

NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2013

MANAGERS REPORT

Kevin Wall, QSO Manager



2013 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Our 2013 Annual General Meeting
will be held on
Sunday 08 September 2013.
Venue will be Our Centre
– the Gladstone Scout Hall
– commencing at 2.00pm.**

At this Meeting, which is open to Conductive Education Southern Parents and Funders/Supporters to attend, we will receive our independently audited financial records, various Reports from our Chairman, our Manager, our Conductors, etc

Elections will be held for our Trust Board if there are any vacancies. Your governing Board comprises six people, three of which are Conductive Education Southern parents and the other three are business-people supportive of Conductive Education Southern.

Welcome readers to our August 2013 Newsletter. It has been a while since I produced one of these types of Newsletters, but in the interim I have produced two "in-house" Newsletters called *THE BUZZ*.

Life is very busy down at *Our Centre* situated within the Gladstone Scout Hall on the corner of Hollywood Terrace and Russel Street Invercargill. We have been inundated with new referrals, many from the Plunket Society. We always appreciate receiving new referrals and be assured if we can help the babies, young child, or adults, we certainly will do our best.

Currently we have just over 30 people attending *Our Centre* each week. Some attend once a week, others two or three times. Some come for an hour, others three or four hours. Presently we have babies from three months, through all ages and up to and including adults.

Thanks to our brilliant staff, we now take people of all ages, people with Cerebral Palsy, Epilepsy, Global Developmental Delay, Lower Back deformity, Spina Bifida, Asperger Syndrome, Down Syndrome, Ataxic Symptoms (post meningitis), Congenital Dysplasia, Microcephaly, Dyspraxia, Chromosomal Abnormalities, Peripheral Neuropathy, Beals Syndrome, Benign External Hydrocephalus and Developmental delay. If you know of anyone which these 'conditions' please refer them to us. We are a very reputable service and achieving satisfactory results.

Thank you to our wonderful community funders who continue to support us. I see this support as recognition of being a worthwhile reputable community services, continually delivering the goods, to our special-needs people that need us and what we can deliver. Lotteries, Community Trust of Southland, ILT Foundation, The Southern Trust, The Lion Foundation, Pub Charity, Ministry of Health, Bendigo Valley Sports and Charitable Trust, NZ Community Foundation, Kingston Sedgfield Trust, Southern Victorian Charitable Trust, to name a few. Thank you everyone plus our Service Clubs and Community for your generous financial assistance. Each year we need to raise \$200,000 and your grants certainly help us get close if not achieving this target.

Thank you also to our Conductive Education Southern parents, children, 'clients', friends and supporters – we love you all.

Our 2013 Annual General Meeting is coming up – Sunday 08 September 2013 at 2.00pm in the Gladstone Scout Hall. You will be very welcome to attend. Pot luck afternoon tea – bring a plate.

Regards.

Kevin Wall - Manager

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ANNA HAS.... 'LEFT THE BUILDING'

Our temporary Conductor Ms Anna Szemes completed her twelve months employment contract, covering maternity leave, towards the end of May 2013.

Conductive Education Southern Chairman John Rhodes, Trustee Lynley Ramsay and CE Southland young adult Jackson Ramsay, Manager Kevin and Conductors Judit and Zsolia held a farewell luncheon at Our Centre for Anna. Chairman John presented Anna, on behalf of everyone at Conductive Education Southern, with a sheepskin rug which Anna was taking home to Hungary with her.



POTTERY RAFFLE

The two Neudorf (Nelson) Pottery Orange Bowls donated to us have been raffled.

1st Prize Ticket #23 Marie Murphy

2nd Prize Ticket #1 Lyn Devery.

Thank you ticket purchasers for your support, appreciated.

ESTATE DONATION RECEIVED

Recently Conductive Education Southern was indeed very fortunate to receive a \$10,000 Grant from the estate of Jack Graham a grandparent of our of our Conductive Education Southern children.

(Picture shows Nancy Graham along with daughter Marie Murphy and granddaughter Rebecca Murphy presenting the cheque to Manager Kevin)

Our behalf of everyone at Conductive Education Southern especially the children and adults we administer to, I sincerely thank Nancy Graham (grandmother of Rebecca Murphy) for this very generous and very kind gesture.

To my knowledge this is the first estate donation Conductive Education Southern has received.

The family request this donation be spend supporting the children that attend our Conductive Education Southern Centre. Be assured we will do just that! Thank you again, all of you, and especially the late Jack Graham for thinking of us and for supporting us in a real and tangible way.

