

DIABETES NEW ZEALAND INC.
REPORT TO NZSSD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 6 SEPTEMBER 2007

Diabetes New Zealand (DNZ) advocates on behalf of its members, all people with diabetes and for increased funding for the work force and better diabetes services.

DNZ Achievements 2006-2007

- Held successful Annual Conferences at Christchurch on 13-14 May 2006 and at Hamilton on 5-6 May 2007. Attendance at Hamilton was the largest ever.
- Diabetes Awareness Week was held on 21-27 November 2006 with a focus on Diabetes and Oral Health. There is an often overlooked inter-relationship with diabetes associated with several oral diseases and for people with diabetes tending to have a higher prevalence of periodontal disease.
- Released the Type 2 Diabetes Outcomes Model Update on 5 May 2007. This is an update of the 2001 DNZ report *Type 2 Diabetes – Managing for Better Health Outcomes*. PricewaterhouseCoopers have forecast that by 2021 the cost of health services for people with Type 2 diabetes will reach \$1.78 billion unless an increased investment of \$60 million per annum is now made.
- Made written and oral submissions to the Health Select Committee of Inquiry into Obesity and Type 2 Diabetes.
- Made written and oral submissions to the Health Select Committee regarding the Human Tissue (Organ Donation) Bill with particular reference to end stage renal failure and kidney donation.
- Successfully advocated for a United Nations Resolution on Diabetes which was passed by the UN General Assembly on 21 December 2006.
- Supports the Diabetes and CVD Quality Improvement Plan being promulgated by the Expert Advisory Group. DNZ has consumer representation on the EAG.
- Chief Executive represented DNZ at the IDF Congress held at Cape Town, South Africa in December 2006.
- Attended the *Diabetes in Indigenous Peoples Forum* held in Melbourne on 13-15 November 2006. This forum, organised by the IDF and Diabetes Australia, focused on diabetes issues facing indigenous communities in many countries (including New Zealand).
- Held regular meetings of the “Members of Parliament” diabetes interest group. Speakers have included Professors Jim Mann, Garth Cooper and Don Beaven.
- Produced new resources with funding from the Ministry of Health and PHARMAC. These include “Ina te kai ora – Here’s Healthy Food” produced in partnership with Te Hotu Manawa Maori.
- Agreed to hold 2008 AGM and Annual Conference in conjunction with the IDF WPR Congress to be held in Wellington on 30 March – 3 April.

DNZ recommends that all people newly diagnosed with diabetes be referred to a local society so they may receive support and information to better manage their diabetes.

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