

Dear National Secretary, Jo Millar, I have much pleasure in sending you my Report to be tabled and adopted. All Auckland Grey Power Associations have had over two months busy doing membership renewals. At Waitakere Grey Power Association General Members Meeting in March 2025 we had a good turnout of members. Our guest speakers were from the Ministry of Social Development, Waitakere Office in Henderson with Lis Edwards the Manager and two staff from the Seniors division. They talked about the extra benefits available to people between 50-65 and 65 and over. The annual dental benefit is now \$1000 but depends on if you have under \$5000 in a Bank account. Gardening, lawn mowing and house cleaning are paid for with a signed disability form from your Doctor. There is a living alone allowance for Single Superannuitants and an accommodation supplement for people paying Rent. There is a green card available for groceries, meat, fish and vegetables and is granted on approval to people over 65 to a maximum of \$200. Cost of transport to your Doctor, Chemist, Physiotherapist and Medical Specialist is paid for on approval. We also had four speakers from Auckland Council talking about Rates and the Annual Plan 2025/26. All Associations are fielding inquiries for new Membership. This is indeed encouraging to me as Zone Two Director as this has been my main focus in the past twelve months. Meanwhile our National Superannuation increased in 1 April 2025 and is up nearly \$20 a fortnight. At our Zone Two meeting on Wednesday 25 th May, we will be discussing the Grey Power Federation Capitation fee which at 30% of members annual subscription we feel should be set at 20% maximum. At Waitakere Grey Power we charge \$5.00 as an additional charge for members wanting our Newsletter posted in hard copy, because of a 15% increase in printing and postage costs. Members who opt for Newsletter by email, there is no charge. Our Associations are receiving calls about the Grey Power Federation Magazine, and I can remember a Past President and Federation Treasurer, Roy Reid saying that the Capitation fee covered the running of the Grey Power Federation Office and a free Magazine four issues annually. I believe it is in our interests to mail the four issues of the Grey Power Federation Magazine free to all Grey Power members throughout the country. It is not desirable or fair to impose a charge for the magazine, because it acts as a conduit attracting New members. We will discuss the magazine at our May 2025 Zone Two meeting. Our Remit on Free Prostate care checks was taken by the advocacy team the the Associate Minister of Health, Casey Costello and needs further advocacy to Hon. Simeon Brown, Minister of Health. We need these checks funded by Health New Zealand every two years, like bowel cancer screening and breast cancer screening. I have now been Zone Two Director for five years and am standing again for another two year term at our Zone Two Grey Power Northern Region meeting on Wednesday 25 th May 2025 being held at the Birkenhead RSA in Recreation Drive, Birkenhead.

Obituary We note the sad passing away of a past Secretary of Auckland Grey Power Association and stalwart of their Association, Jens Meder at the age of 96 years and still active up until two years ago. Gillian Dance, President of Auckland Grey Power Association delivered a speech at Jens Meders Funeral on behalf of Bill Rayner, Zone Two Representative and Mate Marinovich, Zone Two Director and her Auckland Grey Power Association. Bill and Mate were unable to attend because of prior commitments. I remember many interesting conversations with Jens on National Superannuation and he attended many Grey Power Federation Annual General Meetings and Zone Two meetings as either a delegate or observe. May Perpetual light shine upon Jens Meder and May he Rest in Eternal Peace. Well done thy good and faithful servant to Grey Power. I now move that my Zone Two Directors Report for May 2025 be taken as read. Yours sincerely, Mate Marinovich, Zone Two Director Grey Power Northern Region and President, Waitakere Grey Power Association. 22 Carter Rd, Oratia 0604 Auckland.