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President's Word

Welcome to our new design newsletter as generously printed locally in Whangarei by Calders Design and Print Co. for Grey Power Whangarei. Let us know what you think.

At the Public Meeting in March it was approved that an Honorarium would be paid to the President, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Secretary / Newsletter Editor. This is in recognition of the work they do on your behalf. It was agreed that the President, Secretary and Treasurer receive \$200 each and the current Membership Secretary / Newsletter Editor \$500, subject to review at each Annual General Meeting.

As the next Public Meeting is our Annual General Meeting, as well as election of officers for your Committee, we will be seeking your approval to update our Constitution as follows:

Section 10(c) – Administration – Replace Publications Officer with Membership Secretary.

Section 18 – Audit – The accounts of the Association shall be audited by an Auditor, to be amended to read Auditor or Reviewer, as determined by the Executive Committee. The Auditor or Reviewer should be suitably experienced.

New Clause – Confidentiality – Privacy of information held or stored on individual members is paramount.

Remember to mark your calendars for our Annual General Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 18 March at 1.30pm at the Kamo Club. Prior to the meeting a light luncheon will be served so come along about 12.30pm and mix and mingle.

George Snell
President

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- Monday 10 June
- Monday 8 July
- Monday 12 August

New Committee Member

Welcome to **Annette Moncur** who has joined the Committee. I am sure her input will be of benefit to all.

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Membership Matters

Thank you very much to all those who have renewed their membership for the current financial year. Renewals have been flowing in at great speed. Also a big thank you to those who have given a donation with their membership renewal, this is very much appreciated.

There are still over 200 members who have not yet renewed their membership. Please attend to this as soon as possible. Any members who have not renewed their membership by the end of July will be removed from our data base and please be aware that if you are receiving Grey Power electricity this will affect the cheaper rate of electricity you are receiving by being a current financial Grey Power member.

Some of you may have paid on line and not received your new membership card. This is probably because you have not returned your Membership Subscription form. Give me a ring if this is you and I will get your details over the phone and issue your card.

On the Membership Subscription form you are asked if you would like to be known by your christian name or initials. Some of you put initials last year and christian names this year, or vice versa. The Membership Cards are printed at the end of the last financial year, so whatever you had chosen to put on last year's renewal form is what was printed on the label for your membership card this year. If you are not comfortable with this please let me know and I will re-issue your card and change your name before next year's labels are printed.

Lynette Fox
Membership Secretary

Rates Rebate

The Rates Rebate provided by the Department of Internal Affairs and administered by your local Council applies from 1 July 2019 for the new rating year.

If you received a rebate in the last rating year you will automatically be sent an appointment for this year.

If you have never received a rebate before but think you may qualify do not hesitate to contact the Council and they will assess this for you. If your income is a little over the standard amount for a rebate you may still qualify for a partial rebate.

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Annual General Meeting

1.30pm, Tuesday 18 June at Kamo Club,
Meldrum Street, Kamo, Whangarei.

A light luncheon will be served from
12.30pm.

Guest Speaker – **Vince Cocurullo** from
Whangarei District Council will be speaking
on Rates Rebates.

Raffle Table

Nomination of Officers

If you wish to nominate someone to be
on your Committee please complete the
form below and either mail it us at P O
Box 964, Whangarei 0140, or bring it to the
Annual General Meeting and hand it to
the President prior to the commencement
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This vaccination is available each year free of charge for those 65 years of age and over, or those with a specified medical condition. It takes up to two weeks for the flu vaccination to provide protection.

Contact your local GP or Medical Centre to make arrangements to have one if you so wish.

Also free of charge for those between the age of 65 and 80 is the Shingles vaccination. Talk to your GP or Medical Centre if you wish to have this vaccination.

Winter Energy Payment

This payment from WINZ commenced on 1 May this year and continues until 1 October. There is no need to apply for this payment it is paid automatically to all who qualify.

Grey Power Annual Conference

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