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'President Don's Annual Report'...

It is with pleasure I report a continued growth of membership making Wanganui one of the most influential areas in New Zealand.

Your Committee has met regularly at the Age Concern office. All members of the Executive have contributed positively and with enthusiasm. They have attended meetings as delegates of Grey Power and contributed to those meetings and reported back to the Executive ensuring our members interests are in the forefront of actions to be taken. These meetings include Whanganui District Council, Health Board and Positive Ageing Forum.

It is with sadness that we record the passing of Tony Grant-Fargie who was such an enthusiast and a Life Member of Grey Power.

Finance has been managed most efficiently and is in good shape. However, your Executive is well aware of the need to constantly manage funds. Part of this management is contact with our members and to this end newsletters and correspondence with our members may need to involve E-mail to a greater extent.

Pulse Energy continues to be a draw-card for new members and others are attracted by the discounts arranged by Grey Power.

Your Executive has continued to monitor the rights of senior citizens in health, housing, and law and order issues. Local body elections have also focussed attention on the candidates and their policies and will continue to do so.

Conferences and gatherings to encourage more 'Age Friendly' cities to come into being are occurring here in New Zealand. Having the 'Age Friendly' City model adopted formally would lead to independent monitoring of how well we are doing in moving towards being age friendly.

A couple of points from the Federation - on raising the age of superannuation, there are some concerns, especially knowing that New Zealand Super is affordable, but for those who are in physically demanding jobs there is greater concern. On legalising cannabis, Grey Power is supportive of the improved availability of cannabis-based pharmaceuticals funded by PHARMAC under the control of the Ministry of Health.

Remember it pays to ask for a discount. Always carry both your Gold Card and your Grey Power cards with you.

We are lucky to have had new keen members on our Executive and I feel our organisation is in good heart so the time is right for me to stand down. I formally move the adoption of my report.

Kind regards
Don Burney
President

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RADAR'S RAMBLINGS

Treasurer's Report

Although the statement of receipts and payments for the year ended 31 March 2017 shows a surplus of \$8,105 the result was due to our good fortune in receiving the legacy of \$10,000 from the estate of Graham Weir, who was a long time member of this association. The funds are presently in our Call Account pending a decision by your new committee as to the appropriate long term purpose for the revenue the legacy will produce. The actual result was a small deficit of \$1,895 due in the main to servicing an increased membership along with higher postage charges and the timing of subscription receipts. The donation of \$700 was to the Ratepayers' Association towards the cost of their website.

Subscriptions

The association is in a sound financial position and there is no need for any increase in subscriptions which will remain \$15 single and \$25 double. Of concern however, is that there are **410** members still unfinancial in spite of reminders having been mailed towards the end of April. With membership numbers now exceeding 2000 it is important that those who are unfinancial attend to the matter promptly. Increases in postages and the higher numbers of newsletters required mean that we simply cannot carry unfinancial members beyond the end of June.

Guest Speaker for the Annual General Meeting

Mr John Collyns, Executive Director of the Retirement Villages Association will give a presentation specially designed for groups of people who have an interest in retirement village living. Because his association represents the entire spectrum of retirement villages in New Zealand it does NOT promote any one village over another. As a result the 45 minute presentation is 'brand neutral' and covers a wide range of factors which intending residents ought to be aware of. John has held his position with the RVA since 2007 and is an experienced and entertaining speaker. He is an expert in retirement village compliance legislation, the differences in types of villages and their tenure, as well as the benefits of choosing to live in one.

Whilst a growing number of members are already residents in Wanganui's complexes there are many of you who are contemplating the move and may have your names on waiting lists. This is a great opportunity to further your knowledge of many important aspects from an independent 'fountain of knowledge' of the industry. Questions throughout the presentation are welcome.

BRING A FRIEND!

