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Newsletter

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Welcome. We're well on our way to 10,000 signatures on the aHSCT petition. Please sign and share with your friends using the link below. It's looking likely the petition will be presented directly to Parliament.

There's also stories on what happens to the immune system of people with MS after aHSCT, and Keryn's aHSCT personal journey in this month's edition.

Meanwhile, the Omicron Covid variant continues to cause issues across the nation, including the cancellation of the Bangers to Bluff event.

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## MS Announcements and Events



### **B2B postponed**

Unfortunately, this year's **Bangers to Bluff** event, scheduled to take place from the 29th March – 9th April, has been postponed due to the current Covid pandemic.

The team at MSNZ appreciates the time and energy that the Bangers to Bluff rally organisers have already put into this year's event and are equally disappointed by this postponement, but understand the rationale behind the decision.

We are proud to be one of the masthead charities selected to receive fundraising support from the rally organised by the [Rotary Club of Half Moon Bay](#) and our team 'Keep Smyelin' and banger are very much looking forward to next year's event, we are sure it will be even more fun and better than ever!

The new dates are 21st March 2023 – 2nd April 2023, see you there!

**The postponement of this event will have a significant impact upon our income this year. Please consider showing your support of those with Multiple Sclerosis by donating today.**



### **aHSCT Petition**

We are extremely grateful for everyone that has signed this petition so far, but we still have a way to go if we are to reach our target of 10,000 signatures. Please continue to share and encourage everyone to **sign the petition**.

[Sign the petition](#)



### **aHSCT webinar**

Whilst we are working to obtain 10,000 signatures to on the above petition, this is a great time to re-educate ourselves on what aHSCT is and why it is important for so many people with MS.

The New Zealand Multiple Sclerosis Research Trust hosted a webinar in 2020 on this subject, and can be viewed below. Their specialist speakers provide an international perspective on the latest research and understandings of how and when autologous haematopoietic stem cell transplant (aHSCT) is a valid and efficacious treatment option for Multiple Sclerosis.

[Watch the recording](#)

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### Keryn's aHSCT Journey

"Your body is pumped with pretty toxic drugs during the process, from litres of steroids to litres of Chemo and numerous other drugs BUT as brutal as the process is, in a heartbeat I would do it all over again".

This is my story.

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You listen, encourage, problem solve and you give out of your own reservoir of energy. Join this webinar from MHERC to recognise the point at which you need to plug in and recharge.

[Read more](#)

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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