



# Conductive Education Southern

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DECEMBER 2011

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## Chairman's Report

This year has been a "mixed" one for Our Centre. We have had a number of high points:

The fashion Extravaganza was again a great success earlier in the year, raising around \$7,000+ for Our Centre.

Due to the enthusiastic efforts of Manager Kevin, we were the sole beneficiary of a number of local events including the Annual Santa Parade, the Lion's Charity Concert, Hedgehope Golf Tournament and we will also be the beneficiary of the SBS Southland Golf Invitational in the New Year. This could net us anything up to \$10,000.

The Santa Parade was a great event for promoting Conductive Education to the local Community. It was really good to see how many parents and children took part in our float in the parade and we were also presented with a cheque for \$2,500 from the Westpac collection as beneficiary of this year's Parade.

We have applied to the Parade Organisers to take part again in next year's event, even though we will not be the beneficiary in 2012. The exposure that we gained from an event such as this is priceless in promoting Our Centre.

Following the Parade, our Christmas party was attended by a huge number of children, parents, grandparents, caregivers and friends. This was our best turnout ever and everyone was well entertained by the Magician and of course the highlight with the arrival of Santa!

And the lows:

Sadly, it was also the farewell for Gyorgyi who has left us to go back to Europe after 4 years as a much loved Conductor. We all wish you well for the future Gyorgyi and the tearful farewell at the Airport involving a large number of parents and children shows just how much we will all miss you.

We have still been unable to secure our own building, but this still remains one of our top priorities for 2012. I am sure that when the time is right we will be able to have our own Centre and will then be able to "customise" a building for our own specific needs.

Looking ahead:

We look forward to welcoming our new Conductor Zsolia in January and fortunately Judit was able to meet her in Hungary earlier this year and feels that she will fit into Our Centre very well.

Congratulations to both Judit and Richard about the news of a new family member on the way!

It only remains for me to thank both Judit and Gyorgyi for their dedicated service to our children throughout 2011 and of course to the tireless efforts of Kevin's fundraising for Our Centre and also his management skills.

I would also like to thank all our Trustees for freely giving their time and expertise throughout the year.

On behalf of your Trust, I would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you all again in the New Year.

JOHN RHODES - CHAIRMAN



## CONGRATULATIONS JUDIT AND RICHARD

It is with considerable excitement that Judit (CE Southern Head Conductor) and husband Richard are expecting their first child – due at the beginning of July 2012.

Congratulations and best wishes to you both.



## NEW CONDUCTOR ARRIVING

Our newest Conductor, Ms Zsolia Varga, arrives in Invercargill on 18 January 2012 at 7.25pm. Parents and children are welcome to come to Invercargill Airport to welcome Zsolia to our city and Southern Centre.





Kevin Wall - Manager



## PARENTS FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Merry Christmas and a happy and relaxing New Year to all our Conductive Education Southern Parents and Families.

Thank you for your support throughout the 2011 year. At times we have been very busy with sausage sizzles, our Fashion Show, selling chocolate bars and scatchies, etc. All funds raised are absolutely necessary to assist and ensure the continuation of services at our Conductive Education Centre.

For 2012 we are already working on:

- The 2012 Fashion Show
- A Hypnotist Show (Andrew Newton)
- A Cooking Exhibition
- Maybe a Classic Car Trial
- A couple of Sausage Sizzles at The Warehouse Invercargill in February and March 2012.

Merry Christmas everyone.

Lisa Bartley, Chair

CEREBRAL PALSY  
SOCIETY OF NZ



Members of the Cerebral Palsy Society of NZ (CPNZ) could be eligible to receive from CPNZ an annual grant of up to \$500 for the CP Societies getPhysical Programme. This grant could be used to offset the costs of your Conductive Education Southern fees.

Any CE Southern people who are member of the Cerebral Palsy Society of NZ should see CE Southern Manager Kevin for the details and documents for the getPhysical Programme.

