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Next Meeting's News

July Meeting

This month we have the Horowhenua Grey Power Association's Annual General Meeting. We will be voting on the next Committee, the Association's Constitution and confirming last year's AGM Minutes.

We hope to see you all at our meeting this Friday.

Last Month's Speaker

Justin Tamihana is the Maori Ward representative who spoke about his work at the Horowhenua District Council, the Maori Ward and the Te Araroa Walking Trails. He was very serious about his love for our district and what we can achieve if we put our minds to ensuring we make this a 'best place to live', especially for our seniors.

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Monthly meetings at Cossie Club

Here are our monthly meeting dates (third Friday in the month Feb to Dec 2025. We will confirm the rest of the year in the next Newsletter.

If you can, please bring a friend. All very welcome.

JULY (AGM)	18 th
AUGUST	22 nd
SEPTEMBER	19 th
OCTOBER	17 th
NOVEMBER	21 st
DECEMBER	19 th

Denotes Changes from the normal schedule *

Membership Fees Due 1st April 2025

Membership fees - means that you are going to have to give away some hard-earned cash, but that is a fact of life if you are a member of a club or organisation.

At Horowhenua Grey Power, the financial year is 01 April until 31 March the following year. Reminders are printed in the newsletter each month at the back part of our issue (so you can show your friends). NO INVOICES are sent out.

If your subscription remains unpaid and are a Grey Power Electricity customer, you will be charged a higher rate for your power, until such times as you renew your subscription.

Last chance for a trip to the Life Flight Trust

It was a great trip and our members braved the terrible weather to show we're made of sterner stuff. They dined at the chocolate Frog at Miramar, then to the Life Like Trust and the to the Botanic Garden.

Lesson learned – make sure we have a step stool just in case our transports does not provide it.

We are thinking of another trip during finer weather. Look out for the notice in the future.

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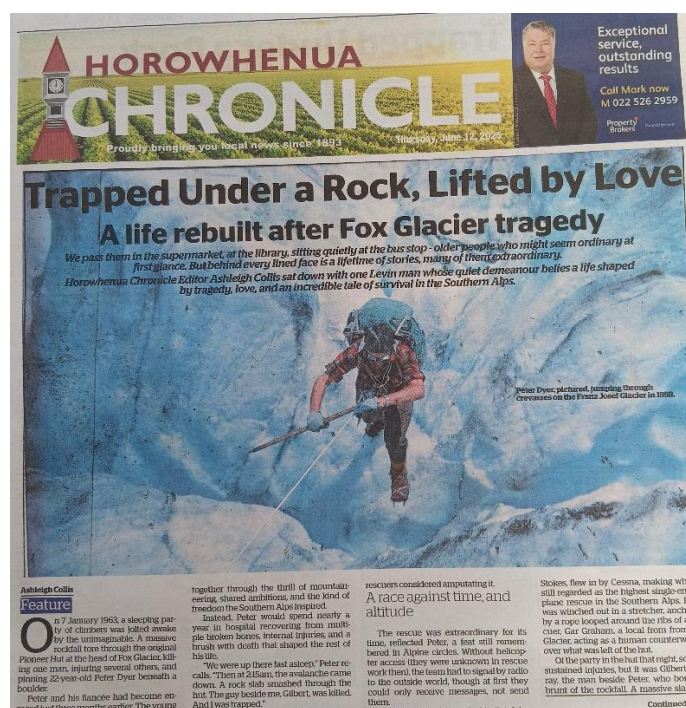
- have an email address and are not getting the magazine electronically or
- do not have an email address and are not receiving a magazine to your home address
- have paid this year for a magazine to be delivered to your home

please contact me on lynetteberyljones@gmail.com

We are going to have some copies sent to us. These will be in limited numbers at Meetings, around Levin and some in Foxton.

Our Adventurers aka the Dynamic Duo

We asked some time ago about getting some stories for our members. Well, two of our members are a prime example. Not only that, they continue to help in the community with such passion that it's hard to keep up with them.





History Breakers

If you were born between 1930 and 1946, you belong to an incredibly rare group: only 1% of your generation is still alive today. At ages ranging from 77 to 93, your era is a unique time capsule in human history.

Here's why:

You were born into hardship. Your generation climbed out of the Great Depression and bore witness to a world at war. You lived through ration books, saved tin foil, and reused everything—nothing was wasted.

You remember the milkman. Fresh milk was delivered to your door. Life was simpler and centered around the basics. Discipline came from both parents and teachers, with no room for excuses.

Your imagination was your playground. Without TVs, you played outside and created entire worlds in your mind from what you heard on the radio. The family gathered around the radio for news or entertainment.

Technology was in its infancy. Phones were communal, calculators were hand-cranked, and newspapers were the primary source of information. Typewriters, not computers, recorded thoughts.

Your childhood was secure. Post-WWII brought a bright future—no terrorism, no internet, no global warming debates. It was a golden era of optimism, innovation, and growth.

You are the last generation to live through a time when:

Black-and-white TVs were cutting-edge.

Highways weren't motorways.

Shopping meant visiting downtown stores.

Polio was a feared disease.

While your parents worked hard to rebuild their lives, you grew up in a world of endless possibilities. You thrived in a time of peace, progress, and security that the world may never see again.

If you're over 77 years old, take pride in having lived through these extraordinary times. You are one of the lucky 1% who can say, "I lived through the best of times."

If you have received this mail and were born after 1946, I'm sorry you missed the golden era but you now know what it was like.....warm regards, turbo.

