



## 2011 NZ Foundation for Conductive Education and NZ Conductors Association AGM's & Conference's

We hosted the annual NZ Foundation for Conductive Education and the NZ Conductors Association 2011 Annual General Meetings and Annual Conferences in Invercargill 19 & 20 May 2011.

Our two Conductors Judit and Gyorgyi, and Manager Kevin attended these AGM's & Conferences held at The Kelvin Hotel.

The interchange of ideas, meeting and socialising with our peers, as well as the professional development was of considerable benefit to us and all Conference attendees.

The two Groups - NZ Foundation for Conductive Education (NZFCE) and NZ Conductors Association (NZCA) – held their AGM's and Conferences simultaneously in different conference rooms, then on the morning of Thursday 19 May we combined to hear Dr Vili Sotutu a Paediatrician from Southland Hospital address us and on the afternoon of the final day, both Groups came together again to hear from Presenter Megan a Speech Language Therapist attached to Addington School in Christchurch. Our

Chairman John Rhodes also attended the NZ Foundation for Conductive Education AGM and CE Southland Parent Sara sat in our Dr. Vili's presentation.

At the NZFCE AGM & Conference were the elected NZFCE Board Members, our National co-ordinator, plus representatives from nearly all the Conductive Education groups in New Zealand who are affiliated to the NZ Foundation for Conductive Education.

At the NZCA AGM & Conference were 11 Conductors and some Teachers or Teacher-Aides from the nine Conductive Education groups in NZ.

At these AGM's our Manager Kevin retained his position as Treasurer to the NZ Foundation for Conductive Education and our Conductor Judit was elected as Treasurer to the NZ Conductors Association.

Next years Annual General Meetings and Conferences will be in Hamilton.

# Conductors' Words

Trust this finds you well and all ready for the winter months. We are about half way into Term Two 2011 and Our Centre's life is busy as always. Children graduating, new children coming to learn, and we Conductors always have lots of things to do.

We continue to offer a wide range of programs for the children in Southland and the Otago area and had several great successes already through this year. As our children have different delays their goals could be so different. Two of our children are about to ride their two-wheeler bicycles, another two of them are getting perfect with their roly-poly and jumping. Others after lots of years of practicing are finally completing their goals like stretching arms up high or 'making a bridge'.

In 2011 we had 5 new assessments and all the children are attending our classes and some of them have already made big improvements in the past weeks or months. Zoe, Madeline, Thomas, Jessica, and Christopher welcome to Our Centre.

In the first Saturday of May we were part of the May Day Disability Expo and had a great time there spreading the word about Conductive Education. Manager Kevin, Conductors Györgyi and Judit were there the whole day and some of the parents and children were visiting us through the day.

We had our yearly Annual General Meeting for Conductors and Centre Governance in Invercargill between 18 May 2011 and 20 May 2011. We had a good time there and had several interesting presentations through the two days.

This is our fourth year in Invercargill and big decisions in front of us. Probably most of you know that Györgyi decided that it is time for her to leave New Zealand. Sadly she is only staying 5 more months with Conductive Education Southland and then somewhere else in the big WORLD she will teach other children how to be more independent.

Judit and her husband Richard are New Zealand residents from the middle of May 2011. Thank you all of you who supported the application with letters. They are going home to Hungary for a long holiday on the 14 July 2011 and coming back to New Zealand on the 18 August 2011. For that time Györgyi will be the only Conductor at Our Centre and we are expecting all the parents' help for that time so all the classes would be the same as usual. Judit is planning to come back and looking forward to use her residency and attend more courses to be able to give your child more with the new skills.

Dear parents - thank you for arriving at Our Centre on time and picking up your child on time. Some of the classes are straight after each other and it is really important for all of us to not late from these appointments.

If you have any used but good quality toys or story books which you think may be useful for our children please bring it to us.

