



## 2011 Year of the New Committee

Well it's already end of January 2011!

Hope you have had a good break and looking forward to a fresh New Year!

This time last year we were bringing you our new website. [www.turnersyndrome.co.nz](http://www.turnersyndrome.co.nz).

In January we had our 4<sup>th</sup> camp for our youth, 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive at Long Bay, Auckland. It was a great success and 20 girls from all over NZ between the ages of 10-18 years attended. Watch the website for dates for next years camp.

We have evolved as a group and to keep our focus in place we will officially have two committees, TSSG (NZ) main Committee and a TSSG Youth and Camp Committee which was unanimously supported by members in December, this will officially be passed at the AGM. This will enable the annual camp and youth activities to continue and each committee be responsible for its focus. We will still share access to the website, brochures etc... but we will hold independent meetings. I would like to thank those members who took the time to vote on this matter.

I have enjoyed 3 terms as Chairperson and I thank my respective committees for their support, I have enjoyed making a difference to this group. But the time has come to move aside and I wish the next committee a great year.

I would also like to acknowledge the endless efforts of Vicki Maaka our Treasurer who has been supporting me for the last 3 years and who will also be standing down.

I will be staying on the Camp and Youth Committee as this has been my focus and remains so.

Kind regards and all the best for a great 2011  
Karen

## Upcoming events are:

### AGM, New Committee - Meeting and Planning meeting 2011

Birkenhead Library,  
Corner of Hinemoa and Rawene Streets,  
Birkenhead, Auckland

10.45 for 11 start – AGM – **Executive positions available**  
Shared lunch  
12.45 – New Committee Meeting  
Followed by Planning meeting for 2011

**All Welcome.** Items for the Agenda to Sally – [secretary@turnersyndrome.co.nz](mailto:secretary@turnersyndrome.co.nz)

## Secretary Report:

Wow. This is my first opportunity to write something in the newsletter as Secretary. I have not been involved for a while and have a few things to discuss with you, some are housekeeping that involves you, but not too much!

Firstly, membership fees are due \$20/calendar year. Go to the website to pay membership <http://www.turnersyndrome.co.nz/donations.aspx> or

**Turner Syndrome Support Group NZ Inc.**

**Account Number: 06-0287- 0519802-00**

**Please ensure you include your name or membership no.**

If everyone pays their fees then we don't have to fund raise as much for the running of TS group, so please pay if you can. We use this money to the fullest, and it all helps. Being a member allows you to have a say in the group, and the direction it takes. Consider a committee member position if you really want to be involved! Members should now have a membership card (introduced last year) with membership no. to make paying and identifying, easier.

Please let us know if you are receiving a hard copy of the newsletter and want to change to electronic copy, email your email address [secretary@turnersyndrome.co.nz](mailto:secretary@turnersyndrome.co.nz) , it is a time and money saving way of getting out information to you. You will of course get the info faster as well.

I remember (quite) a few years ago I was Chairperson and had a few dreams and goals for the group. I am personally impressed that since then these goals are being realised. There is a regular camp for our youth, the website is up and running and a few years ago we ran a seminar day. Great stuff. This of course did not happen by accident, and certainly not without hard work. I would really like to thank those who have been involved in this process right from the beginning. Some of you have made a small (yet significant) contribution and others have made a rather large contribution to these goals. To all of you I say a heart felt thank you. I am amazed at the progress and development of the group, given the limited resources available.

Have a great year,

Sally

P.S. Don't forget to add our website to your favourites so you can check up what is happening - or you might like to send in your story

[info@turnersyndrome.co.nz](mailto:info@turnersyndrome.co.nz) and our website is [www.turnersyndrome.co.nz](http://www.turnersyndrome.co.nz)



We would love input from you on what you would like to read about or if you have a story (Maybe your own story) we would love to hear from you. [info@turnersyndrome.co.nz](mailto:info@turnersyndrome.co.nz)

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