

# BURNS NEWS

BURN SUPPORT GROUP CHARITABLE TRUST, INC.

## CAMP AWHI AT MICAMP, TAUPO

MiCamp, Taupo is the location for Camp Awhi 2018. It is situated in Turangi, New Zealand. It is a wonderful camp across the road from beautiful Lake Taupo. This years camp runs from Friday 19 January to Tuesday 23 January, 2018.

Camp Awhi is a FREE 5 day sleep-away experience for children aged 7 - 17 years who have had a burn injury. It is an opportunity for children to have fun, learn life skills, meet other burn survivors and share their stories.

Although Camp Awhi campers are of varying ages activities and groups are tailored towards each camper's developmental needs.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR A CHILD AT CAMP AWHI or you are interested in attending or being a volunteer at Camp please contact [michele@burns.org.nz](mailto:michele@burns.org.nz) or look at our website [www.burns.org.nz](http://www.burns.org.nz)



Burn Support Group  
Charitable Trust's AGM  
16 August, 2018 @ 7pm  
Burn Support Group offices.  
16 Albion Road,  
Otahuhu



## WELCOME

BRRRR. I Hope you're all enjoying this crisp, cold Winter. Make sure you have checked your electric blankets before putting on your bed and that you are sticking to the 'metre from the heater' rule. Put a circle around the 18th November in your diary which is our Charity Quiz Night. Stay safe and stay warm!

## HOW HOT IS YOUR HOT WATER?

According to Safekids Aotearoa, every day a child is burned severely enough to be admitted into hospital. Of 1 to 2 year olds admitted to hospital due to severe burns, over half are caused by spilt hot drinks and other liquids.

Use the thermometer below to check the temperature of your water.

*HOT WATER BURNS LIKE FIRE TRANSLATED TO CHINESE MANDARIN*  
Burn Support Group would like to acknowledge and thank Alice Ding, Anni Tang and Sam Cho from the Asian Network Incorporated, TANI. They have volunteered their time and support to translate "Hot Water Burns Like Fire" brochures into Chinese Mandarin. These translated brochures are available to the Hospitals, Doctor's Surgeries, Community Groups and the general public. With the promotion of helpful hints on home safety we hope to lower the unfortunate incidents surrounding burns... [www.burns.org.nz](http://www.burns.org.nz)

A reminder from the brochure:

Hot water coming out of a tap should be between 50 and 55 degrees celsius

Always supervise young children when having a bath, shower or washing their hands

Run cold water into a bath before you run the hot water

**"Seconds to burn, BUT at least 20 minutes to cool!!"**



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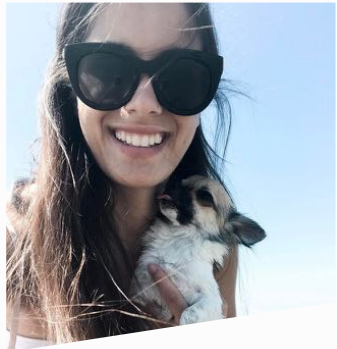
# MEET OUR WORLD BURN CONGRESS ATTENDEES



OCEAN JOHNSON



PETE SHARP



WOROD TIAY (RU)



BRAYDEN WARNOCK HANNON



MELISSA PATERSON

*Thank you to all of the people that sent in submissions for the amazing opportunity to attend the World Burn Congress in Dallas, Texas, USA.*

*We had a variety of applications from burn survivors, parents of burn survivors and volunteers - all as worthy as each other and made it a difficult decision for our board.*

A huge congratulations to Ocean Johnson, Brayden Warnock-Hannon, Melissa Paterson, World Ai-Tiay and Pete Sharp, who will be representing Burn Support Group in Dallas.

Ocean is a regular attendee at our Children's Camp. This year she received the Outstanding Camper award. Ocean receiving third degree burns to her legs when she was 14. She is "looking forward to meeting other burn survivors from around the world and hear their stories as well as sharing mine"

Pete is a current board member and the Father of a Burn Survivor. Pete attends our Childrens Camp and utilises his outdoor skills. Pete's family is actively involved with the burns community as they recover physically and mentally of the emotional trauma burns has on the parents and the family.

Worod (or Ru is she commonly known as) has been a counsellor at our children's camp. She became a burn survivor at the age of 11 and believes this opportunity will give her a chance to grow both individually and in turn have the chance to bring back what I have gained and shape both the burn survivor community as well as general society.

Brayden has attended our camp for seven years after being burnt at the age of 5. He feels like "I would be able to learn a lot about how to teach people to look after their own scars better"

Melissa is a board member, camp volunteer and a burn survivor.

Melissa says "I feel incredibly honoured to be part of the contingent travelling to the WBC this year. I hope to use this as an opportunity to grow more and meet other amazing people. I am also excited to share this experience with others on the same journey. I have seen other survivors and family members return and I am also blown away by how much the congress changes them. I can't wait !!!

Phoenix World Burn Congress is an annual, international conference that brings together burn survivors, their families, caregivers, burn care professionals, and firefighters. People come together to offer support, increase their knowledge of burn recovery, and share inspiring stories. For many burn survivors, it is their first opportunity to connect with others on the journey of burn recovery. Through workshops, speakers, and peer-to-peer dialogue, people come to better understand the issues that impact the lives of burn survivors.

