

Grey Power

NEW ZEALAND FEDERATION INCORPORATED



Memorandum: Resignation of National President

To: Board incl NAG'S, Zone Directors & Associations

From: David Marshall, Vice-President Grey Power NZ Federation Inc.

Date: 28th March 2024

It is with great regret that the Federation Board announce that our President, Jan Pentecost, has resigned with immediate effect. Her resignation letter to the Board is reproduced below for your information.

As the first woman elected to the Presidency of Grey Power, Jan has done a sterling job as President, and prior to that as National Secretary, over the past 14 years. She has built enormous respect for herself and Grey Power amongst politicians, Government Departments, Commissions, and other organisations working with seniors. The organisation has benefited enormously from her tireless work to further the advocacy work for seniors in our communities throughout New Zealand. While Jan will remain available to advise and support our ongoing advocacy work this will not require the demanding hours (usually 60 hrs/week) she has committed to Grey Power over recent years.

We ask that Jan and Tony's privacy is respected at this time and wish them the very best during this new season in their lives.

As we move forward in preparation for the AGM, and the election of a new President, we ask that all correspondence for the President, Board and Executive Committee be forwarded through the Federation Office by phone (09 299 2113) or email fed-office@greypower.co.nz. The National Secretary & Executive Committee will ensure that all matters raised are referred to the appropriate personnel during this transition period.

We thank you for your patience and understanding during this period.

Kind regards

David Marshall

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Resignation memo from President Jan

Dear Board members,

It is with great regret and guilt for not seeing my term through that I inform you that I am resigning as the president of the Grey Power NZ Federation as of today 28/03/2024.

Firstly, I am resigning now, although I had intended to nominate for another term, because I am exhausted. The thought of running another board meeting and then the AGM is overwhelming.

Jacinda Ardern said when she resigned as Prime Minister, that she did not have enough left in the tank, and that she could no longer do justice to her job. Although I would never compare myself with the former Prime Minister, I feel guilty for resigning at this time but I am weighed down with the tasks I have been doing for Grey Power and certainly feel, going forward, that I am unable to provide the leadership this organisation needs.

It has been a difficult three and a half years for me as president because of Covid, the Counties Manukau situation which called into question my reputation, conflict between board members, prejudice because of my gender plus, of course, the very heavy workload.

Secondly, but more importantly, as some of you know Tony, my husband, has grade 3 prostate cancer and although the seven month's treatment appears to have been successful, he is now displaying memory loss which means I will not be able to attend board meetings because I need to be home to look after him e.g., ensure his safety etc. I must also be available to drive because it is unlikely that he will retain his driver's licence.

I have to re-charge my batteries now for whatever the future holds for Tony and I.

Tony has been my absolute support for all our nearly sixty years of marriage so it is my turn to help him now and do everything we can to slow the progression of his condition.

I sincerely thank you for all the work you do for Grey Power – keep it up everyone.

Jan. P

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