

October 29th

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Information for the AGM

AGM details

The AGM will be held on Sunday 29th October 2017 starting at 2pm in the Kauri Room, CCS Disability, 14 Erson Ave, Royal Oak, Auckland. The AGM will be followed by afternoon tea.

The AGM Agenda is:

- Welcome
- Apologies
- Minutes of 2016 AGM
- Matters Arising
- Financial Report
- Appointment of an Auditor
- Membership fees
- Remits for consideration.
- Appointment of the officers.
- General Business

Remits for 2017 AGM are:

- **The Cerebral Palsy Society may co-opt up to two additional members until the next AGM. Co-opted members do not have voting rights.**
- **Cerebral Palsy Board recommends Ross Flood for approval as a life member.**

Nominations for the Cerebral Palsy Board are:

- Bruce Bycroft
- Ed Collett
- Anthony Smith
- Merryn Straker
- Dave Thomas

Bruce Bycroft – Incumbent Board Member



I live in Palmerston North and work as a Health and Safety Coordinator at Plant and Food Research. My son Rhys, two of my stepchildren and a number of my friends live with CP or other disabilities, and they inspire me to make a difference, as they do themselves.

I also support an international boccia player, and this brings me in contact with a diverse range of people with disabilities, and their friends and relatives. I applaud the diversity of the disability community in New Zealand.

I absolutely endorse the purpose and activities of the Society, in particular the programmes and grants aimed at supporting and empowering members to live creative and meaningful lives in their communities.

As a Board member, I use many of the ‘people skills’ that I apply in my Health and Safety role, to ensure that the Board is connected with its members and that Board decisions provide the best possible outcomes within the inevitable financial constraints of the CP Society.

Ed Collett



I have 2 children with Special needs Matthew and James. Matthew is 11 and has Cerebral Palsy and James 13 who has Asperger’s Syndrome. Through Matthew and James I have gathered a huge amount of knowledge in the disabilities sector. Matthew attended Conductive Education in Auckland and now attends Wairau Valley Special School on the North Shore.

I was born in New Zealand and then lived in Auckland until I was 21. I spent 14 years living in London and France working in aviation and moved back to New Zealand in 2009 so Matthew could attend Conductive Education at Sandringham. The best move we ever made for Matthews future.

I currently work for Air New Zealand in Airline Programmes. My role is to ensure the company is making good strategic business decisions, has good long term plans and delivers those plans. It is crucial in today's fast changing world that business, and charities have strategies to adapt quickly to social and environmental change and ensure continued support for their members.

I believe these skills with my knowledge of the disability sector would be of benefit to the CP Society board. I am passionate about ensuring the long term strategic future of the CP Society, whilst developing a good plan that delivers to the needs of all its members, young and old.

Anthony Smith – Incumbent Vice President



Hello my name is Anthony Smith, I have a 22 year old daughter whom has CP. This has meant that I have become involved in a range of disability and service provider issues and supports over the years. This includes Conductive Education early childhood and school aged programs and lobbying at a central government level for young people with CP within the education sector.

I have also had many years of dealing with ACC and other government agencies. I enjoy seeing those affected by CP making choices for themselves and taking charge of their own lives. I have a range of business interest and enjoy farming and getting out on the road on my motorbike or going off road by bike or 4 wheel driving.

Merryn Straker



I'm a Mum to three boys with our middle son Oscar a 10 year old with Ataxic CP and with my husband Grant we live in Whangaparaoa.

I'm passionate about neuroplasticity and how it applies to our CP kids. We have travelled twice now to the US with Oscar for two short intensives 12 months apart and we see real gains. It highlights the gaps we have for our kids here.

We need a strong and targeted advocacy function to lobby for therapy options for our school aged CP kids. We need to support our SDR families who fundraise to huge lengths to get a better outcome for their kids and the least we can do is provide intensive PT when they get home funded through our own health system. Advocacy at governmental and ministry levels for change is necessary. Our CP kids deserve options - full time meaningful employment and contributing tax payers not drawing welfare to support them. Put the time in young and get them to be all that they can be.

I am the Chief Production Officer at Straker Translations, a company founded with my husband Grant. I have board and management experience and run a team of 85 across 7 different countries.

I truly believe that our kids are worth more than leaving their future to chance and I'm prepared to work incredibly hard to advocate to see that change.

Dave Thomas – Incumbent Secretary/Treasurer



My 21 year old daughter Chelsea has CP and is profoundly deaf, hence my interest in CP Sector and my involvement with the Society.

I have a financial services background and therefore have a keen interest and focus on the investment and management of the Society's assets to ensure we maintain our resources for the benefit of the current and future membership. My role as a member of the Board for the Society is one I enjoy as it has helped provide me with a wider perspective of the impact that CP has on the lives of our members and makes me passionate about working to provide the best outcomes we can for them.

I was a Board Member for the Kelston Deaf Education Centre for 14 years (7 or 8 as Chairperson) and have been self- employed in my own business as an Authorised Financial Adviser since 2001.

How to access AGM information.

All AGM information will be available on the website from 19th October 2017 - [www.cerebralpalsy.org.nz/ cerebral palsy/ about us/ The Society/ AGM](http://www.cerebralpalsy.org.nz/cerebral-palsy/about-us/The-Society/AGM)

We can also supply hard copies or email you any information you require.

Voting Slips

- Postal Ballot form
- Appointment of Proxy form

Yours Sincerely



Gilli Sinclair

CEO