



Waikato Ostomy Society (Inc.)

May 2018 Newsletter

Hello to everyone

There have been some developments from the AGM meeting on the 25th March 2018 that we need to communicate to all the Society members.

Mrs Bev Turner who has filled the roles of Secretary and President of the Society for the last 10 years stated 12 months ago that she would not be seeking re-election at this year's AGM. Bev was presented with a bouquet of flowers and thanked very sincerely by all present for the outstanding contribution she has made to the Society during this time.

Mr Michael Sumner who has been the Treasurer for the past 6 years was also thanked for his contribution as well. Our sincere thanks and gratitude to both of these stalwarts for their dedicated inputs. These 2 people have in essence held the Society together with generous help from their respective spouses.

When it came to the election of Officers at the AGM the roles of President and Secretary were unable to be filled. This then necessitated the outlining of how the winding up of the Society would take place according to the Constitution, should Officers not be elected.

Those present at the meeting felt that winding up must not be allowed to happen. It was decided after much discussion to form an interim committee after Brian Gordon stated that he would take on the role of President if Mr Michael Sumner would stay on as Treasurer. The meeting moved that an interim committee be formed, consisting of Brian Gordon as President, Michael Sumner as Treasurer and Barry Maughan as Committee member and Minute taker. This interim committee was charged with the task of finding people who were prepared to take on governance roles.

In this respect we enlisted the help of Volunteering Waikato and have joined their group. Their Regional Co-ordinator was very helpful and already the results of seeking volunteers through their organisation looks promising. The reality is that there are people in society who have skills that can be utilised by a society like ours

and are prepared on a voluntary basis. Because of that we are hopeful that over the next few months that we can get the society onto a stronger footing.

Subscriptions \$20.00 per member.

These are now due . See if you can get a new person to join up!!!!

Your subscription includes three copies of the NZ Ostomate Magazine. Subs can be paid by cash or cheque at a meeting or posted to Michael Sumner at 58 Cemetery Road, RD 9, Hamilton or paid directly into A/c No 03 – 1560 – 0014261 - 000

National Conference

This is being held in Hamilton next year 2019 in August at the Novotel. It is a great opportunity for all ostomates in the Waikato, Thames Valley, King Country to attend. Events such as this can have life changing effects on individuals for a variety of reasons - new information gained can make a difference in ostomates daily lives.

General Information

Your Interim Committee will welcome any ideas that could enhance the worth and benefits of your Society. Your new committee is very mindful of all that has been done by everyone to this point in time. We are grateful to those who continually attend the bi-monthly meetings, you are very important to the Society. To enhance the reach of the Society, we will be working to get up to speed with social media – like Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat etc. so that we can better communicate especially with our younger ostomates. We will also be making enquiries to the DHB to ascertain what assistance they may be able to give our Society especially in regard to Ostomy magazine distribution etc. We will be informing the stoma nurse about what is happening with the society.

Next Meeting

Next General Meeting Sunday 27th May 2018 at 2.00pm

St Stephens Church Hall Cnr Ohaupo Road – Mahoe Street, Hamilton

PS See who you may be able to cajole into coming along !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

No Jokes this time - just serious business!!

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