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# Camp Awhi 2019

2019 proved to be yet again another amazing successful Children's Burn Camp. With the numbers expanding we were fortunate enough to have 25 children attend and even more exciting to meet and greet all our new faces. A very big THANK YOU to Napier, they were extremely kind to us as a group, we had a fabulous time discovering parts of the city.

With many activities to keep everyone active, horse riding, archery, paintball, movie night and the 14+ spending a night out in the wilderness the 5 days seemed to pass very fast. Too all those great kids we spent time with, next year promises to be just as much fun! Camp is provided to those throughout the country aged 7 - 17 yrs who have sustained burn injuries. The environment is a terrific place to share your journeys, build wonderful relationships that last a lifetime, strengthen confidence and self - esteem. Application forms are available on the website for 2020 Camp..... to be held in NELSON!!

To all those that contribute and support Burn Support Charitable Trust in enabling us to offer this invaluable opportunity, we thank you, your sponsorship, donations and care are truly appreciated..

## Certificate Of Appreciation

This certificate recognises with gratitude

**Mountain Valley Camp, Lions Clubs, R.R.Team, Napier Fire Service,  
Laser Tag, Napier Rental Bikes, Splash Planet & Gannet Adventures**

for your generous and valuable contributions to

Burn Support Group Charitable Trust, Inc

*Peter Sharp (President)*

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## Peter Gordon's Raffle



200 tickets were sold, in no time at all, for this excellent raffle prize. \$2000 was raised towards the Women's Burn Retreat. Thank you to all those that purchased tickets, today Lee Gilson from PS1 Fire & Safety, main sponsor for the event was on hand to draw the winning ticket.....

CONGRATULATIONS TO  
YVONNE MCKAY, who has won a  
night for 2 at SKY CITY, along with  
THE CHEFS TASTING MENU,  
accompanying wines at the  
SUGAR CLUB, AUCKLAND...



# Jim Kayes Burns Support Group new Ambassador

Burn Support Group are extremely happy to announce Jim Kayes as the AMBASSADOR for the Charity.

We would like to extend a welcome to come and meet/ greet with Jim, hear his story and why he feels an affiliation to the Charity. On behalf of the Burn Support Charitable Trust thank you Jim for your support and we welcome you aboard, looking forward to your participation and welcome ideas.....



## Keys from L.O.T.U.S 2019 Sponsor

INTRODUCING KEYS KERDEMELEIDIS-KIESANOWSKI, Property Manager is the latest welcomed Annual Sponsor supporting the B.S.G On behalf of the Trust, thank you for your generosity, your donation contributes and assists in the continual support of the Burn Community with events/fundraisers and new initiatives.

Hi, as a Paid Professional Firefighter for over 37 years I have seen my share of injuries due to burns and know it is the most painful injury one can receive. I fully support the burns organisation with their wonderful efforts.

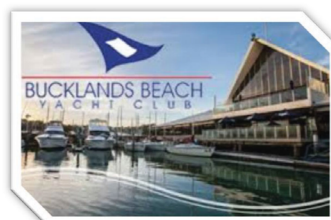
## BURN SURVIVOR SUNDAY

19<sup>th</sup> May 2019



18+ EVENT FOR BURN SURVIVORS, FAMILY MEMBERS OR SUPPORT PERSON

11am-3pm - Lunch provided with guest speaker



Ara-tai  
Half Moon Bay  
Auckland 2012

Ferry available from the city to the door!



### Introducing Burn Support Group Ambassador - Jim Kayes

Jim Kayes is a father of two teenage girls who ensure he is busy, broke and often confused. He's worked as a reporter, broadcaster and sports commentator for 25 years across newspapers, radio and television. Perhaps best known for his role as the sports anchor on the Paul Henry show on TV, he is also a regular on Sky Sport and Radio Sport. He also works as an MC, is the Brand Ambassador for All Blacks Tours and writes a blog about raising amazing daughters.

RSVP by 7<sup>th</sup> May to [Michele@burns.org.nz](mailto:Michele@burns.org.nz) or ph (09) 270 0640



Waikato  
Claudelands Events Centre  
29th & 30th June





## B.S.G donates equipment to N.B.Unit

Exciting times are amongst us at Middlemore Hospital as The National Burns Centre have purchased a new tool, the Meek Mesher, with the astonishing \$25,000 fundraised by the Burn Support Group Charitable Trust.

The Meek Mesher is a micro-grafting machine used on patients with severely burnt skin to reconstruct and repair the skin. Being the first one of its kind in New Zealand is a huge achievement for the National Burns Centre and Middlemore Hospital. It allows for a faster recovery, minimises the patients time in the hospital and ensures patients are being healed more frequently, creating more space for incoming patients.