One more request for the end of the letter, please if you think your child learnt something with our help we would be appreciate your feedback. If you would please write a small note saying why is Conductive Education important for you we would be able to use as reference, acknowledge of our work and also for fundraising. Thank you

With love, Conductors Judit and Gyorgyi



## Gyorgyi is to leave us

Conductor Gyorgyi has advised she will not be renewing her Employment Contract which expires towards the end of November 2011. Gyorgyi will have been with us four years by the time she completes her current Contract.

Gyorgyi has decided to move closer to her family in Hungary which means she will still continue passing on her Conductive Education knowledge and experience whether it is in Hungary or some other place in the Northern hemisphere. All of us at Conductive Education Southern will miss Gyorgyi and wish her the very best for 2012 and beyond. Presently Conductive Education Southern is seeking a replacement Conductor.

## Judit going on holiday

As Judit and husband Richard are going home to Hungary from 14 July until 18 August 2011, our Conductor Education Centre will operate with only One Conductor.

Therefore it will be imperative as many parents as possible offer their services to be with their child during their Conductive Education classes during this time. We will need this assistance for Thursday and Friday 14 & 15 July 2011 then again from Monday 01 August up till and including Thursday 18 August (the period 16 July to 31 July is Term Two holidays). If we cannot get sufficient parents to assist us on these days we might have to reduce our services in order to cope and provide safe levels within our Centre.

Parents please offer you services now as the last thing we want to do is reduce our services.



## Working Bee

It is proposed to have a working bee at Our Centre on a Saturday or Sunday between now and 11 July 2011.

The purpose of this working bee will be to assist the Conductors sort out our equipment and training needs, in our storeroom and in our storage cupboards.

Any parents interested and able to assist please let the Conductors now. If we get lots of helpers this work will only take half a day or less. Thanks



# MANAGERS REPORT

Greetings everyone.

Lots of changes and happenings at Our Conductive Education Centre.

Firstly our Conductor Gyorgyi has indicated she will not be renewing her Individual Employment Contract which expires towards the end of November 2011. Gyorgyi will have been with us nearly four years. We are very sorry to lose Gyorgyi but respect her desire to be closer to her family in Hungary. Now we are on the hunt for a replacement Conductor.

Then there's the name change of our Trust – very subtle change, but a change none-the-less. From Conductive Education (Southland) Charitable Trust to Conductive Education (Southern) Charitable Trust. Your Trustees agree that this wording change – from Southland to Southern – is more indicative of the territory we cover. Presently we receive children needing our Conductive Education services from Timaru to Stewart Island and all in between.

Then there's our Conductor Judit and husband Richard successfully obtaining their New Zealand Residency. Congratulations Judit and Richard.

Since our last newsletter we have had children graduate from Our Centre, new Assessments completed for children new to Our Centre, have held another extremely successful Fashion Extravaganza (08 April), have been part of the Disability Resource Centre's May Day Expo (07 May), and continue to fundraise with our chocolates, scratchie boards, and sausage sizzles. Thank you to everyone involved with these activities.

We also hosted the 2011 Annual General Meetings and Annual Conferences for the NZ Foundation for Conductive Education and the NZ Conductors Association which were held within The Kelvin Hotel 18-20 May 2011. Twenty-five people from the Conductive Education Centres throughout New Zealand attended these AGM's and Conferences. Great Speakers/Presenters were arranged, the Kelvin Hotel was an excellent venue, and overall the AGM's and Conferences were a huge success. These AGM's and Conference, held annually, rotate throughout the locations in NZ that have Conductive Education Centres. The 2012 AGM's etc will be held in Hamilton.

Our 2011 Annual general Meeting is just around the corner – Saturday 09 July 2011. Venue will be the Community Trust of Southland rooms which are situated on Don Street (near Kelvin Street) opposite the PostShop and SBS Bank). Doors will be open from 1.30pm with the AGM getting underway around 2.00pm. We have a Magician coming along to entertain the children while the adults are at their AGM. We will have a Guest Speaker at our AGM. A great attendance is expected. Afternoon tea will follow so bring a plate to share. It will be a fun day as well as the formal business of the AGM, but a great day for parents and children to meet each other, get to know more about their Conductive Education Centre, and to become involved.

