



Chair Chat

I am Rae Somerville and am the newly elected Chairperson of the Turner Syndrome Support Group. I have been involved with the group since it started back in 1990. It was a real turning point for me, actually meeting people with Turner Syndrome.

We have come a long way since then, hosting two seminar days and a Leadership Course, annual camps for the girls and other activities such as the Koro Club Cruises and the Christmas get-togethers either in Auckland or Hamilton.

The setting up of the Turner Youth Support Branch at the AGM in February was a great step and we wish Karen and her Committee all the best for the future. It is also a time for a fresh start for the Main Committee so watch this space.

At the AGM the Committee brainstormed a variety of possible events. I look forward to the challenge of helping these happen and meeting you there. Above all it is your group, so let us know your ideas, and get involved.

Keep in touch, Rae

For Your Information

Rae has already mentioned the changes at the AGM in February. The new executive committee for the main branch comprises:

- Rae Somerville (Chairperson)
- Lynn Carter (Secretary)
- Sally Hollinshead (Treasurer).

Committee members are:

- Jessica Rogan (Liaison person)
- Diane Jaram
- Nicole Irwin
- Heather Murdoch
- Marina Grantham-Campbell
- Emma Streeter
- Denise van Dam
- Julie van Dam.

This new committee met (without Emma, who was on Skype or Julie and Denise who were unable to attend) for an informal planning meeting after the AGM.

Three issues were raised.

1. The first concerned fundraising for the International Turner conference to be held in Osaka, Japan, on 23 – 25 November, 2012.
2. The second was a ladies day or weekend, possibly for September, and the third was a seminar day to be planned for the future.
3. We also discussed combining with the new Youth branch for our Christmas function (possibly in Auckland).

Decisions and further action will be discussed at the next Committee meeting.

This is to be held on June 18 at 25A Chesterman Rd (Rae's home); starting with a midyear Christmas themed potluck lunch from 11.30, to be followed by the meeting. Any queries phone Rae, (07) 856 6944. The final meeting for 2011 is scheduled for October 15; details later.

Newsletters will go out about every two months, and any information or notices you wish to have included in the next newsletter are to be submitted to me (Lynn) by July 15,

- by email at secretary@turnersyndrome.co.nz
- addressed to my home: Lynn Carter, 2/6 Solway Place, Mount Maunganui, 3116
- or phoned to me at (07) 575 5736

Because of the expense involved in mailing newsletters they will now be available either through email or on the website (www.turnersyndrome.co.nz) but will no longer be sent by post. If this is a real problem please let me know. Please send me your email address if you received this newsletter in the post and also keep me current with changes of address (real and email) and phone numbers.

Membership fees are now due. These remain at \$20 and help cover the costs of the group. Please pay these promptly to our Treasurer.

If you have any queries please address these to Sally at treasurer@turnersyndrome.co.nz.

If you have any items for inclusion on the Website please contact Turner Support: info@turnersyndrome.co.nz or email either Emma - moogleshome@gmail.com or Karen – sprattz@xtra.co.nz.

Please check out the website.

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

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