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Wellington  
Multiple Sclerosis

## 2025 AGM

10am Saturday 17 May  
Upper Hutt Cossie Club

### **Please come to the 2025 Wellington MS AGM**

Every year the law requires us to hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM), to present the accounts for the previous year and to allow Members to vote on the Committee's President, Treasurer and committee members.

The President, Treasurer and Ops Team take the opportunity to tell you about the year in review and it's your opportunity to ask questions or have your say.

Some of our Patron Professor Anne La Flamme's research team will update everyone on the important research they are doing to find a cure for MS.

Another deserving member of our Community (a PwMS, carer or volunteer) will be awarded The Andy Woodside Memorial Award, for something special they did during the year.

[Please RSVP](#)

### **Can you support the Committee?**

Please get in touch if you have skills to share and would like to be a volunteer on the Committee. We especially need a new Secretary to take the minutes of the Committee's monthly online meetings. We are always looking for non-committee volunteers too.

If you're interested please email [steve@mswellington.org.nz](mailto:steve@mswellington.org.nz)

### **It's the 60th Anniversary of Wellington MS**



The Wellington MS Society was incorporated on 6 August 1964, which means we're celebrating our 60th anniversary. We're grateful to all the Committee Members, clients, carers, volunteers and employees who have contributed to the success of WMS over the years, ensuring PwMS in greater Wellington can rely on our support to live their best lives.

**To celebrate we invite you to join us for a slice of cake at the AGM.**

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## **Meet Maria Luisa Suarez**



Maria Luisa is our new Community Advisor, whom many of you have had the pleasure of meeting already. Maria Luisa comes to us from WellAble and is looking forward to sharing her skills, knowledge and insights with our wonderful families.

Read more: <https://mswellington.org.nz/about-us/new-news-page/a-big-wms-welcome-to-our-new-community-advisor-maria-luisa/>

## **A New Evening Support Group in Tawa**

A number of clients have expressed interest in a new evening support group in Tawa, for people who are newly diagnosed and work during the day.

If you would like to join this group or find out more contact Maria Luisa email [maria@mswellington.org.nz](mailto:maria@mswellington.org.nz).

## **Global MS Awareness Day - Friday 30 May**

### **New Venue For Our Morning Tea**

We've been really looking forward to marking Global MS Awareness Day with our wonderful clients and families on Friday 30 May and are so pleased to advise we've found a new venue: Room 4, the Johnsonville Community Centre.

We've booked the room from 10 - 11.30am for our morning tea. Please bring a plate of something yummy to share or a gold coin donation if you're in the fortunate position to do so.

If you're thinking of coming please let your Community Advisor know or email [info@mswellington.org.nz](mailto:info@mswellington.org.nz) by 23 May.

### **And A Gorgeous Raffle**

This beautiful handcrafted quilt in the image below is titled 'Sailing along the Coast' and has been created by Valerie Cameron, who very kindly donated it to WMS to help with our fundraising.

We're very pleased to be able to honour this beautiful donation by raffling it within our Community for Global MS Awareness Day. Second prize is a Wellington MS T-shirt. You can take a look at the quilt at this month's MS coffee mornings throughout the motu.

Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5 and you can buy them from your Community Advisor or email [info@mswellington.org.nz](mailto:info@mswellington.org.nz). The raffle will be drawn at our Global MS Awareness morning tea on 30 May.



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## **We're Looking for a New Lead Community Advisor**

We're looking for a new Lead Community Advisor, as Philippa has been offered an unmissable opportunity to live overseas for the next 12 months.

Read more on our website: <https://mswellington.org.nz/about-us/new-news-page/looking-for-a-new-lead-community-advisor/>

## **Frédéric Robichon - Running the WUUK for WMS**

We're so grateful! Frédéric Robichon is going to fundraise for Wellington MS when he runs the Wellington Ultramarathon on 12 July 2025, thank you so much for the support. Frédéric is the husband of MS Researcher Dr Katharina Robichon, who is a regular attendee at our AGMs and helps with our fundraisers.

Read more on our website: <https://mswellington.org.nz/about-us/new-news-page/frederic-robichon-running-wellington-ultramarathon-to-raise-funds-for-wms/> or skip to Frédéric's fundraising page on Grassrootz:

<https://wuu2k25.grassrootz.com/wellington-ms/frederic-robichon>

## **2025 MS Awareness Week Collection**

We've started work on this year's collection, which is always a great chance for people to get together and help raise funding for our vital service.

Can you help? If so talk to your Community Advisor or email [suzanne@mswellington.org.nz](mailto:suzanne@mswellington.org.nz)

## **Thanks to our Funders**

A special thank you to Hutt Mana Charitable Trust, which has generously agreed to partially-fund the WMS Collateral Refresh Project.

The project will see a refresh of printed collateral including the leaflet, along with changed URLs (domain names) for our website and email addresses.



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## Opportunities from MSNZ

Ride for MS 2025 fundraiser in Vietnam!

<https://inspiredadventures.com.au/event/msnz-cambodia-2025/>

Find out about scholarships, grants and awards

<https://msnz.org.nz/scholarships-and-grants-2/>

Help Change the Narrative of Life with MS –  
Share Your Story

<https://msnz.org.nz/help-change-the-narrative-of-life-with-ms-share-your-story/>

## Medsafe Approves Sub-Cut Ocrevus Injection

Good news! Medsafe has finally approved the subcutaneous injection for Ocrevus after lobbying from MSNZ. While we're still waiting for Pharmac to fund the new treatment, this is another very important step in the process.

Learn more on the MSNZ website: <https://msnz.org.nz/1news-report-medsafe-approves-10-minute-ocrevus-injection/>

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