

The New Zealand Home Birth Association

Manawatu Branch of The N.Z. Home Birth Assoc.

11 Sandilands Street
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Dear Michael,

It was kind of Rhonda to suggest we would be capable of representing the H.B. movement. Unfortunately John will be unable to attend as he will be looking after our 3 children but I will be coming. I'm afraid I am not at all confident regarding public speaking or panel discussion and I am sure there are many who could support your cause more strongly than I could manage. I really feel I do not have a great deal to offer excepting that I am from another area. Perhaps if you could outline more clearly what would be expected of me I could make my decision more easily. It is not that I do not totally support the H.B. idea but just that I am very much just a mother and certainly couldn't reel off facts, figures, or statistics to support my arguments. I only have my own experiences and feelings that made me go ahead with my own H.B. and then starting up this local Branch. Have you understand all this? Anyway our midwife Linley McFarland is also a very capable lady - which brings me to the next point. If we travel to Auckland and stay somewhere at our own friends will there be any transport system going? Linley for instance is thinking of staying at Henderson. Will there be transport in to the Conference centre with someone else from that area do you think? I myself will probably stay either with Coolyn Yung at Henderson or Madge Kirk, my sister in law, at Mt Eden the conference weekend.

I also wondered if you could possibly tell me at this stage at what time the conference would officially wind up on the Sunday 18th May as I would like to make travel arrangements. If our Branch can be any more help please let us know. If there is a printing job (nothing too mammoth!) we could possibly handprint it for you - Name labels or something?? Please let us know. Thanks for your letter and I hope you can reply when you have time. Regards Allison