



The Burn Support Group Winter Newsletter

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Update From The President

2020 has unfortunately been filled with concerns. Concerns about a pandemic, economy, travel, etc. But I am writing this to help alleviate some of those concerns, at least regarding the BSGCT. First, to be clear, we have all intentions of getting through this and continuing with our support for burn survivors in New Zealand. Our board is very dedicated and collectively doing everything we can to keep our charity functioning despite the recent challenges and some future ones.



This has already come with some temporary alterations, like not enabling international travel to events we loved like the Aussie Burns Forum and the International Burns Congress, and postponing group gatherings like the Women's Burns Retreat. Although, I can confidently say, these were/are only temporary, and we will be doing everything we can to continue with these events in the future as soon as we can.

I think we can all agree 2020 has been a difficult one, and not surprisingly it is only half over. But with challenging times comes opportunities to look at the positive, and for me the Burn Support Group is always that. It is even in our title, "Support". The "Support" in our name does not just reflect specifically to the individual burn incident, it describes us as whole and what our charity is about. We work very hard to unite a wonderful group of people who are terrific at supporting each other and happen to share a common link. This support can come in many ways, and now is the time to continue with supporting each other to what ever extent we can. If you are able to, check in on those you care about, people you may not heard from a while, or those you think may be struggling. The BSG is always here to show support in any way we can as well.

The Burn Support Group is already planning ahead with another Survivor Sunday, Men's Day Out, achieving our postponed Women's Day Retreat and Camp Awhi 2021. Along with other wonderful achievements like our Survivors in the national spotlight sharing their stories and multiple ad campaigns to share our message and charity with New Zealand. We are also continuing with fund raisers as we speak, like a raffle to win dinner at the amazing Sugar Club. With everyone's support and patience, I know we can get through this together and I write this knowing that the Board for the Charity along with the survivors who consist of it will be the reason how we accomplish getting through this challenging time.

Nick Nielson

Ongoing Contributions....



Thank you for another very generous donation from the Merchant Liquor store, Botany. For a second year running the Burn Support Group have had the continued support of Merchant Liquor staff and public in contributing to the Men's Day Out, this partnership is truly acknowledged.

Burns Support Group welcome and acknowledge Southern stars 2020 Telemarketing campaign. Funds contribute to National Burns Unit, Waikato Burns Ward and Annual Childrens Burn Camp.



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Burn Survivors "Men's Day Out"


**BURN SURVIVOR
"MEN'S DAY OUT"**


8-hour Fishing Charter with lunch provided, followed by BBQ


- Auckland Westhaven Marina
- 26th September 2020
- 7.30am Prompt Departure

Completed registration forms due 11th September as numbers are limited
Event open to peer support by arrangement
Contact Michele Henry on 09-2700640 or michele@burns.org.nz
*Skipper will make a call if postponement is required due to unforeseen weather conditions

Auckland Charter Boats







With great success 2020 will see the Men's Day Out again on the agenda! Contact the office with any questions, registration forms can be found on the website..

Burn Survivor Sunday

20th September 2020
11am – 3pm

*Safekids introduction of resources and initiatives presented by
Susie Tearapo Kite*

Bucklands Beach Yacht Club: Ara-tai, Half Moon Bay, Auckland, 2012

- Lunch provided
- Raffle

Please RSVP to Michele@burns.org.nz or ph 09-2700640 by 11/9/20



Goodbye to Jan Steele.....

After many years, The Burn Support Group Charitable Trust has received notification that our dedicated, wonderful, Jan Steele has resigned as a Board member and Trustee of the BSGCT. Although, now not technically holding a role, Jan will always be a part of our whanau. Her devotion to the BSGCT began in 1988 and during her very long tenure with the Charity she held such roles as Vice President, Trustee, Minutes Secretary and Treasurer.

For over 30 years she has dedicated her time to supporting burn survivors in New Zealand, affecting countless lives in the process. There is no doubt that the impact she made has had a permanent impact on the Charity, and we are so very fortunate to have had someone with that love and dedication.

The Burn Support Group's success today is a direct result of Jan's hard work and commitment to burn survivor support. Our sincerest thanks to you, Jan.



2021 CAMP APPLICATIONS REQUIRED BY 1ST OCTOBER

Please send through to office to hold your space at WILLOW-PARK CAMP, AUCKLAND...

Ocean Johnson who has been a part of the Burns family for many years, was at Camp this year as a Support Volunteer.

Everyone from the B.S.G would like to congratulate Ocean and her partner Tehorowai on the arrival of their gorgeous new addition: WILLOW MARIE DAVIES, arrived 30/6/20.. we wish you all the very best and look forward to seeing you both again shortly!