Remember it only costs \$15 to \$25 per annum to become a member of the Cerebral Palsy Society of NZ, depending on what membership category you choose.

## Manager's Report

Seasonal Greetings everyone. Year 2011 just about over – where has it gone?

It has been a great year for Conductive Education in the South. Firstly, the Trustees changed our name from Conductive Education Southland to Conduction Education Southern. This very subtle change reflects more who we are as we do have about 5 people attending CE Southern that live in Dunedin then there is the South Otago people too, plus it enables us to seek additional funding from the Otago and other Regions.

During the year we have had over 30 children and adults attend our Conductive Education Southern Centre. We have had some very busy times and I extend my sincere and grateful thanks to our two Conductors – Judit and Gyorgyi – who worked tirelessly to benefit our CE children and adults. Many of the children and adults that attend our CE Centre do not fit into the true mould of people that usually receive Conductive Education programmes but we (Our Centre, our Conductors, our Management, and our Trustees) have the collective belief that we will receive and help anyone who presents themselves to Our Centre and who we think we can genuinely help. This belief has borne fruit as we are helping people with numerous classes of illnesses and everything we do something to improve their quality of life.

Györgyi flew out of Invercargill – but not our thoughts nor lives – mid November. Györgyi has been with us four years and has become a very respected member of our CE Southern family. Thank you Györgyi for your tremendous work with our CE children and adults. You leave big shoes to fill and we miss you heaps. Maybe one day we will see you back amongst us – hope so,

Our newest Conductor – Ms Zsófia Varga – arrives in Invercargill from Hungary at 7.25pm Wednesday 18 January 2012. I will be at Invercargill Airport to greet Zsófia and if any CE Southern Family or Trustees etc., can also be present this would be fantastic. Zsófia although a new graduate from the Peto Institute has great credentials and I look forward to her joining our team.

Wow wasn't the 2011 Southland Santa Parade then our Children's Xmas Party fantastic events – made brilliant by the tremendously large turnout of our CE children, parents and supporters. Our Parade Float looked excellent and we were a spectacle for all to see along the parade route – people on our float and walking alongside it, fantastic! Then our CE Southern children's party that followed the Santa Parade – another huge activity, well attended by more than 100, poor Santa was nearly worn out after meeting nearly 70 children and giving them each a special gift from Santa's bag. Thank you everyone for making these two events so special. And thank you to Westpac Staff who collected donations along the parade route – we got \$2,501.20 from their efforts.

Judit and Györgyi have put many hours of work into taking photographs of our CE children then collating them by name for our 2012 calendars. This was a huge activity for our Conductors but they did it with pride and honour. Wait till you see the finished object – our 2012 Calendar – absolutely brilliant! CE Southern gives one calendar of each CE child to her parents and altogether, with private orders from parents, we produced 96 calendars – and the list is still growing!

It has been a fantastic year for funding – and we need every cent of it. Since our last Newsletter we have received \$10,000 from our ILT (Invercargill Licensing Trust) Foundation, \$7,475 from the Community Organisation Grants Scheme (CO'S) Southland, \$3,450 from COG' Coastal Otago, \$5,000 from the Southern Victorian Charitable Trust, \$3,000 from the Kingston Sedgfield Charitable Trust, \$250 from NZFCE Patron Wayne Smith, \$200 from the Lions Club of Riversdale Waimea, \$2,501 from the spectators at the 2011 Southland Santa Parade, \$210 from the Hedgehope Golf Club. Thank you to all our Community Funders, we certainly respect and appreciate your support and we could not survive without you all. THANK YOU!

For those that don't know, it costs us around \$240,000 per year to fund our Conductive Education Southern Centre. Of this we receive \$110,000 from the Ministry of Health via a Service Providers Contract (for the babies through to 5 year olds) and it rests with us all at CE Southern to raise the remaining \$130,000. This huge task is co-ordinated by me and as we get more known in our communities, the better chance we have of attracting the required community funding.

