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It's a no-go mo with the ladies

It's the month of the year where all Kiwi men get the chance to look like traffic cops.

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Despite earlier reports, Movember is as popular as ever across the country, including here in the Bay where scores of enthusiasts have grown and groomed their moustaches for charity.

This year, the fundraising efforts will be split between the Cancer Society's prostate cancer research and support, and the New Zealand Mental Health Foundation's Out of The Blue campaign, which helped men with depression.

But the Need a Nerd team from Whakatu explained the growth had put relationships in jeopardy.

Movember co-founder Adam Garone said this year, or month, was the hairiest yet.

"It's probably safe to say things on that front haven't been as fruitful as usual," said Need a Nerd general manager, Adam Dunkerley.

"Kiwis had made more of Movember than any other country," Mr Garone said.

"But hey, we're nerds, that's not our strong-point anyway."

"Registrations and funds raised have more than doubled year on year, so the challenge is on for New Zealand to maintain their No.1 global Mo ranking.

Mr Dunkerley's hard-core Mo bros in the office had succumbed to peer pressure and shelved their razors for a month.

"Movember has been, and always will be, about men's health. This year we're really excited to be supporting men experiencing depression alongside those with prostate cancer."

"We have an array of quality. We've got everything from the downright pathetic, through to the bestial yet majestic Mervyn Hughes' numbers."

The bristling crew had raised \$1000 with just four days of the annual campaign left.

■ Anyone wishing to rate or donate to the many moustaches on offer can visit www.movember.com

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