

# THE NEW ZEALAND TRANSPLANT GAMES ASSOCIATION INC

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## **16<sup>TH</sup> World Transplant Games – Bangkok**

The Bangkok games were a huge success for NZTGA. A staggering total of 24 medals is a new record for us. Special mention to Linden Kenyon on her personal medal count, 2 silvers and 3 bronze medals in the swimming pool – go Linden. Gold medals were won by Jason Dellow, Ian Patterson, Alan Power and Jim Doyle. Congratulations to all medalists. But the biggest praise of all goes to each and every person who made the trip to Thailand. All the supporters and family, Helen Gibbs our medic and most of all Sheryl Power our team manager helped make it so memorable.



## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Membership Drive**

Building on the success of the 16th World Games in Thailand our Association is committed to increase our membership, with the aim of taking 40 competitors to the 2009 World Transplant Games. So if you know anyone who has had a transplant, let them know about the NZTGA.

### **Future Games**

#### **World**

Transplant Australia will host the 2009 17<sup>th</sup> World Transplant Games on the Gold Coast August 22<sup>nd</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> 2009.

#### **Australian Games**

The 2008 Australian Games are being held in Perth, Western Australia between October 4<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> Registration details will be available from March 3<sup>rd</sup> onwards. Mark the dates in your diary now.

## **Beaters and Breathers**

The 'Beaters and Breathers Trust' is a new organization set up by Andrea Needham - bi-lateral lung transplant (TX) in March 2007. The Trust is supporting a TX Team of Heart and Lung TXrs to participate in the Around-the-Mountain Relay in Taranaki on November 30/December 1 2007. The TX Team consists of 10 TXers and 20 of their carers. The primary purpose for the TX Relay Team and the Trust is to thank donor families; the secondary purpose is to raise organ donor awareness. It is hoped that the Trust will sponsor other events in the future. Enquiries and/or donations to the Team may be made through [andrea@paradise.net.nz](mailto:andrea@paradise.net.nz) or to 38 Jans Terrace, Oakura 4314, Taranaki - 06 752 7947.

## **NZTGA FUNDRAISING**

### **Fund Raiser Film Evening**

Plans are afoot for another film premier. Date and time to be advised when negotiations are finalised with the cinema. We will keep you advised well before the curtain rises – roll out the red carpet!

## **ARTICLES OF INTEREST**

### **Walk For Life**

This is a World Wide event planned for October next year. Ian Patterson has more information on this as per the attached. Please read as this will feature next year as we hope to use this event to our advantage.

### **Wedding Bells Are Ringing!**

Our past Secretary, Glen McLennan and his fiancée Kathryn Bailey are to tie the knot in January and relocate from Auckland to Dunedin. Good luck to you both from the NZTGA.