



# HAMILTON HYDROTHERAPY POOL CHARITABLE TRUST

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## HCC SUBMISSIONS

Thank you to all the groups and individuals who have made submissions to the Hamilton City Council's LTCCP supporting the Trust's call for the hydrotherapy pool to be built without delay. The oral submissions hearings for the pool were held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday 12 May. Dr Alison Glover and Laurie Pilling presented the submission on behalf of the Trust. There were also personal submissions made by Chris East, Lynn Falconer from the Hamilton Arthritics Support Hydrotherapy Group, Alison Glover and Clive Kingsley Smith. Ron Hancock gave his oral submission on behalf of Hamilton Rotary Clubs. The Trust urged the Council to meet the funding shortfall and get the pool underway. Laurie and Alison told the Council the pool is desperately needed but need the Council's approval to make it happen. They told the Council the estimated project cost is \$M2.2 and the plans and specifications are complete to tender stage. The Trust has now raised \$770,000 toward construction but Council was warned the availability of more than \$500,000 in funding from several trusts and groups expired later this year increasing the urgency of construction. We asked the Council to use the money raised by the Trust to start construction this year and to then commit their funding in the 2010 financial year. The outcome of the Council deliberations will be announced in mid June.

## Awapuni Donkey Farm



Recently there was an open day held on Jenny and Brian Clausen's Whitikahu farm to raise funds for the Hydrotherapy Pool. Although the weather wasn't too bright there was an excellent turnout of Families. They all had an enjoyable time riding the donkeys and petting the variety of animals on the farm. The fantastic sum of \$2,500 was raised from the entry fee and sausage sizzle sales and this will go towards the cost of building the much needed Hydrotherapy Pool in Hamilton. The Open Day was so successful it will be held again to raise funds for the Hydrotherapy Pool and this is planned for November when there are new born spring animals for the littlies to pet and hug. **A big thank you to Jenny, Brian and family for hosting the open day.**

## Dinner Auction

On Wednesday 18 March the Hydrotherapy Trust held a very successful fundraising Dinner and Auction at the Waikato Stadium. As the 130 guests arrived they were offered a free drink and then shown to their tables. These were beautifully decorated with cascading vases of blue flowers and candles. Everyone enjoyed their food and then settled down to listen to our guest speaker, Steve Gurney who gave a wonderfully inspiring account of his lifetime achievements. The auction that was conducted by Ed Turner was a laugh a minute and there was eager bidding for the vast array of articles. A silent auction was also held so there was ample opportunity for everyone present to contribute towards our fundraising. After all expenses have been paid the dinner and auction raised about \$16,000 for the Hydrotherapy Pool.



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