

News Update for Friends of Arthritis New Zealand



Some news and events we thought would be interesting and useful for our valued Friends

Covid-19 Update

Since March, New Zealand and the rest of the world have been working to meet the health and economic challenges posed by Covid-19. It has been a daunting time for everyone and as an organisation Arthritis New Zealand has had to adapt to a different environment. Staff have all worked from home and we have been able to maintain service delivery, increasing online activity and using the telephone to counter the inability to physically meet. We have initiated phone calls to all clients and are contacting all support groups to discuss how we can assist them. We have also hosted support group get togethers using our 0800 service and zoom. Please contact us if you would like to set one up.

As with other charities a significant issue for Arthritis New Zealand is a likely drop in income. We have not been able to mail donors for some weeks and understandably Trusts and Foundations are now changing their grant criteria to focus on helping communities recover from the impact of lockdown. However we are hoping that our donors will continue to support us as much as is possible.

We are also going to run a survey to find out what our supporters see as most important for us to provide this will be in our weekly e news which you should all receive.

Other news and updates are in this newsletter- we hope you this is a useful overview for you.



Board of Trustees

The 19/20 members of our board are;

- Peter Larmer (President)
- Digna Torensen
- Cate Grace
- Joe Stanton
- Els Dutton
- Rebecca Roberts
- Ben Blinkhorne
- Richard Edge

They have been joined by new board members Jacob Toresen Pollock, Peg Lockyer and Dr Peter Jones.



Jacob Toresen Pollock



Dr Peter Jones



Peg Lockyer

In the 19-20 year board members Roy Tiffin, Martin Lennart and Doug White stepped down after making valuable contributions to the board over a number of years.



Performance review 2019



This publication reports not only financial results but also our services and it provides an excellent overview of our activities.

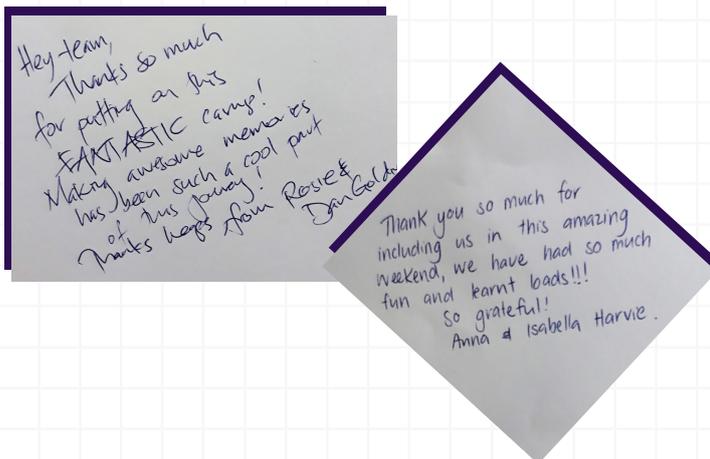
View full report online at: www.arthritis.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Arthritis-New-Zealand-Annual-Performance-Statement-219.pdf or you can call us on 0800663463 to have a copy posted to you.

A copy of our full financial statement is available online at: www.arthritis.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/ArthritisNZ-2019-Audited-Financial-Statements-Signed.pdf

Children and Teens with arthritis

Our annual camp for children with arthritis provides an invaluable opportunity for children to meet others their own age who have arthritis. It also allows parents to meet others who have children with arthritis, so they can share experiences and support each other.

One special feature of camp is the development of teen leaders who have arthritis themselves to mentor and support the children who come to camp.



Electoral Council

This is a group established under our trust deed to appoint trustees and act as an advisory group to the board when requested. This group is required to comprise at least an honorary Life Friend of the Trust, a health practitioner practising in a field of health relevant to arthritis, a representative of a major stakeholder group and a representative of the regions.

Current members of the Electoral Council are Sandra Kirby former CEO of Arthritis New Zealand, rheumatologist Dr Rebecca Grainger, Allan Henwood former president of Arthritis New Zealand and Lynne McMillan former board member of Arthritis New Zealand Inc.

Annual General Meeting

The 2020 Annual General Meeting will be held on either November 27th or 28th in Wellington. Notice of this meeting and the venue will be posted on our website. We expect to live stream this event via Zoom.



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