



The Burn Support Group Summer Newsletter

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December 2019



Sugar Club Restaurant provides elegant affair

This year's Auckland Fundraiser Event was a new and exciting project. Burn Support Group thanks Jim Kayes for hosting what was a splendid evening at the stunning venue, Sugar Club, Sky City.

Along with Jim, the Charity was very honoured to have keynote speaker, Chef and Restaurant owner, Mr Peter Gordon, mixing and mingling throughout the night. Peter and Jim provided wonderful entertainment sharing their stories with witty banter and humbling honesty. All those that attended were treated to stunning views, an exciting and delicious menu with matching beverages all provided by the very talented staff working with Peter.

Special mention to:

- * **Harrison Chau**, young up and coming harpist, for his talents and skills.
- * **Harsha Valentine**, photographer, for his amazing photos during the evening, providing his time and support.
- * **Amanda Singleton**, committed time and patience towards marketing the event.
- * **Stefano Baldin**, Restaurant Manager
- * **Fisher & Paykel and Fuzion Travel**, sponsors towards the event

On behalf of the Burn Support Charitable Trust, thank you and our appreciation to all those that attended on the night, contributing to the 2020 Children's Burn Camp.

All photos by Anvin Valentine | fernflicks

Anvin works as a Management Accountant for TV3, Newshub.

During his spare time, he gets creative with photography and film making at his passion transformed business, fernflicks. Anvin has done various corporate videos, weddings, events and dance performances.

2020 dates to look for....

Childrens Burns Camp - 24-28 Jan

Survivor Sundays -

1st March / 7th June / 6th September
13th December.

Womens Burn Retreat - 25-28 March

Australian Burns Forum - 28-31 May

Mens Day Out - 26th September

World Burn Congress - 21-25 October

Auckland Charity Night -

27th November

Annual General Meeting - 18 August



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Inaugural Burn Survivor 'Men's Day Out' - 23 Nov 2019

Skipper Alan and wife, Michelle hosted a great day out on the sea for burn survivor males. Seasprite Charter Boats had the boys out bright and early on a wonderful day for fishing... as luck had it, the fish were biting!

This is the first Men's Day Out event supported by the Burn Support Group, with a great turn out of 11, along with Ambassador Jim Kayes, who joined the evening for a meal at Billfish Cafe. With the great positive feedback received it is fair to say this event will become an annual affair!

Look for the 2020 survey, date for the diary is 26 September 2020.

Burns Support Group wish to thank Seasprite Charters, Billfish Cafe and Harley Davidson Auckland for your generous contributions in the making of this event.



Successful 2019 Telemarketing Campaign partnered with Southern Stars Charitable Trust

A fantastic effort by Southern Stars team raising \$107,000.00 donated to the Burn Support

The pantomime, 'Aladdin', took place with many children and their families attending.

With young burn survivors, Jessica Marginson, Jack Dragovich and Grace Neil taking the stage to thank and acknowledge Southern Stars for this massive effort.

This amazing contribution will enable the Burn Support Group to continue supporting the burn community throughout New Zealand.

Annual Burn Camp 2020 (numbers have increased again this year), is an invaluable project giving young burn survivors the safe haven required to build on confidence, self-esteem, and most importantly have fun whilst building new relationships to last a lifetime.

An outstanding achievement which is truly appreciated. Charitable Trust.



LAST SURVIVOR SUNDAY FOR 2019

8th December proved to be a wonderful day for the 48 that attended. It is always a pleasure to see the parents/car-givers catch up, this time was very special with the children also included. With 2020 Camp fast approaching watching rekindling relationships and new introductions is always rewarding. Many thanks to all those that have taken part in the provided S/Sunday throughout this year, the numbers are expanding, we have been very fortunate to have wonderful guest speakers, fun activities, great food and inspiring company...

Burn Support Group would like to thank St Lukes for the lovely venue, Clare Lenaghan for her skills and talent as a facepainter, Spit Roast for lunch and Atlesh, Soft Serve Ice cream ...

B.S.G LOOK FORWARD TO S/SUNDAY'S 2020. Also a special mention for young Sarah Rutherford, her generous time assisting with the Lucky Dip project :)

Ladies Registration Required for 2020 Retreat

Fourth Annual Women's Burn Survivor Retreat

Castaways Resort, Karioitahi Beach, Waiuku

25th – 28th March 2020

A safe haven for women to share their stories and feelings with others similarly affected. An opportunity to discuss all the feminine issues they face, while learning strategies, tips and techniques to enrich and empower their day to day lives, all while having lots of fun (and pampering) in the process!

REGISTRATION: \$68

Internet Banking No: 06-02330—68794-02; Cash or cheque also accepted

Please complete and mail to:

Burn Support Group Charitable Trust, PO Box 97164, Manukau City



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Australian Forum 2020

Applications are now open for the Australian Forum 2020 (18+) Charitable Trust.

Burnslife offer a four day forum open to Burn Survivors and families... The Burn Support Charitable Trust have provided the opportunity for New Zealand survivors to attend this worthwhile programme for the past two years.

Representatives receive accommodation and catering costs covered. They will partake in workshop sessions with health professionals, mix and mingle sharing your story and journey with burn survivors alike.

If you are interested and wish to take advantage of this opportunity for 2020, please complete and send in your application before closing date - 29 February 2020



Phoenix World Burn Congress : 21 - 24 October 2020

Applications are now open for the Phoenix World Burn Congress 2020, which offers an incredible humbling experience, to meet and share your journey with peers alike, to embark on an adventure for 4 days that will stay with you for a lifetime.

Put into your words why you wish to attend, what you hope to gain and how you hope to give back. Applications are open until 1 March 2020..

The conference will be held at Providence, Rhode Island, USA.



Generous donation from Sam Barnes

The Burn Support Group thanks Sam Barnes for his terrific support towards the Burn Community of New Zealand.

Michele from Burn Support Group was fortunate enough to spend time with Sam in Hamilton where she quickly recognised the wealth of knowledge Sam has when discussing the safety required for homes when it comes to fires.

The Charity are extremely grateful to be the recipients of this US\$1,000 generous donation.

Home Safety Networks Ltd works with American company Global Health & Safety which in turn are sponsors for the Phoenix World Burn Congress, an event that New Zealand representatives attend each year. Burn Support Group looks forward to an ongoing relationship with Home Safety Networks Ltd.



Waikato Hospital gifted support from Southern Stars and Burn Support Group

Big thank you to the Burns Support Group Trust for fulfilling our Ward M7 wish list with items that will hugely support our burns patients and really help out our staff. The Trust was able to purchase for our Ward M7 team:

- * A new Dinamap trolley that helps observe patients pre and post burns dressing changes and easily travels to each patient with a number of clinical tools.

- * Jelly Bean switches – for patients that come in with hand burns that can't physically ring the call bell to get the staff attention. The Jelly Bean makes it easier for the patient to press it down, even with dressings on.

The total amount for the items came to \$5236.00, raised via the Trust's successful telemarketing campaign. This is incredible Burns Support Group Trust, thank you so much.

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**
& Happy New Year

Thank you to all those who contributed in 2019 to the Burn Support Group Charitable Trust. We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, a safe New Year and we look forward to sharing an exciting and adventurous 2020 with you all.