Enough waffle. Thank you to my Trustees – John (Chair), Lynley (Secretary), Virginia (Legal Advisor), Miriam, Dennis, John, and for the early part of this year Ross, for your support, encouragement and acumen in creating Conductive Education Southern to one of the best, if not the best Conductive Education Centre in New Zealand.

To Judit and Györgyi, my heartfelt thanks for the absolutely fantastic work you do, day in and day out, for our children with in turn impacts on their siblings, parents and extended families. At times things are tough, at times there doesn't seem to be much progress, then presto, our children reach another milestone, they take their first steps, or say their first words, or grasp something they previously haven't been able to grip or hold. You are wonderful people with a huge gift and we are very pleased you saw fit to come to CE Southern and to work with us, our children, our families.

And lastly but by no means least, I thank all our children and parents for making our Conductive Education Centre alive, vibrant, and the centre of excellence that it is. If you didn't come to Conductive Education we would not have a Centre – and imagine how many people would miss out on the excellent therapies and techniques we all learn from the Conductive Education way. Thank you also to our hard-working Parent Fundraising Group, you have had a fantastic 2011 year and I know you already have things underway for 2012.

I expect you all to have a very Merry Christmas, a relaxing holiday time, recharge your batteries as I assure you we will have another action-packed year in 2012.

Merry Christmas everyone.

Kevin Wall, QSO  
Manager







L to R Manager Kevin, Jackson Ramsay, Olivia Bartley, Lyn Rhodes, Raewyn Andrews (Westpac)  
Photo courtesy of The Southland Times.



## SANTA PARADE

THANK YOU everyone from CE Southern who participated with our Parade Float in Southland 2011 Santa Parade in Invercargill. We had a huge turnout of CE children, their siblings and parents – many dressed as Santa's Helpers or in our CE Southern bright yellow Tee Shirts.

THANK YOU also to Westpac Bank Staff who carried out a roadside donation collection during the Parade. The proceeds came to Conductive Education Southern and a mighty \$2,501.40 was raised. Thank you Westpac Staff and all donors.

A huge thank you is extended to Lyndal Ludlow the Santa Parade Manager for her excellent encouragement and support to CE Southern, and to her Santa Parade Trustees for recognising CE Southern as a very worthwhile beneficiary of this huge event. Be assured, many thousands of people were on the streets of Invercargill watching this parade – imagine the community exposure Conductive Education Southland received as a result!

*Pictures left*



## LIONS CLUB OF RIVERSDALE WAIMEA

Lions Clubs within our Conductive Education catchment have been extremely strong supporters of Conductive Education Southern.

The latest Lions Club to make us a grant are the lady members of the Lions Club of Riversdale Waimea who have granted us \$200. Thank you Riversdale Waimea Lions we appreciate your sincere generosity.



## SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Thank you to everyone that helped out at our sausage sizzle at The Warehouse Invercargill Saturday 10 December 2011. We grossed \$670.10 which was a fantastic effort. Thank you all.

That's it for our sausage sizzles for Year 2011. We have only been given two spots at The Warehouse Invercargill next year (instead of the usual 6 – such is the community depend for fundraiser at The Warehouse) – on Saturday 11 February 2012 and again on Saturday 03 March 2012. Parent Fundraising Co-ordinator Lisa will be creating a roster – please do support her and Our Centre by doing your bit.



Our Parade Float with CE children, siblings and Parents.  
Photo courtesy of The Southland Times.





Recently we received the fantastic news, that Conductive Education Southern was the successful winner of the SBS Bank's March 2012 Charity Golf Tournament sponsorship. This means we will receive a \$10,000 donation from SBS Bank in March next year.

Ten charities that Bank with SBS Bank were selected as finalists. People and organisations with SBS Bank Accounts were encouraged to vote – either online or by filling in a voting slip in the Invercargill or Windsor Branches. Supporters of Conductive Education Southern headed off the online voting - (more than double any other charity), and we were on a par with the Cancer Society via the instore voting.