Each year we have to raise approximately \$150,000 over and above the Ministry of Health Grant we receive for our babies in order to keep going. This estate donation will cover 15% of our 2013/2014 funding need. Hopefully more will follow.



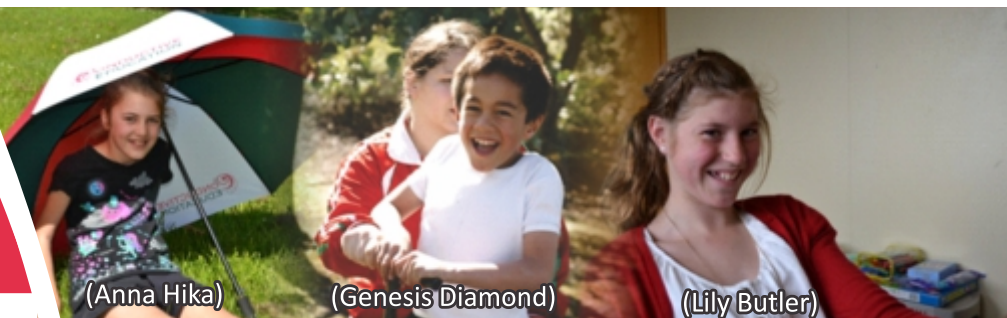
DID YOU KNOW?

- We take people of all ages at Conductive Education Southern – from 3 month old babies right through and up to and including adults.
- Currently we have 3 month old babies, children and adults of all ages, and up to 40 year olds.
- At presently we have over 30 people attending our Conductive Education Southern programmes each week – some attend once a week, others two or three times, some from one hour, others up to four hours.
- We receive people that need our assistance from a very large catchment – our boundary goes from and including Timaru down the remainder of the South Island, right to Stewart Island.
- Our Classes operate from Monday to Friday 9.00am till 4.30pm (but we can start at 8.30am if there is a request). We operate the same timetable as Primary School Terms.
- Once we have adequate funding we will purchase our own Centre – currently we operate from with a local Scout Hall. If you know of a likely benefactor with a spare \$400,000 please get them to contact us.



DISNEYLAND & LOS ANGELES BECKONS....

Three of our Conductive Education Southern children are presently on a Koru Care Southland trip of a lifetime to Los Angeles USA and Disneyland.



(Anna Hika)

(Genesis Diamond)

(Lily Butler)

We congratulate Anna, Lily and Genesis upon being selected and we look forward to hearing of your fantastic trip and looking at your photo's. You won't forget this trip in a lifetime.



THANKS JAMIE

Recently Radio Announcer from Gore, Jamie Mackay, recently had an on-air wager with Tony Laker who is one of our Conductive Education Southern parents.

Well Tony won the wager and Conductive Education Southern benefitted by the sum of \$100.

Thank you Tony for thinking of Conductive Education Southern – and thank you Jamie for your donation. Much appreciated and well received.



LOTTERY FUNDING

Once again our Conductive Education Southern has been very fortunate to attract a Grant from NZ Lottery Grant Fund of \$40,000 + GST (\$46,000).



Thank you Trustees and Staff of NZ Lottery Grant Fund for considering our Grant Application and assisting us with this sizable grant. We need every penny you can give us and a grant of this magnitude will assist us hugely.

We are extremely fortunate and thankful to have the generous support of community funders like NZ Lottery Grants Board, our local Community Trust of Southland, Invercargill Licensing Trust and ILT Foundation, as well as the many other community funders who believe in and what we are doing for our special-needs community.



MTA (MOTOR TRADE ASSOCIATION) SOUTHLAND ARE ALSO HELPING US

Back in March 2013 our Manager Kevin assisted at the inaugural MTA Southland Charity Golf Tournament for MTA Members and their Supporters. On that day Conductive Education Southern raised \$675.00.

Then in June 2013 the MTA Southland presented *Our Centre* with a further \$500 donation.

MTA Southland Business Manager Ms Michelle Findlater called into *Our Centre* and viewed the great work we do then presented us with the \$500. Great work Michelle and thank you to you and all your MTA Southland Members. We appreciate your support. And the good news is that CE Southern are going to be the beneficiary of their 2014 Event in March 2014 too. Yahoo, way to go MTA Southland, we love ya.



Thank you to Lions Members of the Lions Club of Invercargill Host for your welcome, generous donation of \$6,000 made possible from part of your net proceeds from your 2012 World Festival of Magic Shows.

