

THE NEW ZEALAND TRANSPLANT GAMES ASSOCIATION Inc

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2008 Australian Games, Perth

The 11th Australian Games are being hosted by the City of Belmont, 4-11th October 2008. This will be a great event and we encourage as many of our members to register as possible. Registrations have opened and will close on Friday 22 August 2008. If you register before Friday 31 May, you will receive a complimentary hat and badge. Register on line www.australiantransplantgames.com.

Individuals are responsible for their own costs to attend the Australian Games (registration fee, accommodation/meals, airfares/travel insurance). A uniform will be provided by our Association. There are a wide range of events to choose from. There is something for everyone – Kyaking, rowing, 3km/5km run, cycling, petanque, cricket ball throw, chess, squash, volleyball, 8 ball, table tennis, lawn bowls, swimming, scrabble, darts, tennis, ten pin bowls, bridge, badminton, golf, archery, backgammon, athletics. Most events will be age based as the World Games, but please consult the link above for more information. All people attending the Games as a competitor, living donor, donor family or a supporter need to complete a separate registration application although families can complete a joint registration form. Participants will need to attach individual medical certificates. Athletes and competing supporters **MUST** complete and return the medical certificate in August 2008 and return to Transplant Australia by Friday 29th August. Everyone who registers **MUST** complete and return the Waiver and Release Form and returned to Transplant Australia by Friday 29th August. Please advise Sheryl Power (Team Manager) when you have registered. Phone (04) 293 3563, mobile (0274) 478 216, email powerawanui@xtra.co.nz

Membership News

Thank you to those members who have paid their 2008 subscription and to those who have still to post of their payment we hope to receive this very soon. A number of new members have joined the Association. We welcome the following; - Wayne Coles, Gladys Simmons, Michael Andrews, Lesley Johnstone, Barry O'Sullivan, Nadine Dornbusch and Kelvin Collins. We hope you all enjoy a long and happy membership with NZTGA.

Congratulations to Natalie and Aaron Heberley on the arrival of their son, Zach on the 14th May.

20/20 TV Programme

A documentary will be coming up sometime in the next few weeks about Organ Donation and Transplantation in New Zealand. It will feature the donor story of Helen Stewart who spoke recently at the Wellington Transplant Thanksgiving Service. Look out for it.

Fund Raiser – Film Evening

A very successful fund raising evening was held again this year. A substantial amount of money was raised which will go towards costs for the 2009 World Transplant Games. Thanks to Ken, Cathy and Linden for their efforts in bringing this evening together. Also thanks to Cadbury and the McLennan's for donating prizes.

Rotorua Marathon

Congratulations to the 19 people – ten transplant recipients and nine supporters who participated in the 10km walk in early May as part of the 44th Rotorua Marathon. Everyone completed the walk/run, the weather was wonderful and it was a great opportunity for a catch up. The committee have decided to make this an annual event to promote “organ donor awareness”

