



# The Burn Support Group Summer Newsletter

[www.burns.org.nz](http://www.burns.org.nz)

December 2021



*Best Wishes from the Trustees, Board Members & Michele*

On behalf of our Trustees, the Board and Michele, we wish to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to all those of you who have supported our amazing little charity over this past year - in every which way, whether it be by a financial donation, a grant, products, services, resources, sponsorships, etc. It has been a very rough year for everyone, but our little charity has 'ridden the waves' and never skipped a beat in its mission to encourage, empower and enrich the lives of burn survivors and their families. This has been due wholly and solely to your incredibly generous support to ensure that the needs of our people are met with our empathetic caring and support.

Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts. We wish each of you safe and happy holidays, lots of fun in the sun, and a Christmas not only rich in family blessings, but filled with peace and love.



## **GRANT - A - WISH 2021.. "Jessica Marginson"**

It is a pleasure for the B.S.G to support Jessica's attendance at the New Zealand Nationals Ten Pin Bowling Tournament. As a talented and inspiring young lady it has been a privilege to watch her growth as she has attended Camp Awhi for many years. As the winner of the Grant a Wish scheme, Jessica will receive funding to cover her tournament fees, and assist with her accommodation costs.

GRANT A WISH Scheme is available to all the children that attend Camp Awhi. Each participating child will write their wish on a piece of paper where on the last evening of camp, the lucky winner will be drawn. Jessica has become the second lucky recipient....





### Southern Stars Telemarketing 2021:

Outstanding generosity for NZ Burn Community... \$90,000 raised by the very successful 2021 Telemarketing Campaign.

Burn Support Group acknowledges and is extremely thankful for Southern Stars participation, hard work and support.



This funding allows the many initiatives to take place supporting burn survivors throughout the country, also raising the awareness surrounding burns.

Burns can be a long arduous journey, changing the life of an individual emotionally, physically and psychologically.

Burn Support Group aims to offer support in improving and empowering the lives of burn survivors moving forward in everyday life.

Our deepest and most heartfelt thanks to Keith and his telemarketing team at Southern Stars, for yet again providing us with the proceeds of their annual fundraiser. Once again, the outstanding generosity of the public has been truly incredible during a very difficult year for so many. This year the terrific donation of \$90,000 will literally keep us 'in business' for another year!

Our relationship with Southern Stars goes back to the very early days of our organization (thirty years ago), when Gary and Raewyn Cook organized their first magic show for us, donating \$2000. Ooohh, how the show and our organization has grown!

Each year this intensive fundraiser enables us to continue providing the much-needed care for our burn family with our annual childrens Burn Camp, the Womens Retreat, Mens Day out, Burn Survivor Sundays, Care Kits for patients, educational resources, equipment for the national Burn Centre, etcetera.

Thank you again guys for your dedicated, staunch and loyal support to our organization, and of course to the amazing public of Auckland who have supported us yet again! It is appreciated more than you will ever know.

Delwyn Breslau  
Founder and Board Member

### Dates for 2022

#### Board Meetings:

22nd Feb, 17th May, 2nd August, 6th December  
A.G.M - 7th June

#### S/Sundays:

13th March, 26th June, 25th September,  
11th December

#### Men's Day Out:

26th February, 29th October / overnight

**Women's Retreat:** 23rd - 26th March

**Winter Camp Awhi:** 19th - 21st June

**TICKETS \$10**  
All proceeds to Men's Day Out 2021  
Prize kindly donated by Heliflite

### Scenic Flight Raffle

"See Auckland from above! Our Auckland City Scenic takes you from our Ardmore base out over the eastern beaches of Auckland. Next, it's onto the city center via the summit crater of Rangitoto, Auckland's youngest volcano. During the flight, you will overfly the historic township of Devonport and its Naval Base as well as fly around the iconic Sky Tower. Taking in views out over the Hauraki Gulf and right out towards the Waiotake Ranges. This flight is one of our most impressive!"

\*This experience is valued at \$1650.00  
\*Available for up to 3 passengers (total weight restrictions apply)

For tickets contact Michele ph 09-2700640 or email [michele@burns.org.nz](mailto:michele@burns.org.nz)  
Raffle drawn 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021



### RAFFLE WINNER ALICE TAYLOR, CONGRATULATIONS

Burn Support Group wishes to express their gratitude to all those that purchased tickets, and thank you for your patience as the raffle drawing date was extended.

All monies raised will support the upcoming Men's Day Out event, a day out on Auckland Harbour fishing, providing an informal opportunity for male burn survivors/peer support and family members to enjoy the company of others similarly affected.

A special mention to Heliflite - the Charity sincerely appreciates your contribution and support with this wonderful raffle and amazing winning opportunity.

