

# **MEDICAL AID ABROAD TRUST**

## **NEW ZEALAND.**

### **NEWSLETTER August 2011**

#### **General**

MAANZ has never been running so smoothly and over the past 2 years it has expanded in many ways. Greater quantities of goods are being sent overseas and reciprocally there has been a steady and increasing input of incoming medical items. Under the guidance of the energetic Stores Manager, Dr Tony Wansbrough, a great team of volunteers sort and pack goods each Wednesday. It has become quite a social occasion.

The rooms at NWH are now full of many medical items and our overflow has been accommodated in two other off-site buildings. Looking back, and I can do that to 1977, it amazes me how far we have come but likewise I realize how great the need is in many countries for scarce medical items. It personally gives me great pleasure to see so many items recycled for use, and the gratitude received from numerous recipient organisations is often evident

#### **Our Problems**

We are a strictly volunteer organisation and we greatly appreciate all the people who give of their time and finance to assist MAANZ.

Nevertheless, there are gaps in our management structure and most of us are getting 'long in the tooth.' We do need some younger volunteers to do jobs such as maintenance of the web site, keeping our recipient organizations aware of what we have in stock, helping with running the finances, and serving on the Executive Committee which meets bi-monthly., etc etc.!

We appeal to you all....if you think you could use your expertise to help us, do not hesitate to contact us at the address below. You will enjoy working with us and there is plenty to do.

#### **Store Manager**

Tony Wansbrough is soon moving on to other activities and we need a replacement for her. This requires a person who can spend perhaps 10 hours /week and particularly on Wednesdays managing the store rooms. The volunteer team need to be supervised and there is a requirement to attend to email communications so some basic computer friendship is required. An allowance is paid for the work done but the position does require a component of volunteerism. Some knowledge of medical terms is required.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THIS POSITION, please contact me for further information.

### **Our Treasurer**

Dr David Morris has developed a stroke while at a conference in Queenstown and is now in Dunedin Hospital. I am sure you will share with us , the anxiety of this event and how we hope for a full recovery. David has been a very long –term volunteer for MAANZ and is greatly appreciated for his loyalty, hard work and friendliness.

### **Our AGM**

Was held relatively recently and you can see the ANNUAL REPORT ON [www.maa.org.nz](http://www.maa.org.nz) . There is also much other information on the website.

### **Publicity**

There was a very nice article in the ‘ Aucklander’ recently on MAANZ and we hope to place this on the website very soon.

### **RESPONSE**

**We hope you will contact us. We need your input to make MAANZ hum!**

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