks for which we are very grateful. We are thankful to Vicky Tyler (CFNZ Comms) who answers phone calls when we aren't at the office, Jane Drumm who has carried on with the responsibility of our monthly e-newsletter, Rachel Elliott, Stephanie Payne, Rebecca Hansen and Sally Sprosen who have taken on the organisation of collectors/venues in their respective areas for our upcoming Awareness Week. We hope the appointment of our new branch co-ordinator wont be too far away and we will communicate with our members once this has occurred.

### **COMMUNITY CONNECTION**

Auckland branch continue to look at ways to stay connected to our members and families. One new communication initiative in this past year is the E-news.

#### E-news

We are proud of our monthly 'e-news' which started being sent out to our members mailing list in November last year. This form of communication is very cost effective in its production and distribution. The e-news is a forum for branch updates and allows for contributions from our medical teams to keep us informed of any topics of interest and/or development. If you are not currently receiving these e-newsletters please email us on [auckadmin@cfnz.org.nz](mailto:auckadmin@cfnz.org.nz) to have your name and email address added to the mailing list. We want to keep you informed of branch updates and happenings.

#### Facebook Group Page

Our administrators of our Auckland page continue to do a fabulous job of keeping us all up-to-date on branch happenings and initiatives. This page is another valuable way our members and families can stay connected. To find the page and join up type in **Auckland Cystic Fibrosis**.

#### Parenting Courses

Currently the last of our Parenting Courses by Parents Inc (sponsored by last year's successful grant from Alexander Harold Watson Charitable Trust) is under way. Six families are being represented at this valuable 'Teens and Tweens' course which runs once a week for 6 weeks at our office premises. Earlier in the year parents attended a similar 6 week course on parenting the 'Middle Years' child. The first in the series of courses, a one night 'Hot Tips' for parents evening, run by John Cowan was held in late July 2014. The feedback received from our families who have attended has been extremely positive. All have found the content relative to their family life and were glad they had made the effort to attend.

#### Dad's Evening

John Thorrat and Phil McKay kindly organised a 'Happy Hour' evening at Galbraiths pub early in August. About ten Dad's enjoyed some nibbles and beers with some nice banter over a couple of hours and all agreed it should become an annual event.

#### CF Adult Medical Team

Auckland branch chairs and CFNZ chair, Jane Drumm have continued to meet with the CF Adult Services team to discuss in an open and constructive way 'issues' that adults with CF wish to have tabled. We are grateful to the team for their willingness to meeting with us to hear Auckland branch's perspectives on various matters. We met again recently and will again highlight outcomes and developments from these meetings in our e-newsletter. Please feel free to contact Anthea, Jill or Jane with any issues that you are wanting to be addressed (openly or anonymously) at future meetings.

### **THANK-YOUs**

*"I alone can't change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples"*  
*Mother Theresa*

Many have cast a stone on our behalf to make positive change and help us as a branch meet the needs of our community and bring about change where it is necessary. We acknowledge and thank sincerely:

- our branch committee and members of our community who give their time and expertise voluntarily on a wide range of our endeavours throughout the year. Extra thanks to our wonderful treasurer, Allyson Harvey and Grant officers, Amanda Blakey and Sally Sprosen.
- Mediaworks - through Kate Thorrat - for the generous donation of \$5000 of digital advertising which will be utilised running banners the month leading up to Awareness Week.
- our field worker - Melinda Coombes, specialist hospital teams - doctors, nurse specialists, physiotherapists, dieticians for their professional care and support to our families.
- the businesses that support us on an ongoing basis - Abbots, EBOS, LJ Hooker, Kindercare Learning Centres, Subway...

***Anthea Wendelborn and Jill Thorrat  
Co-chairpersons 2014-2015***

Lastly we want to acknowledge the time, energy and enthusiasm that Anthea has contributed to the Auckland Branch, firstly as a committee member and then quickly stepping up and becoming Co-chair when the need arose. Anthea has great skills and has used them effectively over the last four years or so and we will miss her in the role as Co-chair but we know that she is still willing to contribute to the branch when she has the time. Thank you Anthea from us all, we wouldn't be sitting here in this fabulous office if it wasn't for your huge contribution.

***Jill Thorrat***