Thank you to everyone who voted for Conductive Education Southern. Your efforts not only raised us \$10,000 but also reinforced in our minds that Conductive Education Southern is well known in the South. Thank you voters.



Conductive Education Southern are very fortunate to receive a \$5,000 grant from the Southern Victorian Charitable Trust. This is not the first time this Dunedin-based Trust which covers many parts of Southland have granted us financial assistance. This Trust, like all those that support us, see the benefits of having Conductive Education and desire to support our work with our special-needs people.

Thank you Southern Victorian Charitable Trust.



During 2011 we were blessed when The Warehouse Invercargill dropped off to our Conductive Education Southern Centre, boxed of leftover Christmas wrapping paper unsold during their 2010 Christmas sales period.

This paper has been a very valuable fundraiser for our CE Southern Centre. We thank The Warehouse Invercargill for once again thinking so generously of us. During the 2011 year The Warehouse have let us hold numerous sausage sizzles at The warehouse Invercargill, have donated us over \$3,000 from their plastic shopping bag sales and then there was the Christmas wrapping paper.

Thank You, The Warehouse Invercargill for your tremendous support, we certainly appreciate it.

## THANK YOU WINDSOR NEW WORLD

Another great day for Conductive Education Southern on 14th December when manager Kevin received \$1000 of New World vouchers from Warren McKenzie, Manager of New World Windsor.

Thank you Windsor New World for your tremendous support of us.



## HILL CITY MARATHON & HALF MARATHON

Congratulations to our CE Southern Dunedin mother Rowena Bell who recently ran her first ever half marathon.

Rowena took on this challenge as a fundraiser for our Conductive Education Southern Centre. Rowena completed the distance and raised \$865 for us. Well done Rowena and thank you very much for punishing yourself for our cause.

## 2011 CE SOUTHERN CHILDREN'S PARTY

Our best ever Christmas party with over 100 CE children, siblings, parents and supporters present.

It was a fantastic afternoon, with children and adults entertained by Magician Wayne McEwan, we had lollies and soft-drinks plus all manner of food – then we had a surprise visit from Santa.

Santa had his photo taken with all of our children and gave every child their own special gift. Thank you Santa for finding time to be with us.

To see the delight on our children's face's, to see the delight on their parents face's – was a treat to behold. Everyone had such a fantastic day – and a busy day it had been too as



our children party followed on from the Southland Santa Parade. There were many tired and worn out children after these two events.



## WAYNE SMITH

Wayne Smith the successful All Black Rugby Coach is also the Patron of our New Zealand Foundation for Conductive Education (NZFCE). Wayne is a very strong supporter of Conductive Education.

Recently our Conductive Education Southern received from Wayne via our NZFCE a donation of \$250. This came about by Wayne donating to NZFCE \$2,000 from his share of

the 2011 Rugby World Cup. Wayne wanted this \$2,000 donation on-sent to CE Centres in New Zealand, to be used as a thank you to Staff at these Centres for their tremendous work.

THANK YOU Wayne for considering the CE Centres in this way and for your extremely generous donation. Very much appreciated.



## Christmas News and wishes



It is unbelievable, but Christmas is about 2 weeks time away and that means that we all still have time to be well behaved so Santa may have something for everyone. Better watch out!

We said goodbye to Gyorgyi on the 19 November 2011. Gyorgyi has flown back to Hungary. Several parents, children, Manager Kevin and myself came to the airport that day to see Gyorgyi head away.. Gyorgyi is a great Conductor who taught lots of our children, independence and important life skills, and spent 4 years with Conductive Education Southern. Gyorgyi has arrived home safely and happy to be with her family and now looking for a job in another exciting country. We all miss her but maybe we will see her one day again in New Zealand.

Zsafia Varga will be our new Conductor and will arrive in January 2012. Zsafia is extremely excited to come. Zsafia has a fantastic personality and I'm sure she will learn Our Centre's routine really quickly and as a fresh graduate will bring new energy and ideas to New Zealand.