We certainly appreciated your generosity and thank you sincerely for your gift.



HARCOURTS ARE HELPING US

Harcourts Real Estate is thinking of Conductive Education Southern and recognizes that we are a worthwhile community group needing their support.

A couple of months ago there was a Ladies Expo held in our City and at the Harcourts Display Stand they held a fundraising contest with the proceeds coming to Conductive Education Southland.

These proceeds amounted to \$530.00 and we were very fortunate to have Harcourt Manager Wayne Ellis visit our Conductive Education Southern Centre, to see us in 'operation' and to present us with their cheque. Thank you Wayne and everyone at Harcourts for thinking of us. Your donation will certainly help us in our quest to raise the \$150,000+ we need to raise each year to keep us afloat.



MAY DAY EXPO 2013

Each year, on Ducking Shooting Opening Day, the disAbilities Resource Centre host their Annual MAY DAY EXPO at the Invercargill Working Men's Club. For many years your Conductive Education Southern has taken a stall at this EXPO.

Each year we talking to the many visitors (must be nearly a couple of thousand that attend this EXPO) about what Conductive Education is and what we can provide. Usually from this EXPO we gain a couple of new 'clients' to our Conductive Education service.

This year Conductors Judit and Zsafia, along with Manager Kevin attended this all-day event. We will be there in 2014 as well.



CONDUCTORS' REPORT-2013

We continue to deliver high quality Conductive Education programs and provide a variety of classes throughout the year for all the clients between the ages of 3 months to adults (40 years). In the past half year Conductive Education Southern, for the first time, opened its doors to babies from 3 months of age. We believe the early years are very important in a baby's life, because they are adapt how to learn at this age which has a significant effect on their years at school. We believe it is important to reach all developmental milestones before walking so as to become a successful adult. We are so grateful for all those referrals because we know that the earlier we can help the better we can do for the families and the New Zealand society.

This year we have already received 25 referrals from the Plunket Service. These referrals were mostly of babies aged less than 2 years of age. Most of these children were behind with some of their developmental milestones, they did not like tummy time, did not roll, crawl on time, or had asymmetrical head shape. Conductive Education is based on the importance of early intervention because children can learn easier and faster at an early age.

Most of these clients reached their goals after a few sessions; some of them needed a little bit more help. We aim to teach the parents how to help their babies at home so they can reach the milestones easier. In our sessions we practice those tasks that they can work on at home and in a playful environment we motivate the children to work towards their goals.

We hope we are going to continue receiving more referrals in the future as we would like to help as many clients as we can.

Conductive Education Southern is now open for everyone at every age, who has got physical delays or physical problems with a neurological origin. Conductive Education is a great educational system that treats disability as an educational challenge not as a biological problem.

Thanks for your kind support,
Conductors of Conductive Education Southern



fashion Extravaganza 2013

FASHION EXTRAVAGANZA

WOW, yet again we hosted another extremely successful Fashion Extravaganza at Invercargills' Ascot Park Hotel on Friday 5 April 2013.

Once again we had Fashions displayed and modeled on a catwalk, from little children through all ages and sizes up to and including adults. About 350 people attended, enjoying our complimentary Cocktail drink supplied by our friends at VnC Cocktails Ltd of Auckland. Thank you for supporting us. We also had numerous display stalls positioned around the perimeter of the Function Room and these display sold their 'wares' from pottery, clothes, shoes and boots, cosmetics, jewellery, artwork, Caci Clinic, Mole-Map, Fitness Clinics, liquorice, sparkle-white teeth, home-made jams & chutneys, as well as home-made perfumed soaps and fashion accessories, and hot food supplied by the Ascot Park Hotel.

Our grateful thanks to everyone who purchased show-tickets, and a huge thank-you to our Models, our Hairdressers and Make-Up Technicians, our Fashion Houses for supplying clothes and footwear to model, our Photographer David Russell from Southern Exposures, our cocktails supplied VnC Cocktails, members of the James Hargest College Leo Club who sold our fundraising raffle-tickets and scratchie boards, all our Stallholders, John Hodges for his Light and Sound, Gretchen and Andy from MoreFM Radio Station, Creativity Plus and our Conductive Education parents who assisted on the evening, and to our very special Event Organizer Lisa Bartley. We made \$6,500 from this evening and it is all go again on Friday 28 March 2014. SEE YOU THERE.



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