

## Chairpersons Report July 15 – July 16

Once again the last twelve months for CF Auckland Branch has been a year of change and challenges. We were without a Branch Co-ordinator until late September 2015 and typically the committee stepped up and filled the gaps. Lorel Hallinan (Auckland Branch Co-ordinator) worked for us until December and then, due to family reasons she resigned. We were fortunate to employ Kath Sanderson in February this year who has proved to be a fast learner, efficient, a team player and a person who has made my job as chair much easier.

Our CE Belinda Burnett resigned and left CFNZ early this year, followed on by resignations of National Admin Manager and Grants and Fundraising manager. We were pleased to welcome Jane Bollard, new CE who joined our organisation in March this year. Jane Bollard is Auckland based so our office in Grafton has filled up somewhat with CE, Admin Manager, Project Co-ordinator and Communication's manager working there. It is working well and I believe it is good for all our employees as they work as a team with good communication and sharing of skills between them.

Due to the diligence and hard work of our committee and keen members we have had a successful year raising funds and maintaining our core business and support.

### **Fundraising**

Awareness Week 2015 - We raised \$28,000 (approx.) from Awareness week activities and \$10,000 from the 65 Roses campaign, this was generously donated by Kindercare. The success of Awareness Week would not have been possible without Rebecca Hansen, Sally Sprosen, Rachel Elliott, Jane Drumm, Amanda Blakey, Anthea Wendelborn, Robyn Ogilvie, all stepping up and taking on responsibilities as we did not have an Auckland Branch Co-ordinator at this time.

Sail4CF - was a new event that Malcolm dreamt up and organised in October 2015. This was a fun and innovative event held at Manly Sailing Club and the kids had the opportunity to participate in races and rides in a patrol boat. \$800 was raised for Breath4CF – Thank you Malcolm.

Auckland Marathon – we had 8 participants raising funds for our branch, though it clashed with the rugby world cup final we raised several thousand dollars.

Sileni Wines fundraiser – this raised over \$800, thanks to Sally for continuing to run this fundraiser.

Film evening – We had a great night at the capitol theatre raising money and enjoying the film of Florence Foster Jenkins. Thank you to Sarah Cahill for organising.

Z Good in the Hood - This year we were selected to be part of five Z stations for Z Good in the Hood, these were Mairangi Bay, Newton, Ellerslie, Ti Rakau Drive and Harris Road. This was a really successful campaign and raised over \$5,000 for CF Auckland. Thank you to Amanda Blakey at Ellerslie, Steph Payne and Rachel Elliot at Ti Rakau and Harris Road, Robyn Ogilvie at Newton and Rebecca Hansen at Mairangi Bay for all the hours they put in.

Schwarzkopf – Schwarzkopf hairstyles for CF raised approx. \$5,000 for CFNZ – stylists were in shopping malls in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch providing free consultations and dry hair styles for \$10 – this was a successful event and came about by Rachel Elliott having a business relationship with this company. Schwarzkopf have become great supporters of CFNZ and Auckland Branch.

## **Grants**

We have had success with grants this year - \$47,500 being the total. Many thanks to Alison Haworth, Sally Sprosen and Amanda Blakey who have helped getting this great amount over the last 12 months. We are at present looking for a new 'Grants Officer'.

## **Dads evening**

Niall and Malcolm arranged one of these evenings for Dads within our community, not a huge turnout but enjoyed by those who did get to Galbraiths pub.

## **Mums evenings/Ladies coffee**

Robyn has organised several of these over the year which have been a chance to get together. Rebecca has also continued with coffee catch-ups at cafes for mums of young children with CF.

## **CF Adult Medical Team**

We have continued with these meetings: Jane Drumm, Anthea Wendelborn and myself have attended with the team and feel that it is a great opportunity for both parties to discuss any issues that may arise. Please feel free to Contact Jane, Anthea or myself with any issues you would like to discuss.

## **Website**

Sarah Cahill has worked on this late last year and did a great job in updating it. It now is easier for people to find information about the branch, see what is going on in our community and to make donations. Thank you Sarah.

## **National Conference**

In May, Auckland hosted the annual CFNZ national conference at the Holiday Inn at Auckland airport. As the hosting branch, Auckland organised the conference dinner, decorating the room in the theme of glitz and glamour and organising the band to entertain the attendees. The room looked beautiful and was a night enjoyed by all.

We said good bye to Melinda Coombes, who had worked for us for 4 years as North Island Field worker. We will miss her experience and enthusiasm.

It is great to welcome some new committee members over the last 12 months – Malcom Lambert, Niall Martin (very brave men!) and Jan Tate (our Paediatric CF Nurse), many thanks for joining our committee.

I am forever in awe at what we achieve with such a small hardworking group of people. You are a terrific committee and I thank you for continually finding the energy and enthusiasm to keep achieving what we do. Our community benefit from your efforts.