Thank you to our Community Funders and Service Clubs for your tremendous support as believe me, we could not survive without you. Since February 2011 we have received grants from:

The Lions Club of Invercargill Host who gave us \$12,000 from the World festival of Magic project

Jo Bringins (CE Southern Parent) – \$300 donations raised during her 2011 Kepler Grunt

Michelle & Shaun Young - \$500 donation following their wedding

Bendigo Valley Sports & Charitable Trust, \$5,000 towards operating costs

The Southern Trust, \$5,000 towards operating costs

Invercargill Licensing Trust, \$1,000 towards costs of holding our 2011 Fashion Extravaganza.

Ministry of Health Service Provider Grants totalling \$43,266

We have also been very fortunate to raise (gross) \$1,290 from chocolate sales, \$9,500 from our 2011 Fashion Extravaganza, \$3,443 in Parents Donations, \$600 from sausage sizzles and \$700 from scratchie boards.

Continually I am applying to Community Funders for funding to assist us to keep afloat. Annually it now costs us around \$236,000 to operate. Of this we get \$103,000 from the Ministry of Health (for the babies to 5 year olds) but we must raise the balance of \$133,000 each year otherwise we could not operate as we presently do. Please, I urge you, do help out selling chocolates, scratchie boards, and the other fundraising activities we get involved with as it is these funds that also help keep us afloat. Thank you everyone for your support of us, we appreciate your help, but now we all need to do more.

Regards to all.

Kevin Wall, QSO, Manager





# May Day Expo

On 7 May 2011, Conductors Judit and Gyorgyi along with our Manager Kevin worked our Conductive Education Southland 'stall' at the disAbilities Resource Centre Southland 2911 May Day Expo held at the Invercargill Workingmens Club.

The top floor function space was full of various displays and apparatus/equipment to assist people with disabilities etc. The whole day was full of interested people looking at the displays, enquiring of the services, talking about what was on display etc

This event was a fantastic day for Conductive Education Southland and we receive numerous enquiries about our service, what we have to offer, etc. We also picked up a couple of assessments too.



## 2011 Christmas Party

This is advance notice of our 2011 Christmas Party – and farewell to our Conductor Gyorgyi.

Keep Saturday afternoon 19 November 2011 free for this Christmas party and farewell. As Gyorgyi departs New Zealand on Saturday 26 November 2011 your Trustees have decided to hold the Christmas Function earlier than normal and to include it as a formal farewell to Gyorgyi.

More details out in the next newsletter but in the meantime, diary the date now. Thanks.

## Accolades

All of us at Conductive Education Southern believe we are doing great things with the children at Our Centre. We all see the children making tremendous progress and advances in their personal wellbeing and development, however our Funders do not.

If parents would like to drop us a few lines of how well we did at Conductive Education Southern, we would appreciate it. These support letters will be collated and used in support of our Community Funding Applications. Each year we need to raise in excess of \$100,000 from our Community and letting other people (especially our Funders) learn (and see) how well we are doing could well encourage them to support us.

Thank you

## Name Change

Your Trustees have agreed to change our name from Conductive Education Southland to Conductive Education Southern. The name change is more indicative of the area we service (from Timaru to Stewart Island) and better represents our Conductive Education territory. Conductive Education Southern is the only Conductive Education Centre south of Christchurch.



