

## MEDICAL AID ABROAD, AUCKLAND

### Chairman's Report for year ending March 2012

This last year illustrates once again the need and value of MAA. Huge volumes of goods pass through the rooms of our store at Greenlane Hospital. Most months more than 100 cartons of goods are sent to developing countries far and wide. MAA continues to receive goods from an amazing variety of sources, but mostly from the greater Auckland region. I would like to acknowledge again PWR (Pharmacy Wholesalers Russells) for their endless help in moving stock from pharmacies to their warehouse, before it comes to our store. We would love to have more room, which would allow us to draw stock from sources further afield.

The Auckland District Health Board continues their generous support of MAA by providing our storerooms at no charge. The Board and MAA have spent time looking at fire and chemical safety in our store. There is some question as to whether we can continue there, but at the moment we continue to have a small, rather congested, but effective suite of rooms, albeit it a basement. We thank them.

I want to acknowledge the amazing and generous Wednesday Workers' team who give so much of their time ensuring that MAA can fulfil its role. This very happy team, are a joy to work with and are achieving so much, in a willing and effective manner. Thank you all.

The Executive and Trustees meet throughout the year keeping a low-key eye on how MAA is running. I wish to acknowledge and thank them, as all are volunteers and most serve outside their professional skill- base.

During the latter half on 2011, while I was doing a locum in Tonga, the good team of Executive members continued to function under the temporary chairmanship of Graeme Woodfield.

I wish to comment on two members in particular. Dick Seddon and Graeme Woodfield are standing down from their roles. Both have served faithfully for many years. Dick as accounting and legal advisor and Graeme as chairman for very many years. MAA owes them more than we can say.

Our Store Manager, Dr Tony Wansbrough, who has done so much, put in such long hours, has moved so many thousands of cartons and managed the store so well, is also retiring. To Tony and Norman, on behalf of all at MAA, I say a very big thank you. It's been a pleasure working with Tony and I'm always amazed at the things she knows about MAA. We will miss her but we hope she and Norman will continue to be ongoing supporters of MAA.

Thank you to everyone, who has any role in helping and supporting Medical Aid Abroad.

Murray Kerr ... Chairman  
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