

Medical Aid Abroad, Auckland

Chairman's Report for year ending March 2013

I am delighted to report once again on the important and valuable work done by MAA. From unwanted medical and pharmaceutical surplus within NZ, we have been able to help thousands of people who would normally be without quality medical aid. We are indebted to the wholesalers, importers, clinics, pharmacies, medical centres, hospitals and many other sources who provide us with these medical supplies. We particularly thank PWR and their Manager, Shaun Smith. PWR moves and stores goods donated by pharmacies for us. They do this at no charge. This assistance is much appreciated.

Our crowded rooms in Greenlane Clinical Centre continue to competently handle the incoming and outgoing supplies. I remain amazed and humbled by what the team there manage to achieve week by week. The Executive wholeheartedly thank the Wednesday volunteers and Store Manager Mary, for without this team, MAA would cease to exist.

The Executive and Trustees continue to meet about every 6 weeks throughout the year keeping a low-key eye on how MAA is running. We tackle issues large and small as they come along. As all are volunteers, I want to thank them, for the time they willingly give from their busy working careers.

The matter of us having to re-locate remains unresolved. I met with several senior staff of the Auckland District Health Board, to show them first hand what we do and how useful are the current rooms. We have heard nothing further since then.

The details in the NZ Charities Commission website have been updated. The MAA website has also been partly upgraded, but remains a work in progress. Thanks to Jessica and her team for this work. Jessica is also collating and scanning MAA historical documents. An archive like this is an important part of maintaining the story of MAA.

The Executive have also discussed purchasing a vehicle for moving supplies. Currently all stock is shifted using private cars. We are looking to buy a small, second-hand van or similar, which can hold the quantity of goods that sometimes requires two or three car-loads. Significant money has been donated toward this project.

Security at the rooms has come to our attention. As MAA holds a large quantity of Prescription Only Medicines, they need to be in a locked place, access to which is restricted. The remainder of our valuable stock also needs security, although at a reduced level.

My thanks go to the Wednesday Volunteers, the Trustees, the Store Manager and the Executive for their advice, help and support for the year ended. It's been another successful year. Well done, good and faithful servants.

Murray Kerr . . Chairman
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