We have had a fantastic 2011 which is now as good as behind us with lots of great success.

Our Centre life is getting busier as the year goes; currently we have got 27 children attending classes every week with different types of problems and delays. From those 27 children, 5 of them have Developmental Delays in different areas, 12 children have Cerebral Palsy, and one child has epilepsy as a main diagnosis and 3 of them with muscular problems. We have a child who has Microcephaly, and Down syndrome. Also 2 children have Autism and 2 with Chromosomal abnormalities.

Our children are developing really well. They and their families are working really hard on those goals. So far 5 of our children reached some of their half yearly goals. Some of them had successes with rolling over, sitting, using their hands better, doing steps independently or transferring out/in wheelchairs. We spent lots of time in a past half year, teaching about 10 children to ride bikes. We have 3 special bikes donated to us by parents to use at Our Centre and we are really lucky with

them. Some of the children learnt to ride a bike with two wheels independently, some of them still practicing to sitting on a bike directing, pedalling or keeping a hand on a handrail. We have children who only come to practice their sounds or learning to write letters and do counting. Our Centre currently are providing programmes for every children whose ages are between 6 months and 32 years of age and whose problems are related to neurological origins.

This is a fantastic centre and full of love and care for each other. I am still happy to be part of it and happy that I am able to know those children and their parents. Gyorgyi showed me once that beautiful poem from an unknown writer I think that would be great from us for the parents for Christmas.

### The special child

*The child, yet unborn, spoke with the Father.  
"Lord, how will I survive in the world?*

*My walk may be slower,  
my speech hard to understand.  
I may look different.  
What is to become of me?"*

*The Lord replied to the child,  
"My precious one, have no fear.  
I will give you exceptional parents.*

*They will love you because  
you are special, not in spite of it.  
Though your path through life  
will be difficult,  
your reward will be greater.  
You have been blessed with  
a special ability to love,  
and those whose lives you touch  
will be blessed  
because you are special."*

I wish you all a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR and as Hungarians do to each other, wish you happiness and good health and success for the year 2012. We wish that all your dreams come true in a new year.

With lots of Love,

Conductor Judit



## GYORGYI HAS GONE

Conductor Gyorgyi flew out of New Zealand on Saturday 19 November 2011.

Thank you to the many parents and children who came out to Invercargill Airport to see Gygyori away. Gygyori was quite overcome with all this support and her farewell was quite emotional. Gygyori is now settled back in Hungary with her family. We all wish Gygyori very well and who knows one day we might see you back at our Southern Centre.



COG's Coastal Otago has also, recognising us as a very worth recipient of their funds with a first time grant of \$3,450.00. These funds will be used to assist our costs associated with having Otago children attend our CE Centre in Invercargill. THANK YOU.



COG's have come to the party again, recognising us as a very worth recipient of their funds. COG's Southland has granted CE Southland \$7,475.00. THANK YOU.



THANK YOU to the members of the Hedgehope Golf Club who honoured Conductive Education Southern by bestowing us as their beneficiary of their annual charity golf tournament.

It was a shocking day with extremely and usually strong winds, but the tournament went ahead never-the-less.

At the end of the evening Chairman John Rhodes and Manager Kevin Wall were presented with \$210 being the proceeds of the day.



Once again the ILT Foundation have generously donated to Conductive Education Southern \$10,000.

This is a fantastic gesture by the Trustees and Management of our ILT Foundation. THANK YOU.



Trustees Executors

### ACTING FOR KINGSTON SEDGFIELD (NZ) CHARITABLE TRUST

Once again we are delighted to receive \$3,000 from Trustee Executors who administer the Kingston Sedgfield Charitable Trust. This grant will be applied towards our annual operating costs. This is a fantastic gesture by the Trustees and Management of the Kingston Sedgfield Charitable Trust and we extend our respect and thanks you's..



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