Grey Power Federation Initiative with Carter's Tyre Service



The advertisement features a dark blue background with a close-up of a tyre tread at the top. The Grey Power logo (a bird) and 'NEW ZEALAND FEDERATION INC.' are on the left, while the 'CARTER'S tyre service' logo is on the right. The main text in large, bold, white and blue letters reads: 'SAVE 25% ON VEHICLE TYRES GET 20% OFF SERVICES GREY POWER EXCLUSIVE'. Below this, in smaller white text, it says 'YOU MUST SHOW YOUR GREY POWER MEMBERSHIP TO OBTAIN THE DISCOUNT.' A list of 'POPULAR SERVICES:' includes: 'Tire Inspection & Rotation', 'Tire Sales & Installation', 'Wheel Alignment & Balancing', 'Tire Repair & Puncture Fixing', 'Battery Testing & Replacement', and 'Alloy Wheels'. To the right of the list is a map of New Zealand with lines pointing to various locations. At the bottom, it states 'AVAILABLE AT 50 STORES NATIONWIDE.' and 'TERMS & CONDITIONS APPLY'. The footer contains contact information: 'carterstyres.co.nz', '0800 4 227 8377', 'enquiry@carterstyres.co.nz', and the 'TREAD TRUE' logo.

The pickleball craze has hit Horowhenua

Just months after putting out the feelers with a social media post, a new club has been swamped with interest from people wanting to play the game.

Horowhenua Pickleball president Paul Crocker said they had 60 people turn up to opening night at the basketball stadium at Horowhenua Events Centre and numbers had remained steady since then.

"I love it. I would encourage anyone to give it a go," he said.

"It's the fastest-growing sport in the world." Almost 9 million people in the US were registered pickleball players, he said.

Pickleball is best described as a combination of badminton, ping-pong and tennis. It can be played indoors or outdoors on a badminton-sized court with a net similar to a tennis net.

Players use a paddle that is reminiscent of a ping-pong paddle but is bigger and usually made of more advanced materials.

Crocker, 72, said pickleball was a game for all ages and was less stressful on his "buggered" knees than tennis or badminton.

Wanna have a go??



The Star Newspaper

Hopefully you are all getting your copy of the newspaper. If not please contact The Star on link: [Contact](#)

Or phone 02724110909

Complaints/Queries about Grey Power Electricity

Grey Power Federation has been fielding calls from members who are with Grey Power Electricity (GPE) who have a complaint or questions.

Please contact Grey Power Electricity directly. Below are the contact details:

Phone – 0800 473 976

Email – customer.care@greypowerelectricity.co.nz

Email – khalid.sooran@pulseenergy.co.nz

Website – www.greypowerelectricity.co.nz

New Subscription due 1st April 2025

Payment of Horowhenua Grey Power Membership Fees

Please check your expiry date on your current card first

Payments can be made to our account or via cash payments.

The Annual Subscription is Single (\$20) or Double (\$35)

Cash: Place in envelope with our Application Form and use the free boxes at Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō Levin Library or the Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom Foxton Library.

Internet Banking This is our preferred method of payment.

Account Name: Horowhenua Grey Power Inc.

Account Number: Westpac 03 0667 0284304 00

If you are a new member and paying via this method, please also send an e-mail to lynetteberyljones@gmail.com and we will send you a form for your details and instructions on how to pay and the information we need including identifying how the amount paid is made up.

Details to Appear on our Bank Statement:

Particulars **Initials & Last Name**

Code **Subs/Don**

Reference **Membership Number****

(** New Members please leave the 'Reference' field blank, your membership number will be e-mailed or posted to you once payment received. Please Note - Failure to fill in our Bank Statement details correctly could be treated as a donation and you may be required to pay again.

The Double subscription will rise to \$35 starting in the new membership year i.e. 1 April 2024.

This is due to our fees per couple to the Grey Power Federation being increased.

Please remember that all Memberships expire 31st March

Who/what do you want to see/know about at our Monthly Meetings?

We want to know from you, our members, what would you like to see the Committee provide as an interest to you and maybe other members at our monthly meetings. Do you have any suggestions for speakers? Please let me know and we will see what we can provide for you.

Contact Details

Please let us know if any of your contact details change. This will help with email messages, delivery of cards etc.

Skills to be tapped

We would love to know if any of our members have skills that can be utilised not only by the Committee but for helping others. This could be just reading to another member who has a sight impairment or to help change a light bulb.

Feedback

We love to hear your ideas for improving your reading experiences in our Newsletters. Please let me know if you have any feedback for me at lynetteberyljones@gmail.com

Interesting Member's stories

We have a lot of members that have an interesting past. If you care to share these with us, we have thought of displaying your interesting story on a table at our meetings and maybe you can give us a talk on them. Please contact Lynette Jones on 0223616633 and we will arrange this with you.

More members

Encourage one of your friends to join the membership.

Horowhenua Grey Power Address change

All correspondence is to be sent to 635 Queen St East.

Horowhenua Odd Job Scheme



Helping Grey Power Members

We are looking for more skilled/DIY persons to help out our members to go on our Odd Jobs Listing. Please contact Lynne on 063688069

Tips:

Make sure you get a written quote.

If you are not happy with the quote do not accept it.

If you are unsure, ask for references for work from previous clients.

Disclaimer:

We do not take responsibility for quality of workmanship.

If you can help or want more information, please phone Lynne (our Trade Lady) on 063688069 or Terry on 0274805834

Our sponsor

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