Hope to see a good attendance on 8 June. Adios! Radar

~~~~~ ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ~~~~~

THURSDAY, 8 JUNE COMMENCING AT 1.30 PM

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH
CORNER WICKSTEED AND DUBLIN STREETS

GUEST SPEAKER

MR JOHN COLLYNS
Executive Director, Retirement Villages Association

Donations of tinned food for the FOODBANK will be very much appreciated

NOMINATIONS RECEIVED FOR THE INCOMING COMMITTEE ARE:

PRESIDENT:	Sharron Callaghan
VICE-PRESIDENT:	Caryl Blomkvist
TREASURER:	Jack Ager
MINUTE TAKER:	Donna Wallace
MEMBERSHIP:	Cynthia Adams
NEWSLETTER EDITOR:	Jim Callaghan
COMMITTEE:	Graham Adams, Gloria Barr, Marie Gorinski, Beverley Hendry, Anne Taylor
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT:	Don Burney ex officio

If there are others who would like to join the team, **NOMINATION FORMS** are available. Just ring Cynthia or Graham on 345 4559 and it will be delivered to you.

GREY POWER WANGANUI INC

2016	<u>Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year ended 31st March 2017</u>	2017
	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	
15,095	Subscriptions	14,825
12,010	Subscriptions in Advance	10,370
720	Donations	704
607	Interest	425
640	Sponsorship	750
396	Sundry Income	200
	Estate G Weir Legacy	10,000
29,468	<u>Total Receipts</u>	37,274
	<u>PAYMENTS</u>	
9,650	Capitation Fees	9,435
795	Advertising	987
1,473	Membership Costs	3,289
434	Secretary's Expenses and Honorarium	582
268	President's Expenses	296
478	Treasurer's Expenses and Honorarium	602
8,380	Newsletter Costs and Postage	9,628
1,836	Meeting Expenses (Hall hire, Catering etc)	2,102
1,572	Federation AGM 2017	520
678	Christmas Function	729
1,200	Donations	700
287	Website	299
27,051	<u>Total Payments</u>	29,169
2,417	<u>Result for Year (Surplus)</u>	8,105
19,484	Balance of Funds held at 1/4/2016	21,901
<u>2,417</u>	Surplus for Year	8,105
<u>\$21,901</u>	<u>Balance of Funds held at 31/3/2017</u>	<u>\$30,006</u>
	<u>Represented by:</u>	
8,254	Kiwibank Cheque Account	5,156
3,647	Kiwibank 90 day Call Account	14,850
<u>10,000</u>	Kiwibank Term Deposit	<u>10,000</u>
<u>\$21,901</u>	<u>Total Funds held as at 31/3/2017</u>	<u>\$30,006</u>

**G Adams
Treasurer**

GREY POWER WANGANUI INC.

AUDIT STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2017.

- (a) As is common for Organisations of this type it is not possible to verify income at source, and I place reliance on the Society's receipting procedures.
- (b) The enclosed Financial Statement is simply a summarisation and classification of the various transactions recorded in the Inwards and Outwards Cash Books, and Receipt records.
- (c) I have obtained all the necessary information I require to formulate an opinion as to the accuracy of the information contained herein.
To the best of my knowledge there are no matters requiring clarification.
- (d) Subject to the above qualification (a) I confirm that the attached information is a true and accurate record of Grey Power's affairs for the year ended 31st March 2017.



David Tilley
Registered Tax Agent

Hon. Auditor
10th April 2017

HOW TO KEEP YOUR BANKING SECURE

Fraudsters are always looking for new ways to steal our money. They use a range of ways to trick people into handing over personal information, usually by phone or email. Once they have that information, such as your account number, log-in details, or password, they can access your identity and your money.

Your bank will never ask you for your PINs and passwords. Anyone who asks for these will in all likelihood be trying to scam you.

How to avoid these scams:

- 1 Don't give out account details over the phone unless you made the call and you trust that the number you called is genuine.
- 2 Don't reply to, click on any links, or open any files in spam emails. Don't call any numbers in spam emails.
- 3 Cover up your PIN when entering it at an ATM or payment terminal.

Spam emails are often disguised to look legitimate. If it doesn't seem right, take care and double check first before handing over personal information. It's always a good idea to check the email address against one you know to be legitimate.

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