Unbreakable Series including the inspiring Troy Hall



B.S.G. supports P.A.C.U.

B.S.G.'s second presentation and invaluable time spent with nurses from Manukau Super Clinic and Middlemore Hospital. Heather Stewart (burn survivor) shared her story, held an informative Q & A session relating to feelings and thoughts at the time of surgery.

Thank you to Emma Gil, Clinical Speciality Nurse for making these presentations available, it proves to be beneficial for the patient and staff...

We all wish Heather, all the best with her upcoming surgery....

If you are interested in taking part in the future presentations, please contact Michele to discuss further..
michele@burns.org.nz

Burn Support Group are extremely proud of Troy sharing his journey. To the team from TVI STORYMAKER, our sincere appreciation for raising the awareness surrounding life with burns! and to MITRE 10 TAURANGA for acknowledging Troy's story presenting him with a voucher from the store, shows immense community spirit and recognition of all the hard work Troy has made in his progression.

Message from Troy.....

"I feel so loved and very humbled by all the messages and kind words from all of you. Words can't express the feelings I have right now, especially since watching it with my daughter. The first scenes with the bang and then hospital scene, she started balling her eyes out saying, 'I don't want you to die, Daddy', really got me teary-eyed. Then the million questions during the show! LOL.



From the Storymaker Crew.....

Filming at the camp was a real highlight this year and just seeing the work you all do was so inspiring. Thank you so much for having us and organising our ability to film.

Meeting amazing people is one of the highlights of my job and hanging out with Troy and the kids was a privilege.

The support the Burns Group offer him is a real life line.

All the best for the amazing work you do.

Esta Hutchins

THE BURN SUPPORT GROUP IS **HERE** TO **HELP.**



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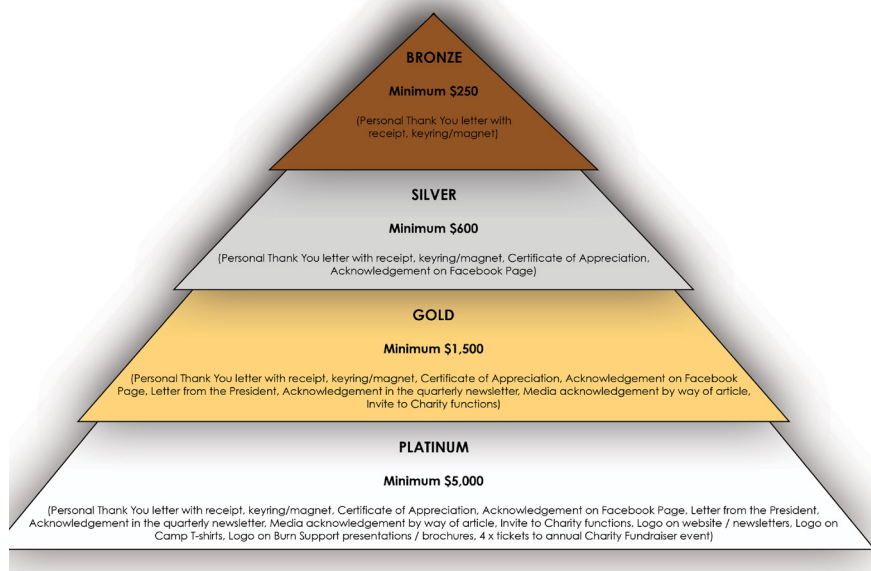
We offer support to adults and children through a range of camps, meetings and initiatives. Including:

- Camp Awhi, Annual Children's Burn Camp
- Survivor Sundays
- Our Women's Retreat
- Our Men's Day Out
- The Phoenix World Burn Congress
- The Australian Burn Forum
- And other fundraising events

**Find out more at burns.org.nz
or on 09 270 0640**



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Opportunity Awaits

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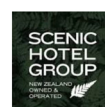
Tracey-Maree, burn survivor, recently purchased Talent Agency "The Talent Tree".

Specialising in Diversity Talent she encourages other survivors to enquire how they could join the bespoke team for some amazing opportunities.

\$20 RAFFLE



*Compliments from **Peter Gordon** the Chef's Tasting menu with matching beverages at the Sugar Club for two*



Along with one night's accommodation and breakfast at selected Scenic Hotel Group



Tickets available from Michele at michele@burns.org.nz or 09-2700640

Raffle drawn August 28th, 2020
All proceeds go to Women's Burn Retreat 2020
Winner will be notified and advertised on social media and website