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President's report

At our recent AGM we farewelled Tessa Kain as President of the Society. Through dedication and determination, Tessa has guided the Society through difficult times, placing us in a positive position for the future. A high standard of service delivery and professionalism was at the heart of her presidency and we thank her for her foresight and commitment. Tessa also represented MS and Parkinson's on the Board of the BrainTree Wellness Centre and worked hard with Simon Challies and the Directors of Canterbury Brain Collective to bring us our future home and a wonderful asset for those with neurological conditions.

As the incoming president, I look forward to working with the Committee and building on these initiatives by consolidating our funding, supporting our team with the development of additional services and broadening our reach to those in Canterbury with MS & Parkinson's.

New to our Committee is Rachel Teahen of Nexia NZ, who will take on the role of Treasurer. We are fortunate to have Ann Morrison stay on the Committee as Vice President. Ann has done a sterling job serving the Society as Treasurer for several years.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to support our Annual Appeal and I look forward to meeting many of you at our forthcoming morning teas.

Anne-Marie Kite

President

Manager's Message

Greetings everyone,

This last quarter has been one of consolidation. The new team seems to be bedded in now and we are making progress with all of our systems. The lead up to the street appeal shows us how much the Society depends on members and volunteers to support us. It has been great seeing people rock up to the office and say they are willing to collect for us again this year!

I will be attending the MS Conference in October in Wellington and this will be an opportunity to get together with managers from around the country to discuss programmes and services.

Keep well

Karla Gunby

Executive Manager

The many faces of MS & Parkinson's

Keep an eye out on Facebook for our new fundraising awareness campaign we are running on social media.

We're using a series of images (above) to draw attention to the many statistics associated with Multiple Sclerosis and Parkinson's disease in New Zealand - and to remind everyone that our organisation is self-funding and relies on public financial support to continue our essential work.