

Greetings from your president. Welcome to all new members.

Sadly in recent weeks we farewelled two long serving supporters, Marjorie Foden and Bun Ralph as well as Robert Parore whom many of us were just getting to know having been a member for about two years. Our thoughts are with their families at this time. On a happier note we congratulate Dawn and Jim Noesgaard on their Diamond wedding anniversary...a wonderful achievement. Both Dawn and Jim have served as committee members with Jim also being President for a couple of years.

Some news from Jack Kerr, the Zone Director, about the Federation AGM held in Christchurch and a more recent Board meeting. **1 Energy.** It is expected that there will be an increase of between 5 and 10% for electricity because of the cost Emission Transfer Scheme which is expected to come into effect next month. The Federation is still pushing for consumer representation on State Owned Energy Boards. **2 Seabed and Foreshore Legislation.** Grey Power vigorously opposes any changes to the present law. **3 Kiwi Bank.** The Board is in favour of expanding the Bank's shares as long as they are sold to its New Zealander investors. **4 Financially Grey Power** is in a strong position but needs to have tight control in a cost rising environment. **5 GST** If Prime Minister John Key believes that pensioners will come out on top he needs to think again. 2% super rise will be lost on house rentals, car insurance and registration and the GST increase plus many more items. **6 Home Equity Scheme.** Grey Power is not recommending it and suggests that one takes legal advice if you are thinking of doing this. **7 Super Gold Card** Hon. John Carter has indicated that changes will be made. **8 Local Body Elections** Watch out for any attack on the supply and privatisation of water. Grey Power is totally opposed to this proposition. **9 Smart Meters for Electricity** If you have a computer visit www.pce.parliament.nz for more information. The Federation Board's energy team is watching the development very carefully.

Our AGM was held in April and all of the 2009/10 officers were re-elected. If you have anything you wish to discuss about Grey Power please contact June Klenner 439 1736 or Ken cashin 439 4452

The May Zone meeting held in Kerikeri was attended by Rusty Campbell, Joan Meyer and Garry Hooker and reported to our last General meeting. Much of the discussion was about the Federation AGM

Our executive expressed disappointment that our request to Kaipara District Council for some financial contribution to us sending a delegate to the Federation Annual Conference had been declined. Apparently there is no funding available for this type of support. We will be exploring other avenues.

Looking ahead the July meeting will take the form of a light luncheon followed by entertainment. Please make a note and confirm your booking to Ken 439 4452 by Wednesday 14th July. Any booked lunches that are unpaid have to be paid for out of Our Association funds.

Like some of you I have not been on the "very healthy list." I hope you too are on the road to recovery. Just another reminder that flu vaccination is available... it is free for most of us.

Hope to see you at our meeting on Friday June 18th. It will be interesting to listen to Mark Farnsworth Chairman of Northland Regional Council. There will be question time You may have a matter you would like discussed. **Regards June**

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Please note that as from 1st July 2010 the thresh hold entitlement for Rates rebate has risen from \$21,910 to \$22,340. Maximum Rebate is now \$560 an increase of \$10. Application forms from Kaipara District Council.

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Church Newsletter bloopers:

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance. Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale... It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.