The Burn Support Group
Spring Newsletter

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thats inspiring

SCARRED for life by DINNER

After a terrible accident at home, mum Toni wants to warn others

Toni Teokotai, 35, Christchurch, NZ

Turning off the stove, I stirred my homemade soup.

Delicious! I thought.

The pork, potato and vegies had been simmering all day and I couldn't wait to tuck into something warm.

Te-Arna idolised her older sister and would follow her around the house like a puppy.

So it was typical that when Jayde hopped off the chair and into the kitchen to put her bowl in the sink, Te-Arna was right behind her.

soup on my little girls.

My first instinct was to rip off their clothes.

I tore Te-Arna's tights from her legs and watched in horror as her skin came away with them.

Then I put both girls in a cold shower as they cried in pain, blisters already forming on their delicate skin.

'Help me, please,' I

'Help me, please! My girls have been burnt by

Ira, met up with us.

We were told Jayde had 10 per cent burns to her face, right arm and left foot.

Little Te-Arna had suffered almost 50 per cent burns to her arms, back, neck and chest.

I almost collapsed in horror when I saw their wounds being dressed.

Red raw, it looked so painful.

Jayde, 13, says:

I'm not as confident as Te-Arna. I feel like I have to cover up. Being in high school is hard being the way I am. I'm just looking for acceptance.

small, it was touch-and-go afterwards.

want to be your friends – they don't

Te-Arna was left with extensive scarring, but she was still smiling

2018 Burns Awareness

2018 has proven to be a wonderful year for Raising the Awareness surrounding the hazards regarding Burns.... With the incredible support of Media outlets fabulous articles have been published and shared for all to see.

Michele had the opportunity to meet with the Morning Show and discuss the dangers and incidents that are occurring with Hot Water Bottles. Statistics inform us the increase of young children receiving burns is on the rise, It is vital to promote education on assisting the prevention of some many unfortunate accidents.

Thank you to ACC and John Goldsmith(Waikato Pediatrician) for supplying numbers and drawing attention to the subject of burns. To all those that shared their stories, won awards the B.S.G is extremely proud. A huge appreciation to the organisations that approached and covered articles relating to the Burn Support Charitable Trust.....

DAWN JOHNSTON KORU AWARD

Survivor Sunday's

It is delightful to see familiar and new faces that have attended the last 2 Survivor Sunday's. With the success of each meeting the Charity will be continuing with dates for 2019. To date we have been fortunate for a Pamper day, having guest speaker Carol-Ann Hanna (Dancing with Stars) join us also getting the creative juices flowing with the aid of "A Splash Of Colour". The finished amazing product will be auctioned on the ***17th November*** Fundraising Event.... next date is 11th November, details can be found on website....

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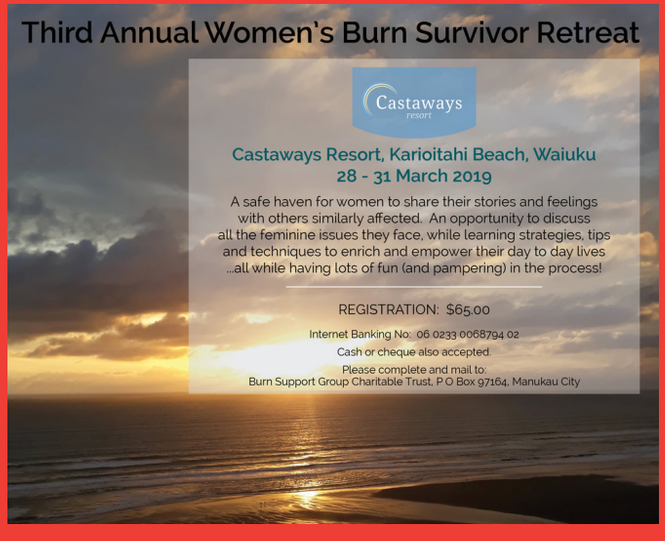
Camp Awhi 2019 plans are well underway. Thank you to all those that submitted their applications already. Please remember the cut off date is 30th September 2018..

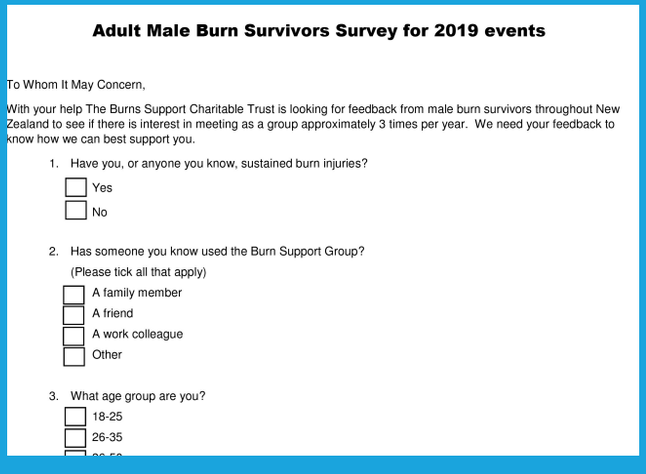
Camp is a wonderful opportunity for kids to be kids, sharing stories, taking part in amble activities and learning tools and strategies that will enhance their everday lives. It has been exciting to see the many new faces that have joined this event.....

The B.S.G were extremely fortunate this year to have 3 children sponsored for Camp. If anyone is interested in sending a child to take part in this amazing experience please contact Michele at the office to discuss SPONSORSHIP... Thank you to everyone who is involved with Camp planning and supporting the Charity to make this necessary event take place.... all information can be found on the website...



