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## Annual Seminar in Auckland, 16 June 2018

The Network's Annual Seminar and AGM will be held in Auckland on Saturday 16 June, 2018.



The Venue is the Cornwall Room, Surrey Hotel, 465 Great North Road, Grey Lynn, Auckland, NZ. The Cornwall Room is at ground level, so is suitable for wheelchair access if required.

The Surrey Hotel offers accommodation. If you wish to stay on-site on the Friday and/or Saturday night please book directly with the hotel:

**Tel:** (9) 378 9059      **Fax:** (9) 378 1464      **Email:** [reservations@thesurreyhotel.co.nz](mailto:reservations@thesurreyhotel.co.nz)

### **Registration Fee for attending the Seminar**

For members: \$40.00 per person or \$70.00 per couple

For non-members: \$80.00 per person or \$130.00 per couple

### **Meals/ Food provided within Registration Fee:**

Saturday – Morning Tea, Lunch, and Afternoon Tea

### **Other Meals:**

Breakfast(s) and the Saturday evening meal are to be paid by attendees. We would strongly encourage you to attend the Saturday evening meal as this is an excellent time to mingle with other attendees.

The registration form can be downloaded from [www.dystonia.org.nz](http://www.dystonia.org.nz)

We hope you can join us for this informative and supportive day where you can relax and share with others who genuinely understand what it means to have Dystonia.

## Programme for NZDPN Seminar - Saturday 16 June 2018

### This year's theme: Better living with Dystonia

- 9.00 Registration - Tea/Coffee on arrival
- 9.30 Welcome and introduction of Executive Committee members by NZDPN Chairperson Alison Fitzpatrick
- 9.35 NZDPN Network Manager, Philippa Hooper will report on Network activities during the past year.
- 9.40 Dr Barry Snow - Dystonia - a medical perspective
- 10.40 Short Break
- 11.00 Alison Fitzpatrick - Disability, accessibility and possibility
- 11.30 Patient panel discussion: 'Better Living with Dystonia'
- 12.30 Lunch
- 1.30 Julie Rope - the Duncan Foundation
- 2.10 Report from Kerrie Jackson representing Dystonia Network of Australia Inc.
- 2.40 Essential Tremor - the Commonalities with Dystonia
- 3.10 Short Break

Note that the presenters are happy to take questions after their addresses, but please restrict these to general issues rather than your own diagnosis and treatment.

The programme is subject to confirmation and the times are approximate.

## NZDPN Annual General Meeting - Saturday 16 June 2018

- 3.30 Declare AGM open (we will then adjourn for afternoon tea)

### AGENDA

- Apologies
- Minutes of Previous AGM (17 June 2017)
- Financial Report
- Annual Report from Executive Committee
- Election of Officers
- General Business

Please note that all members are welcome to attend the AGM, but you need to be a financial member (already paid subscription in the 2018 calendar year) in order to vote.

## Evening Programme

6.30 Dinner at Surrey Hotel (optional)

### Speakers:

**Dr Barry Snow** is a neurologist and movement disorder specialist and is recognised internationally for his expertise in the management of movement disorders such as dystonia , and locally, he is a leading authority in patient care, advocacy and research.



Dr Snow was educated at Auckland Medical School and spent his first house surgeon year at Rotorua Hospital. After his FRACP examinations in 1983, he pursued geriatrics training before changing to neurology training at Auckland Hospital. Dr Snow left for Canada in 1988 to undertake his Neurological Foundation V J Chapman Fellowship, and once completed, remained at the Movement Disorders Programme at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver as Associate Professor. During this time, he was engaged in research into movement disorders, and has since published well over 100 papers in this field. His research focus is centred on potential drug therapies for Parkinson's disease.

Dr Snow returned to New Zealand in 1995 to join the Department of Neurology at Auckland Hospital before advancing to the position of Clinical Director of Neurology in 1999. In 2011 he was promoted to Medical Director, Adult Health Services at the Auckland District Health Board. He is a member of the Neurological Foundation Council. Dr Snow established the Auckland Movement Disorders Clinic in 1995 to lead a centralised structure of specialists so patient care and research efforts in New Zealand could be optimised.

#### **Julie Rope - Director & Senior Clinical Practitioner, Rope Neuro Rehabilitation**

Julie graduated from Otago University in 1997 with a Bachelor of Physiotherapy with Credit. Following junior rotations at Auckland Hospital she worked the next 6 years in England and Wales where she found her niche working in Neurology and Neurosurgery. On return to New Zealand Julie worked at Auckland City Hospital in the neurosurgical unit and providing senior neurological support. Before setting up Rope Neuro Rehabilitation and OnlineNeuroPhysio to support the neurological client and clinicians looking for support.



Julie has had extensive experience within acute neurosurgical and neuromedical units, stroke rehabilitation units and community teams with both young and elderly client groups, neuro-intensive care units, a brain injury assessment unit for the minimally conscious, neuro-oncology and infectious diseases, vestibular clinics, neuro-hydrotherapy, spinal cord injury rehabilitation and Parkinson and Multiple Sclerosis community management.

## Accommodation

To make a reservation for accommodation please contact the Surrey Hotel direct. We hope as many as possible of you are able to attend.

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## Registration

Registration in advance will help us plan for numbers and catering. To register for the seminar please complete the registration form and send this to the NZDPN at [info@dystonia.org.nz](mailto:info@dystonia.org.nz) or by mail to:

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## Directions

The Surrey Hotel (see marker A on the map below) is at 465 Great North Road, Grey Lynn, Auckland. It is near Western Springs and the Zoo, and the nearest exit on the northwest motorway (marked with a red star) is for St Luke's and Western Springs.