## Sausage Sizzle

*This year (2011) we have not been given as many sausage sizzle opportunities by The Warehouse Invercargill as per previous years – three this year compared to six previously). However we are very thankful and appreciative for the opportunities we do get. Our next sausage Sizzle at The Warehouse Invercargill is set down for Saturday 06 August 2011.*

*On the 06 August 2011 Roster are:*

*9.00am till 11.30am - A parent of Anna Hika and a parent of Francis Findlay*

*11.30am till 2.00pm - A parent of Grace Willetts, a parent of Hayden Taylor, and one other*

*2.00pm till 4.00pm - A parent of Lily Butler, and one other*



Owing to CE Southland Centre graduations and some of our families "moving on" there is a gap for another CE Southland Parent to help out on the 11.30am to 2.00pm shift and the 2.00pm to 4.00pm. If you can do either of these shifts please let either Manager Kevin or Lisa Bartley know (phone 217 1145).

Our next sausage sizzle (at this stage) is not till 10 December 2011. Thanks for your support.





# ON TIME!

Remember Parents, please be on time with your child for their Conductive Education Class. As many of our Classes operate "back-to back" it is essential children arrive (and are collected) on time, otherwise you delay commencement of the next Class or impinge on another child's time.

## Annual General Meeting

Our 2011 Annual General Meeting for Conductive Education (Southland) Charitable Trust, will be held:

SATURDAY 9 JULY 2011 AT 1.30PM

THE COMMUNITY TRUST OF SOUTHLAND ROOMS

This will be a family occasion with activities for the children including a Magician. Conductive Education Southland Parents, please bring a plate of afternoon tea.

All welcome to attend.

## Community Fundraising

Our Conductive Education Southland must do a considerable amount of community fundraising in order to ensure we continue to operate. Thank you to you wonderful parents and supporters who have supported us previously – and now.



We currently have a number of fundraising initiatives Parents can avail of to help us raise much-needed dollars to help keep our CE Centre going:

We have SCRATCHIE BOARDS and BARS or BAGS of CHOCOLATES

If any CE Southland parent or supporter feels they can sell a Scratchie Board of 50 tickets @ \$2 each ticket (or part card) then please let Manager Kevin know. Our aim is to sell 6 cards per month, each card making us \$50 profit.

Likewise, if any CE Southland parent or supporter feels they can sell some Cadbury Fundraising chocolate bars and Kiwiland bags of chocolate sweets, please let Manager Kevin know. We make excellent profit on each bar/bag sold.

It's your choice parents, but if we do not sell scratchie boards and/or chocolates, the amount charges per session fee might have to rise to cover our increasing costs. Without any fundraising our half-hour per session fee would be more like \$25.00. Please, everyone, do your bit to help. Thanks.



# Fashion Parade

Wow, what a ripper of a night we had at Invercargill's Ascot Park Hotel 08 April 2011!

350+ ladies crammed the venue and enjoyed our very laudable 2011 FASHION EXTRAVAGANZA.

Four ladies leading fashion stores from Invercargill and Dunedin exhibited their latest winter (and other) clothing. Our 12 models admirably walked the catwalk, pirouetting and strutting their stuff.



We have received absolutely dozens of very favourable comments post-function, not only about the clothing modelled, but also our slick and very professional presentation.

Thank you to Fashion Houses – POSH Designer Clothing, VOYANT Fashion Boutique, A Little Bit Cheeky Lingerie Boutique, and Ts14+.

Our evening started with a complimentary Cocktails generously supplied by VnC Cocktails – NZ's best tasting, all natural ready-to-pour cocktail. Thank you Shane at VnC for making your delicious cocktails available to us.

MORE FM radio station continually 'pumped' our Fashion Extravaganza on their radio waves and also provided their two Breakfast Hosts – Gretchen and James to comper the evening. Thank you MORE FM for your huge support and to Radio Announcers Gretchen and James for compering our 2011 Fashion Extravaganza. You did a great job!

The night was huge success and Conductive Education Southland will make \$7,000+ once all accounts are cleared. Truly a remarkable effort. Thank you Lisa, Jo and Miriam from our CE Southland Parents Fundraising Group for putting this great spectacle together. You did us all proud. Now we look forward to our 2012 Fashion Extravaganza.

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