2019 Womens Retreat applications Are Now Open

A truly wonderful opportunity for lady burn survivors to unwind, relax and enjoy the company of those around them. 2018 Retreat was a great success, B.S.G would like to acknowledge all those that offered their time and support to make this such a great 4 day experience.
We look forward to seeing those that attended returning along with ladies that have already submitted applications from Australia to join us. Application closing date is December 16th 2018, for all details please refer to the website!!



Adult Male Burn Survivors Survey for 2019 events

To Whom It May Concern,

With your help The Burns Support Charitable Trust is looking for feedback from male burn survivors throughout New Zealand to see if there is interest in meeting as a group approximately 3 times per year. We need your feedback to know how we can best support you.

1. Have you, or anyone you know, sustained burn injuries?
   - ☐ Yes
   - ☐ No
2. Has someone you know used the Burn Support Group?
   (Please tick all that apply)
   - ☐ A family member
   - ☐ A friend
   - ☐ A work colleague
   - ☐ Other
3. What age group are you?
   - ☐ 18-25
   - ☐ 26-35

Looking to Male Burn Survivors

The Burn Support Group has been asked numerous times "Can they provide an event for the male burn survivors to attend. The Charity would like to make this possible starting March 2019.

To help us make this happen please take the time to complete the survey and return to Michele via email or post by November 4th 2018.... with your feedback and information this will be the start of an exciting new project.... the survey can be found here: www.burns.org.nz/events

Courage Connection And Badassery

2nd June "BADASSERY" Donna, Heather, Delwyn, Sonia, Michele and Kerrie were fortunate enough to join with ladies from throughout the country in this positive charged environment supporting woman and the issues that can be faced everyday. The 5 spokeswomen of the day shared their own stories and battles all ending with courageous and strong outcomes.... Turia Pitt was part of this group, and hearing her story was very real and inspiring. Turia was kind enough to sign 2 of her books and these will be used to auction off at the next Event 27th October 2018.

THANK YOU TO THE BURN SUPPORT GROUP FOR SUBSIDIZING TOWARDS THIS EVENT

Waikato 1st Fundraiser Quiz Night Raises $5,500!

A MASSIVE THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE INVOLVED IN THE WAIKATO 1st FUNDRAISER QUIZ NIGHT..... Special mention to Quiz Master JIM KAYES, what an amazing job he did and his lovely wife Hedia for all her support....

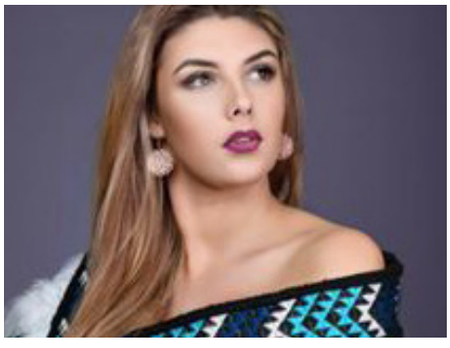
With all those incredible raffles and Auctions along with the door ticket sales a wonderful $5500.00 was raised. None of these events are possible without the generosity and support of those that donate and put in their time...

We wish to express their sincere appreciation to:

Bunnings (Hamilton) Barrier Air, Harvey Norman (Hamilton), Playbill (Auckland), Chiefs, Resin & Ink, Coast to Coast Digger & Dingo Services, Orama Oasis, Tae Catering, CW Contracting..... Hannah Will (Waikato Hospital), Jess Johnson (NZ Fire & Emergency), Neal Tolan(Western Community Centre) and Monique Mulhern (Te Runanga O Kirikiriroa)

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNING TABLE: Motown Marvels.... All funds raised will contribute to necessary equipment for the Burns Unit Waikato Hospital and Children's Burn Camp 2019..

Congratulations to Brooke Houia



The Burn Support Group would like to congratulate Brooke Houia for her success in winning the Miss Asia Pacific 2018 title. Brooke has been involved with the Charity for the past couple of years offering her time and support for the Annual Children's Burn Camp.

With her enthusiasm and her warm nature Brooke is an asset to the Charity and we are very excited to see what will be next on her journey.....

Southern Stars
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2018 Telemarketing Campaign

THANK YOU TO SOUTHERN STARS FOR CONTINUING WITH THEIR SUPPORT TOWARDS THE BURN SUPPORT GROUP.

Aug 1st saw the start of the month Telemarketing Campaign, raising money for the Annual Children's Burn Camp and funding towards equipment items to improve staff and patients visits and stays in Hospital.... The B.S.G truly appreciate the hard work and generous donations that are received during this campaign. With your help we are able to continue supporting the individual, families/whanau during recovery and beyond...

Meet Kerrie Rutherford, Kerrie has been a volunteer working in the office for some time now. On behalf of the Burn Support Group I would like to personally thank her for her valued support, time given and the wonderful expertise Kerrie brings to the Charity..

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PHOENIX WORLD BURN CONGRESS

The time is fast approaching for this years recipients to visit the PHOENIX WORLD BURN CONGRESS taking place in Michigan USA from the 12th September to 16th... 2018 will see Pete Sharp (President), Tracey Crouchman (mother of burn survivor child), Joshua Inia (burn survivor) and Michele Henry (administrator) attending the Congress.

This is be an experience that will change lives! Congratulations for being this years representatives for the Burn Support Charitable Trust. If you have an interest to take part from your computer screen, please view the website for directions on how to do so.

2019 W.B.C will be taking place October 2nd - 5th in Anaheim, California. If you wish to know more, or submit an application for this event, visit the Website for instructions on how to do so, applications are open until the 31st March...

Auckland Annual Fundraising Event for 27th October 2018

Venue is Remuera Club,
27 Ohinerau Street, Remuera
COMEDY/QUIZ NIGHT, $45.00pp, tickets , Raffles, Auctions, Spot Prizes & Light food .

Remuera Club, door opens 7.00pm, check the website for more details....