

Comment from the Chairman

It is with pleasure that I write to you today to bring you all up to date with the latest happenings on the Board of Trustees and the various changes that have occurred.

Firstly the changes to the Board. Our Chairman Vaughan Bayer has unfortunately had to step down from his involvement with the iNRF due to his considerable workload where he is employed. It is a pity as Vaughan brought a good deal of energy and youth (well relative youth) to the Board, and we will miss his involvement. As a result of this I have been appointed to the position of Trust Chairman.

In addition to this our Founding Trustee Frank Schwanner has retired from the Board as he looks to extend his leave of absence, and we wish him well with his endeavours. His son and fellow Trustee Franz Schwanner is also away from the Board at present on an extended leave of absence while he attends to some business matters requiring his full focus. This leaves us a bit thin on the ground with myself and fellow Trustees Jan Brown and Frank Pollard continuing to steer the ship.

Having said that I am pleased to advise that Prabha Govindasamy joined the Board in April, bringing with her a wealth of knowledge in the area of Education, and we see her skills assisting the Foundation in the area of Conductor Education / Certification which is a key aspect of the Foundation's Strategic Plan. We are also actively looking for additional Trustees who can bring knowledge of or expertise in the areas of neurology, health sector, funding, marketing and charitable institutions – so if you know of someone who you think could assist in any of these areas we would be pleased to hear from them.

You may also have met our new General Manager Darrin Brinsden. Darrin has already brought a significant level of knowledge and structure to the operation of the Foundation, and his presence also signals a change in the role of the Board away from day to day management and be more focussed on the Foundation's overall direction.

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Our Mission is:

To provide the highest quality of rehabilitation through Conductive Education for people with neurological disorders in New Zealand

Next Term Starts 29th July 2013

With Darrin's involvement we have introduced a number of initiatives to enable the staff to become more involved in the Foundation's operation, and you may have seen his activities around the competition for the potential name change. Darrin is also developing an 'Open Day' for August where we can invite potential clients and service providers to see the valuable work the Foundation does first hand – and hopefully this will bring many new clients to our doors. Darrin's work has also helped take the pressure off the Board in the running of the Foundation.

Having said that Darrin's involvement in the Foundation is for a limited time as we review our funding capabilities, and also look to determine our on-going management requirements once our new Conductive Services Manager Lisa Roach gets in to her new role.

Lisa's arrival also signals the beginning of the new path for the Foundation and I hope you will all join with me in welcoming her to our team.

So what have we been working on at the Board level you may ask? Well probably the most important work we have been doing is developing the Foundation's relationship with the Ministry of Health. We had an excellent meeting with our new MoH Contract Relationship Manager David Darling earlier this year. David is very impressed with the work the Foundation does, and has offered some valuable advice and direction for us to enable us to extend our reach into the community, and raise our profile within the MoH and the local District Health Boards. One initiative was to facilitate a meeting between ourselves and the Taikura Trust – something we have been attempting to achieve for almost a year now – and Darrin and I had a very productive meeting with the Taikura Trust last month. The Taikura Trust is the sole organisation that assess people under the age of 65 in terms of government healthcare assistance – so we are expecting this will potentially benefit all our clients – both current and future. It all takes time however.

As you can see there are tremendous changes happening within the Foundation, and this will continue as Lisa brings in new initiatives and we raise our general profile both within the general community – and the District Health Boards. Having said that, we are extremely sensitive to the needs of our current clients, and will be looking to ensure we bring you all along with us on our journey – which remains very much the same as it has always been except we would like to deliver our services to a lot more people in need.

I wish you all well and look forward to meeting you at one of your Conductive sessions later this year.

Greg Bateman, Chairman

Welcome to our new Conductive Education Services Manager

As many of you are aware on 15 July we will have the pleasure of welcoming our new Conductive Education Services Manager, Lisa (Gombinsky) Roach. Lisa comes to us from Australia and has extensive experience both in Australia, Canada, Norway and England, she is also renowned worldwide for her published work on Conductive Education.

Lisa is a very dynamic person who will bring to the Foundation energy and enthusiasm to both supporting our clients and to growing the organisation so that we can support more clients with neurological motor disorders.