The tool takes a piece of skin from the patient's body and expands it to cover larger surface areas of the body. The skin is enlarged by the Meek Mesher, which has a gauze and predetermined cutters which separate and stretch the skin fragment into a larger piece of skin to cover the body and provide a positive cosmetic outcome.

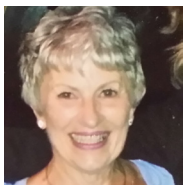
With severe burns, it is important to save as much of the patient's skin as possible. The Meek Mesher will be an essential tool that allows acute patients to be treated faster and ensure fewer people are waiting around, which generally causes a high risk of infection and can be dangerous for any patient.

Dr Richard Wong-She informed Michele Henry and Delwyn Breslau, from the Burns Support Group, he wants patients to recover and think 'I am alive, what can I do now?' rather than put their lives on hold after their burns. The aim is to have a person's expectations rise due to the results of the machine so they can see life after surgery, allowing people to continue living their life as they did before.



## Women's Burns Retreat 2019 Castaways Resort

Meet the lovely ladies attending this year at Castaways resort Auckland- 27th - 30th March



Delwyn Breslau



Serena Rudd



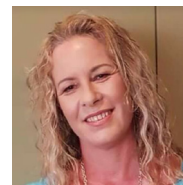
Donna G Marshall



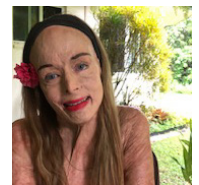
Lena Tukuafu



Joanne Stumbles



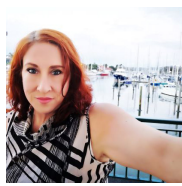
Rachel Ford



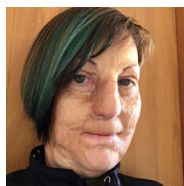
Carol Mayer



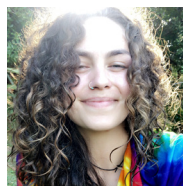
Dawn Woolgar



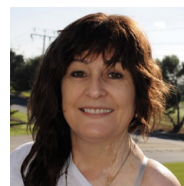
Donna-Maree Austin



Heather Stewart



Aroha Andrew



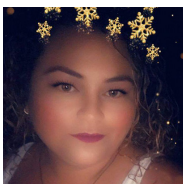
Karen Jacques



Melissa Paterson



Darlene Fenton



Shari Kauri



Sonia Bajaj



Vanessa



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## Survivor Sunday - 24 February 2019



Thank you to The Beekeepers Wife for accommodating our first Survivor Sunday for 2019.

Our sincere appreciation to guest speakers, Moira and Terry Lee, who took time out whilst on holiday from Australia, to visit and speak with us, sharing their journey, starting when they were engulfed in the worst South Australian bush fires taking place in 2015. Truly inspiring, enormously courageous and with amazingly witty banter, Terry and Moira celebrated with us on how love, positivity and looking ahead by setting goals has them looking to brighter times in the future.

A wonderful day shared with plenty of chatter, lovely lunch, tears and laughter. A terrific start to the year with 33 attending. Lovely to see all our familiar faces back who warmly welcomed our new guests, coming from as far as Whangarei, Tauranga and Hamilton, on behalf of the Burn Support Group thank you for your contributions, support and feedback.

Next Survivor Sunday is 19 May - details to follow.

## Local Volunteer Award

B.S.G are very proud to see our amazing Volunteer of 2 years KERRIE RUTHERFORD receive a well deserved award for her time, support and effort that is constantly provided weekly to the Charity. Mangere- Otahuhu Council provided the venue and the presentation for those valued and winning nominations. On behalf of the Charity thank you Kerrie for your continual service and support.



## Fire and Emergency Day at MOTAT - 17 February 2019

MOTAT, FIRE AND EMERGENCY DAY was a huge success, even with the heat it didn't stop the families venturing out for a days entertainment at MOTAT.

The organisers provided a fun filled, educational event involving the many wonderful services that provide support and assistance as and when needed to the public.

It was great to have the girls, Jessica Marginson and Grace Neil helping out, along with Joshua Sade-Ina supporting on the Charity stand. Joshua gave a inspiring account of his journey as a burn survivor throughout the day, it is with hope that this can prevent just that one unfortunate incident waiting to happen!

A raffle was on hand - training shorts of the Warriors. Congratulations to the lucky winner, Alison Williams from Henderson.

A big warm thank you to Briar and the team for welcoming Burn Support Group to attend and to Delwyn for dropping us off some lunch.. A job well done by Jessica, Grace and Joshua. x

