

Happy New Year to everyone

We trust this newsletter finds you in good health, good spirits and looking forward to a great 2012.

There are several wonderful events coming up which you may wish to put on your calendar as a **'must do'**.

Upcoming Games

2012

Australian Transplant Games, Newcastle, NSW 29th September – 6th October

A brochure about this event has been posted out to all financial members of NZ Transplant Games Association this week. The committee would encourage as many New Zealand transplant recipients as possible to participate in this event, especially in light of the possibility of the 2014 event being held in New Zealand.

2013

19th World Transplant Games, Durban, South Africa 28th July – 4th August

Further information will be circulated shortly. In the meantime you may wish to check out the website www.wtg2013.com

2014

Australian Transplant Games, Rotorua, New Zealand 28th September – 6th October

Preliminary discussions have been held between Transplant Australia, NZ Transplant Games Association and the Rotorua District Council about the feasibility of hosting the 2014 Australian Transplant Games in Rotorua. Currently a business case for staging the event in 2014 is being considered by the New Zealand Government and the Rotorua District Council.

Members of the New Zealand Transplant Games Association are always welcome to attend National Transplant Games events in member countries of the WTGF. These events can be found on the World Transplant Games Federation website www.wtg.org

Thankyou Day

On March 8, 2012 transplant recipients around New Zealand will be saying thank you. Thank you to their donor, donor family, health professionals, support people, employer – anyone who has helped them on their transplantation journey.

Organ Donation New Zealand (ODNZ), in conjunction with Kidney Health New Zealand is organising the Thank You Day which will take place on World Kidney Day 2012. The theme for Kidney Awareness Week next year is transplantation and organ donation (of all organs – not just kidneys).

If you would like to take part in the Thank You Day, ODNZ will send you a package containing a t-shirt, a packet of freesia bulbs (generously donated by Oderings) and a card. The idea is for you to plant the bulbs in your community on 8 March – your local community centre, school, library, etc.

ODNZ will help you organise this and will also contact local media so they can attend the planting, take a photo and have a chat about why you're giving something back to the community. ODNZ will also provide you with some information about organ donation and some tips on speaking with the media.

Please contact ODNZ's Communications Advisor Melanie Selby if you are interested in being involved in the Thank You Day. Email mselectby@adhb.govt.nz or phone (09) 630 0935.

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VINAKA
Fa'afetai
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Faka Fetai
To donors and their families

World Kidney Day 2012

Kidney Health
NEW ZEALAND
Prevention • Support • Research
0800 KIDNEY (0800 543659)

Organ Donation New Zealand
New Zealand's official donor agency
0800 4 DONOR (0800 436 667)

Newsflashes

A dialysis nurse and a patient have formed an association to collect video clips on organ donation from around the world of 2 minutes or less. To see some of these clips you can go to: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/liztackers/6149687270/> Perhaps you would like to submit something . The clip must be 2 minutes or less and written authority to use it must be given . It can be in any language and they will add subtitles but would need the text in French or English to do so.

The Committee is currently trying to create **archive records of New Zealand Team members** who have attended past World Transplant Games. We have full information for 1997 Sydney, 2001, Kobe Japan, 2003 Nancy France, 2005 London Canada, 2007 Bangkok, Thailand , 2009 Gold Coast Australia and 2011 Gotenborg, Sweden.

If you know of any one you can assist us gain this information for 1989 Singapore, 1991 Budapest, 1993 Vancouver and 1995 Manchester, can you please let us know.

TransWorld – The Journal of the World Transplant Games Federation – The last two issues of this magazine has been posted out this week to all NZ Transplant Games Association members and Transplant Coordinators. Please pass these onto other transplant people who may be interested.

Check out recent changes on the website of NZ Transplant Games Association www.transplantnewzealand.org.nz . Many thanks to our Webmaster, Adam Joyce, for maintaining this site.

New Zealand Athletes who currently hold World Transplant Games Records

(Records are kept only for track and field and swimming because venues for cycling, golf, etc are different)

Swimming events (long course) Women Jane Towers

Event: 200m Freestyle
Time: 02.59.0
Age Group: 30-39
Site: Gold Coast 2009

Athletics – Juniors - Boys Matthew Mokoroa

Event: Ball Throw
Distance: 69.07m
Age Group: 12-14
Site: Gotenborg, 2011

Athletics – Juniors – Girls Katie Lee Hodge

Event: Ball Throw
Distance: 48.15m
Age Group: 15-17
Site: Gold Coast 2009

Julia Woolf

Event: 50 metres
Time: 8.6 seconds
Age Group: 9-11
Site: Gold Coast 2009

Julia Woolf

Event: Long Jump
Distance: 2.87m
Age Group: 9-11
Site: Gold Coast 2009



Message from Maurice Slapak, Founding President of the WTGF

I am now committed to writing a book which deals with the impact of the World Transplant Games Federation on organ donation [both living and from recently deceased donors] as seen from the viewpoint of people like yourself who have intimate experience of their own countries history in this important area.

I would initially welcome communication with you so that we can discuss the aspects which are of major interest to you and to the purpose of the book.

As you well know the international aspects of organ transplantation vary significantly from

country to country and to some degree reflect the cultural, economic and logistical situations of a country.

The first transplant games were held in 1978. Since then there have been many advances and the organization has grown tremendously. I look forward to communications with you if you feel the project is of interest to you and would welcome hearing from you directly on slapakhamlet@aol.com

Please contact Sheryl Power, Team Manager/ Secretary , NZ Transplant Games Association, powerawanui@xtra.co.nz should you require further details about any information contained in this newsletter.