Next years World Burn Congress 2018 is in Grand Rapids, Michigan, USA. It will run from September 12 - 15 , 2018.

# OUT IN THE COMMUNITY



## PANAMA RD SCHOOL VISIT

Michele Henry visited Panama School in Mt Wellington to discuss the education, prevention and care required around the subject of Burns.

BSG had the wonderful opportunity of attending Panama School after an invitation from Principal Jan Dold. Students assisted in learning how to identify and recognize the hazards that can be found around the home, discussion and feedback on how best to prevent these accidents from occurring....Supporting the presentation for Junior and Senior Classes was the distribution of Resources and the well liked toy "Mr Quickcool"

The Burn Support Group would like to thank the School, Teachers and pupils for giving their time, sharing their stories and raising awareness to the dangers surrounding BURNS...

Matt Evans from the Fire Service will be introducing the Firewise programme through the school in the near future.

If you are a School who wishes The Burn Support Group to visit or supply resources please contact Michele@burns.org.nz or view the website www.burns.org.nz

## WAIKATO BABY SHOW

BSG manned a stand at the Waikato Baby Show on the 30th June for the weekend. Approximately 6,100 visitors came through. We had resources available to the public raising the awareness of burn injuries and identifying the hazards that can be found around the home. Thank you to Tracee McKenzie for giving up her time and valued support generously donated to the Burn Support Charity. Also a big thank you for the continued support from Niugini Organics, who donated 20% of sales to us.



## CHRISTCHURCH HOSPITAL DONATIONS

Burn Support Group facilitated with Harvey Norman (Mike Morgan) to supply the Christchurch Hospital Ward 20, with 2 recliner chairs providing comfort to patients and their families going through intensive treatment and rehabilitation from burn injuries.

Sharon Minichington (Charge Nurse Manager) acknowledges the donation and is sure the patients will get a lot of use from these chairs, the raised leg rest function with the decline to a bed position will be beneficial and most welcomed..



Standing on the left Sharon Minichington, middle Mike Morgan, sitting registered nurses Nicole Watts and Hannah Thiele.



A special mention and thank you to Jan Danrell (above picture / volunteers coordinator) who took BSG Administrator Michele Henry for a complete guided tour through the Hospital. Your time and support, along with Ward 20 B.S.G brochures, camp and contact forms have been supplied to the staff on the Children's Ward... If you have queries and would like to know more about the Burn Support Group and available resources visit [www.burns.org.nz](http://www.burns.org.nz) or email [michele@burns.org.nz](mailto:michele@burns.org.nz)

Look out for us  
at the  
**Auckland Baby Show -**  
**19 - 21 August, ASB**  
**Showgrounds**

Always remember  
You are BRAVER  
than you believe  
STRONGER than you seem  
SMARTER than you think  
and twice as  
BEAUTIFUL  
as you'd ever  
IMAGINED

**Thank You**



BSG received \$672.00 funding from Four Winds Foundation, which will help fund the up-grade of our Website. We are in the process of modernizing and improving the website to be more informative and easier to use.

A big thank you to MITRE 10 Botany for their terrific support in donating a shed for the office to store our resources. Our resources are a huge part of educating on burn hazards so this will be a big help.



A big Thanks to My Virtual Assistant who have been working with us on upgrading our Website [www.burns.org.nz](http://www.burns.org.nz)

Are you a burn survivor or the parent/ caregiver or a friend of a burn survivor and feel that others might benefit from and be encouraged by you sharing your experience, please contact us and tell us about it. if you would like to help contribute towards the production and distribution of our newsletter in return for advertising contact - [michele@burns.org.nz](mailto:michele@burns.org.nz)

**VOLUNTEERS**  
Sachini Godage and Tharindu Thudugala, from Sri Lanka volunteered their time to the Burn Support Charitable Trust, after finding us on the Volunteering Auckland website. Your time was much appreciated and it's people like you that make the world a better place.  
If you are interested in volunteering your time, packing resource packs for schools and hospitals you can connect with us by contacting [michele@burns.org.nz](mailto:michele@burns.org.nz)



**BURN SUPPORT GROUP**

**save the date**

**QUIZ NIGHT**

18th November 7.00pm

**Ticket price \$35.00 pp**

All funds raised will contribute to our Annual Children's Burn Camp

**QUIZ MASTER Jim Kayes**

**PAKURANGA FOOTBALL CLUB**  
78 Bells Rd, Pakuranga Heights  
Contact: [michele@burns.org.nz](mailto:michele@burns.org.nz) Ph: 09 2700640

Raffles, Auction Items, Spot Prizes  
Light Finger Food Provided  
Tables Of 10 Available....  
DJ On Site.....

**CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT**

This years Burn Support Group will have a Charity Quiz Night, so circle 18th November in your diary. Get some friends together and help us raise funds towards supporting burn survivors. It will be a great night for an early Christmas function. Thank you to Jim Kayes who will be our Quiz Master for the night.  
If you are interested in tickets or providing an item for auction on the night or becoming a sponsor / donor with Burn Support Group please contact [michele@burns.org.nz](mailto:michele@burns.org.nz).

Please see below for BSG Sponsorship levels:

