



## Burn Support Charitable Trust



Photo: Jet skiing at Camp Awhi

Burn Support Charitable Trust (CC48691) is a registered charity with a vision to provide support and assistance to burn survivors and their whānau (families) during and after hospitalisation. This vision has built an organisation that now has over 3,000 members and initiatives that provide extensive support to both children and adult burn survivors.

Established in 1987 by patron and board member Delwyn Breslau, the charity continues its focus on lowering the incidence of burn injuries through “prevention, education and care”.

The team delivers a wide range of mahi (work) including creating educational resources, and holding seminars and burn prevention lessons at schools. They also team up with NZ Fire Service,

Safekids and Middlemore Hospital to promote injury prevention awareness. Every year the charity provides equipment to hospitals to better enhance the wellbeing of patients during their time spent in hospital.

In addition to all this mahi, the charity run events. One of their most popular is a free children’s burn camp (CAMP AWHI) that provides a secure environment to nurture the self-esteem of young burn survivors.

The last camp they held saw the children enjoy a fun and action-packed itinerary from jet skiing to Harley Davidson rides, to ice skating and a trip to Rainbow’s End.



*Photo: Colour bombing at Camp Awhi*

“It is a safe place for healing and a chance for young burn survivors to share their feelings about painful experiences, while having fun with other burn survivors. It’s of indescribable value in aiding the psychosocial recovery of these children”.

Other events that run throughout the year are a Women’s Burn Retreat, Men’s Day Out and Survivors Sundays.

“These events are all safe havens for people to come together to have share their stories while learning strategies, tips and techniques to enrich and empower their day to day lives”.

To find out more about Burn Support Charitable Trust (CC48691), their resources and events, check out their [website](#) or search them on the [Charities Register](#).