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NEW ZEALAND OSTOMY SOCIETIES (Inc)
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Member Assn Report - ASPOA 2020

As with the whole world New Zealand was caught up in a complete lockdown for several weeks early in the year along with a level 3 restriction during August due to Covid 19 but we have still been able to support the ostomates of New Zealand in a variety of ways throughout the year. Our Mission Statement states that we must be seen to be doing the best for all ostomates and it is our intention to fulfil this.

Free Phone Number – 0508 678 668 (0508 ostomy) We now have a toll-free phone number that is monitored by designated persons enabling anyone to access information about local societies and Ostomy New Zealand inquiries at any time.

Society Memberships - There are still ongoing concerns in some areas where membership numbers have fallen. This is a problem across the country and one that members of the Executive are aware of and doing their very best to address. The total number of active groups in New Zealand remains at 18.

Friends of Ostomates Worldwide New Zealand – Barry Maughan & Richard McNair of Friends of Ostomates Worldwide New Zealand continue to send surplus supplies to countries who are less fortunate than ourselves meaning that supplies are able to be used where they are most needed and appreciated.

Website – Following an upgrade to a more “people friendly” website with more up-to-date information and regular updates, there has been an increase in visitor numbers with requests for information from both overseas countries and within New Zealand.

Caring for Ostomates Booklet – This practical guide for staff in Nursing and Residential Homes and for those who care for an ostomate at home has been produced with an initial number being distributed to societies for distribution to Rest Homes and Residential villages in their area.

Appliance Supplies - We are very fortunate to have such wonderful support services available to ostomates in New Zealand with the supply of free appliances. However regular reminders are sometimes needed about the importance of not becoming complacent by stockpiling appliances.

NZ Ostomate Magazine – The magazine continues to be produced 3 times each year with good support from supply companies in the form of advertising. Both the Stomatherapy Nurses Assn of New Zealand & the Crohns & Colitis Society of New Zealand are invited to contribute to each issue of the magazine as we believe we are a partnership and are able to be of benefit to each other by regular updates and sharing stories.

Good Health to you all

Jill Newton

President Ostomy New Zealand

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