



## Newsletter

May 2022

We are closing in on our target of 10,000 signatures on the aHSCT petition. The countdown is on for submitting to Parliament on 31st May! If you haven't done so yet, please sign and share with your friends using the link below.

We have webinars, resources, surveys and Matthew's personal aHSCT journey in this month's edition.

Applications are now open for the [Dorothy Newman Scholarship](#) and the [Mastering Mountains Grant](#). Head to our website to find out more.

In addition to the articles below, you will also find up to date information on our website, under the '[Latest News](#)' section.

## MS Announcements and Events



### [aHSCT Petition](#)

We are extremely grateful for everyone that has signed this petition so far, we are closing in on the 10,000 signatures goal. Please continue to share and encourage everyone to **sign the petition**.

The petition was also featured in Stuff this month, which can be seen [here](#).

[Sign the petition](#)



### [Webinars](#)

If you weren't able to tune in for the live event, the recording of MS Auckland's 'Relationship & MS' webinar is now available to watch.

[Relationships & MS](#) - from MS Auckland

The following webinar will take place on 19th May at 2.30pm. Register in advance.

[Living well with MS: Swallowing & Nutrition Management](#) - with Massey University.

[Watch webinar](#)



### [Have you travelled overseas for Stem Cell Treatment?](#)

New Zealand Neurologists are undertaking a survey of people who have travelled overseas to have a bone marrow (stem cell / aHSCT) transplant for multiple sclerosis.

This study will improve our understanding of the experience and outcomes of bone marrow transplant for multiple sclerosis and greatly assist in advocating to get access to the treatment here in New Zealand for MS patients.

[Read more](#)

## Amplify your voice

### [Matthew's aHSCT Journey](#)



"I left here walking with the help of a cane, and came back not needing it. My energy levels are high. I want everyone struggling with this disease to know about this and that there is hope".

This is my story.

[Read More](#)

## Support Us



### Planning something good?

Whether it's your wedding, birthday, marathon, challenge - you name it, you can support charities like us through The Good Registry!



#### [Planning something good?](#)

We've got another way for you to support our mahi - giving through The Good Registry! Whether you're giving or receiving gifts, their gift cards and gift registries make it easy to celebrate with donations to 65 NZ charities (including us!)

[Purchase Here](#)



#### [Donate directly with payroll giving](#)

Did you know that you can donate to us directly from your pay and automatically receive a tax credit of 33.33 cents for every dollar donated?

Payroll giving is a voluntary scheme where your employer passes on donations to chosen charities and reduces your PAYE with a tax credit for payroll donations.

With all donations you are entitled to a tax credit, with payroll giving this is credited to your pay at the time of donation, rather than having to wait until the end of the tax year to receive it.

Why not speak with your employer today and see if they can set this up so you can join us in making a difference to those impacted by Multiple Sclerosis.

[View other ways to gift](#)



#### [Happy Mothers Day!](#)

Until the 31st May 2022 you'll receive a bonus gift card when purchasing an Entertainment membership.

Choose from a Sephora or a Farmers voucher. Treat Mum (or treat yourself and take her to dinner)

We also receive 20% towards our fundraising cause and you can share a membership across 5 devices.

[Order Here](#)

## Resources



#### [Guide for MS Caregiver](#)

A new resource for caregivers has been added to our website, from Multiple Sclerosis Society of India.

It is a very comprehensive downloadable booklet which contains a lot of valuable information, hints, tips and information to assist MS Caregivers.

[Read more](#)



#### [Brain Health Challenge](#)

Do you want to develop lifelong habits for a healthier brain?

Take the 14-Day Brain Health Challenge from Alzheimers New Zealand.

[Start now!](#)

We love to share real life stories, if you would like to share *your* MS story with the MS Community, please get in touch: [info@msnz.org.nz](mailto:info@msnz.org.nz)

Thank you for your continued support, it has helped us to achieve so much, to help those impacted by MS.

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P.S. Please check our our [Latest News](#) section on our website for updated guidelines and information.



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