

Hello everyone, we had a great attendance of 21 for our cochlear consumer meeting on Saturday the 13th August, 2016 that started at 10.30am.

Apologies were from;

Angeline from Life unlimited, Renee Verbisky, Pat Miller, Rex and Val Houghton, Chris Gibb, Lyn Kelly, Yvonne a Kevin Gibbons, Judy and Bryan Webb.

Welcome to Annette, a ci hopeful, hope you enjoyed your time with us.

Nikki Maloney told us about Avalon, and what they are doing now and how its helping to get these people that go there into society better, since moving into town from TePuna.

I was very interesting listening to Nikki it's part of our lives that most of us don't think about, and it gave us better information on what happens at Avalon. Thank you Nikki.

Lee Schoushkov, from Pindrop, talked where they are at, answering a few questions, and about funding changes that hopefully will happen, after my sister Ngaire Mathew from Hamilton, went to the National party conference and she put a remit through to get cochlear implant time the Same as elective surgery, it will take time but let's hope this does help in getting our cochlear quicker, and about funding replacement processors for those self funded implantees, Lee is working on this, we have quiet a few in our group, let's hope this comes off in the not to distant, future, as circumstances do change especially from when first retired to 7 years down the track. Thankyou Lee, you are a star!

Josie Calcott took the floor and told us about the Sounds of Life Exhibition that's coming on 23rd and 24th September, we need to help deliver some pamphlets about this so your help will be appreciated, they arrived on Monday so could not get them out on Saturday.

If you would be kind enough to help with these you can let me know please please!

Harold Nuttall had a few questions to ask but has been referred to Tamaki, for help from the, professionals.

We had 2 large tablets of chocolate for a raffle, they were gladly received by the winners., Nikki, and a guest Gillian.

This lady was saying how much her audiologist wants her to spend on hearing aids, one of our group offered his near new, not used any more aids so she can take them to a audiologist and get them tuned, Thankyou Andy, for this kind offer, this sort of thing could be so helpful to others as our aids often wear down before we get to implant time, this is just great, I wonder how many others have them lying in the draw, that can be helpful to others.

We had a lovely shared lunch, with a great selection of the lovely things people bought along.

We finished the meeting around 1 pm.

Monday 15th August

I attended 'Join the Conversation' for the disability Strategy, on Monday, we worked on changing wording, of the strategy, adding bits here and there and new issues brought up around our table there were 3 tables of 8 to 13, it went from 12.30 to 3.30 quiet intense but very interesting.

Lastly!!

I do not write minutes, if anyone thinks we should have minutes, and can do them please let me know, you are most welcome.

I just do my best from memory, anything I get wrong it's not official.

Cheers and keep safe Lyn Rich