"Thank you to the Burn Support Group and Heliflight for this great prize!" - Alice Taylor

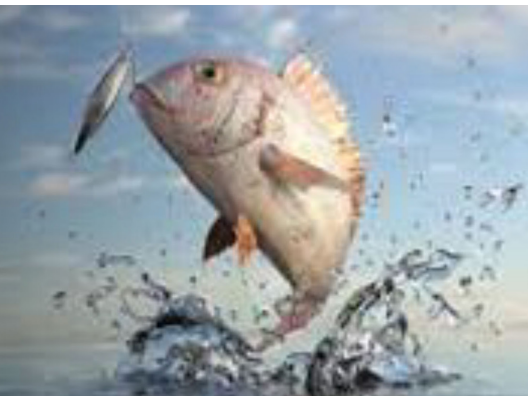




### Events coming up in 2022

To keep up to date with the ongoing commitment to the burn community, all information can be found on the website. [www.burns.org.nz](http://www.burns.org.nz)

## Burn Survivor Men's Day Out 9<sup>th</sup> October 2021



- Seasprite Charter – Rods, bait etc supplied
- BBQ and swim
- Depart 7am from Westhaven Marina Pier Z11
- Return to port 3pm

\*Skipper will make a call if postponement is required due to unforeseen weather conditions

Completed registration forms due 26<sup>th</sup> September as numbers are restricted

Event open to peer support by arrangement

Contact Michele Henry on 09-2700640 or [michele@burns.org.nz](mailto:michele@burns.org.nz)

### Annual Women's Burn Survivor Retreat

Castaways Resort, Karioitahi Beach, Waiuku

23rd—26th March 2022

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: \$70

Internet Banking No: 06-0233-068794-00

RSVP by 31st January 2022

Burn Support Group Charitable Trust, PO Box 97164, Manukau  
City or email [michele@burns.org.nz](mailto:michele@burns.org.nz)



## Burn Support Charitable Trust SURVIVOR SUNDAY, 13<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2022

PT. ERIN POOLS, HERNE BAY, AUCKLAND  
11.00am – 3.00pm

COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN. BRING YOUR FAMILY, TOGS & SUNSCREEN.

LUNCH, COFFEE, ICE CREAMS & RAFFLE PROVIDED

RSVP: Numbers are required for catering.  
[michele@burns.org.nz](mailto:michele@burns.org.nz), 021863670

## WINTER CAMP AWHI

Pack your winter woollies, sleeping bag, beanies, togs and come share this new adventure!! Look forward to snow, fun activities and reconnecting with each other!

17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>  
July 2022



TAYLOR  
LODGE,  
RUAPAHU



"Double vaccinations required 12 years & over"





# Wound Awareness Week Burns & Scalds

26<sup>th</sup> July – 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021  
[www.nzwcs.org.nz/wound-awareness-week](http://www.nzwcs.org.nz/wound-awareness-week)



## Wound Awareness Week - 26 July - 1 August 2021

The Burn Support Charitable Trust were very pleased to be invited by Sharon Cassidy and Jeanette Henderson from the NZ Wound Care Society to be the judges for the fun competition set for kindergartens and primary schools around the country. It was fantastic to see the many entries and all the hard work that the children put into their designs. It is our opinion that everyone was a winner for contributing and raising the awareness surrounding fire and burns.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Trillum Montessori, Christchurch  
Tahatai Primary School, Papamoa

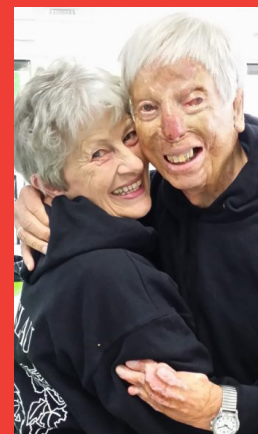


## First anniversary of the passing of ALAN BRESLAU

A tribute to a very special gentleman, as last month marked the first anniversary of the passing of ALAN BRESLAU. Alan will be remembered in the hearts of so many for his lifetime dedication and commitment to burn survivors. Alan was a mentor, friend, inspiration and true Phoenix to all who had the great fortune to cross his path.

*"Sometimes the worst thing that happens to you, the thing you think you can't survive... it's the thing that makes you better than you used to be."* □

Jennifer Weiner, Fly Away Home



## Emma's Helpful Hints

Our Fire and Emergency team are always on call 24/7 365 days a year – including Christmas - although as wonderful as your holiday celebrations probably are, we would rather not be invited! Below are some tips to keep you and your family fire safe over Christmas and throughout the summer.

**Kitchens** - We all know Christmas is a busy time of year, especially in the kitchen and we all know how easy it is to get distracted between kids running around, family turning up, pets etc. so it's even more important than usual to follow the golden rule of "Keep looking when you are cooking"

**BBQS** - There is nothing more kiwi than a BBQ on Christmas day but just make sure your BBQ, whether gas or charcoal, is in good working order before the big day (and that means more than just checking the gas bottle is full!):

- Regularly check and maintain fittings and connections
- Use your BBQ on a solid surface – away from anything combustible
- Supervise children around the BBQ and make sure all matches and lighters are kept up high away from Children.
- After using the BBQ make sure the cylinder is turned off (Gas BBQs) and that you cool any hot coals completely before disposing.