Jan Brown, Trustee

Message from the General Manager

Kia Ora, and thank you all for welcoming me into the iNRF family. You have all taught me a lot about Conductive Education and it's benefits over the past 7 weeks. I look forward to gaining more insights from you all over the coming months. I've learnt how passionate you are about Conductive Education. I have heard and enjoyed your inspiring stories of how our team help you to improve and how you now approach your daily lives. You've also shared with me how important the iNRF is to you in your weekly lives – the feeling of community and being accepted as who you are, not what you have, when you walk through our doors. This feedback gets our team up in the morning eager to come to work. I've heard inspiring stories of bicycle riding, the ability to keep driving, walking a few steps, talking more clearly, and using hands to create beautiful artwork. I believe these stories need to be told to the wider community.

I am committed to walking this short journey with you and shaping the iNRF to be robust in this ever-changing world. We've introduced the Great Name competition to you over the last weeks to test if the Integrated Neurological Rehabilitation Foundation is the best name for our organisation and we have had a great response. Our next steps over the coming months include:

- The introduction of a Client Advocate position into our Operations Meetings
- Stronger funding relationships
- A review of our Health Information Privacy Policy to align with Privacy Commissioner guidance and Ministry of Health requirements
- The introduction of Lisa our new Conductive Education Services Manager
- The return of Inna after her European holiday
- Reconnecting with our aligned charities, and
- An Open Day scheduled for late August.

There are so many stories to share and so many lives affected by the iNRF. I encourage you to tell your story and show how far you have come to anyone who will listen. We need to spread the word about our little secret so we can help even more people who are now in the position you once were.

Naku noa, na



Darrin

Send in a witty caption for this picture and the winner will receive 2 free Conductive Education sessions.

- Email to admin@inrf.org.nz
- Put an entry form in the ideas box by the end of August

Look out for the winning entry in next term's newsletter.



Hi there,

I'm back. In April my fiancé and I went to Japan for 3 weeks to have a holiday, to see my family, but more importantly, to get married.

We visited Tokyo, Osaka, Kyoto, Hiroshima and other places before we arrived in my home town. We saw many amazing things like shrines, temples, Mt. FUJI. We enjoyed a wide variety of Japanese food.

On Sunday 21st of April, we had our wedding. It was a traditional Japanese wedding at my local shrine. Both Philip and I got dressed up in beautiful kimonos. It lasted one and a half hours and involved drinking sake, dancing, music, praying, passing branches. It was a fantastic occasion, one I'll remember forever.

I'd like to thank the Board of Trustees for allowing me to have time off, also my colleagues, Inna, Nora, Ali, Stacey and also Janet and John for work extra hard while I was away.

I thank you, clients for your kind words and continued support.

I hope you had a good term and wish you a happy holiday and hope to see you all again next term.

Kumiko



Tui Glen Kiwi Ability Art Class

The response from clients to the Kiwi Ability Art Class has been excellent this year. All the artists have learnt a lot from our new tutor, Gabriella. Her enthusiasm is infectious. Gabriella has a lot of new ideas and this is the first time we have had a drawing class which is very popular.

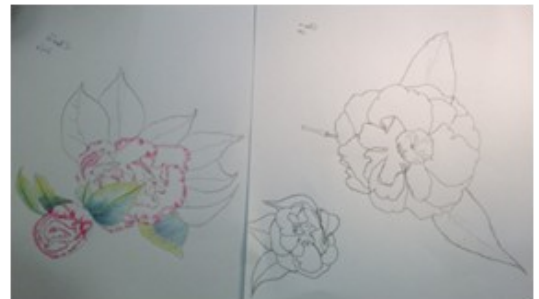
The drawing emphasis is from the right side of the brain which some of us find exhausting after a couple of hours but I feel in time it will harness the fitness of that creative side of our brains. If not, it will be fun trying.

Please contact me if you want to have a try at something arty in the Art Class

Monday 1.30 till 3.30. The art class will continue during the Conductive Education break.

John Toole

Examples of the class work:



Sailability Auckland—Waller Cup title to John Toole

The Waller cup was contested over the weekend of April 20-21, and despite some very wet weather 12 sailors took to the water aiming to get their name on the trophy.

John Toole is the 2013 Winner of the Waller Cup. John has been trying to get his name on the cup since its inception in 2007.



John in 2nd place

1st

**Congratulations John.
Auckland Champion 2013**

John takes the lead



John wins the Waller Cup





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Please contact Janet or John in Administration for more details

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Thanks to our wonderful Volunteers