

In Memory of Andrea Hawkless: A True Epilepsy Hero

It is with deep gratitude and sadness that we remember Andrea Hawkless – a tireless advocate, compassionate volunteer, and true friend to all living with epilepsy.

Andrea's passion for supporting others was deeply personal. After losing her son to severe epilepsy, she continued to dedicate herself to raising awareness and improving the lives of families affected by the condition.

As a valued member of the Auckland Branch Committee, Andrea volunteered countless hours to Epilepsy New Zealand (ENZ), helping to run the Branch and lead major fundraising efforts, including the annual Kumeu Wine and Food Festival – a joint effort with the [Epilepsy Assist Dog Trust](#), which she also founded. Through her work, Andrea made it possible for people living with epilepsy to access life-changing assist dogs.

Even after ENZ moved to a centralised structure, Andrea stayed in touch and continued her support. Well past retirement age, she remained an inspiring force in the community.

Andrea was a warrior for change, a hero to many, and a friend to all. Her legacy of compassion and dedication will continue to make a difference for years to come. Our thoughts are with her family and friends.



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