As many of you are aware I am a burn survivor.

I had the absolute pleasure of attending the Burn Support Group Charitable Trust, Inc. Women's Burns Retreat which was held up at the Castaways Resort in Waiuku for a few days, organised by Michele Henry. Thank you so much for all the effort you put into this retreat - your support and effort was well appreciated! **@** 

We had wonderful workshops and learning

how to have hope and resilience alongside meeting all of the other women and sharing a lot of stores and experiences.

It was very humbling and I feel so grateful to have had the opportunity to attend!

These women are such vibrant spirits and I believe I was able to help a few of them by sharing my story and experiences I've had!

We shared similar experiences with the emotional, mental and the same physical pain we've endured which we were all able to resonate with each other around those feelings.

We also had sooo many laughs together with some karaoke involved as well. I've definitely made some lifelong friends here.

I feel so proud to be a burns survivor as it's made me who I am today and I would not change it even if I could.

**Chevy Melvin** Burn Survivor

