



If you have any adult (19 and over) children who are not already members or if there are firefighters at your station who don't belong to the Society,

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Website - www.firefighters.org.nz

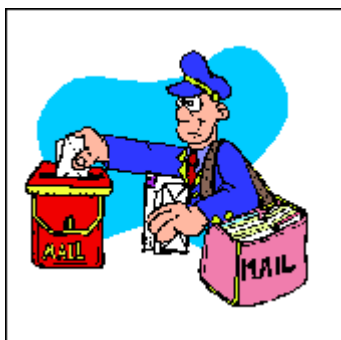
Email - thesec@firefighters.org.nz

A sandwich walks into a bar. The barman says, "Sorry we don't serve food in here."

Reminder Board & Trustee Elections

Region 2 (Bay-Waikato & surrounding area) & Region 5 (Timaru & all areas north-in the South Island) plus one of the Trustee's come up for election this year.

We hereby give notice that we are calling for nominations for these three positions. Nominations may be made on the appropriate form signed by a proposer, a seconder & the nominee (*the regional reps must be nominated by a member in that region*)



Nominations close with the returning officer on 11th April 2003 & should be posted to:

*The Returning Office
Private Bag 31 999
Lower Hutt*



**From
the Board and Staff
Have a Happy Easter
Would YOU Like to be a WSDO????**

Is there a WSDO (Welfare Society District Officer) at YOUR station?



If not, would YOU like to represent us or do you know someone who would be happy

to do the job? We supply WSDO's with -

***A workplace folder that lists the benefits available to members & the entitlements to the various benefits
A list of all of the members at your station - we ask that you keep us informed of any changes of address
etc***

Support from the local Regional representative and/or the Society office

We ask that the WSDO will keep us informed if any members need assistance - if someone is in hospital or off work sick we would ask you to organise a gift basket or suitable comforts, visit them regularly and keep an eye out for any other help that they may require

If you'd like more information or would be happy to offer your services please either contact your regional rep (see back cover) or ring the office directly

A man walks into a bar with a slab of asphalt under his arm and says: "A beer please, and one for the road."

New Member Promotion

We are running a promotion to encourage new members to join the Welfare - ***see enclosed flyer***



Two aerials, meet on a roof, fall in love, get married. The ceremony wasn't much, but the reception was brilliant.



Healthcare 99 - What is it?

Healthcare 99 is a Mutual Health Fund set up by **Firefighters for Firefighters** to assist with Medical and Hospital Welfare needs of its members. It is self-funded by members contributions.

It is '**NOT**' an insurance. The Fund is run by the Trustee (the Board of the Welfare Society who are elected by members of the Welfare Society) who have the absolute discretion over

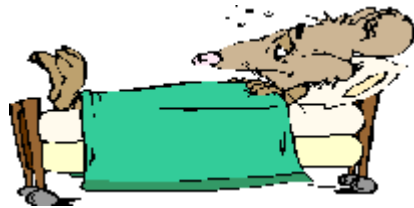
what benefits are paid. This is to ensure that members receive the most appropriate assistance.

Healthcare 99 offers a wide range of benefits to members and to ensure that they are aware of the benefits available at any time, we produce a schedule for members information.

A Professional Claims Manager has been appointed, and is overseen, by the Trustee. The Claims Manager processes the claims that are then authorised for payment by the Trustee.

The Trustee takes regular Actuarial advice to ensure that members receive the best return for their contributions. Contribution rates are set to be fair to all members. After all of the operating costs have been met, all contributions are available to meet member benefits Healthcare 99 has been operating for 4 years now and has just completed it's most successful year. Although members were previously notified to expect an annual increase at the beginning of the financial year on 1st April, at this stage, unless there is an unexpected rise in the level of benefits, we do not propose introducing any contribution increase until 1st October.

Ring the office for an information brochure that lists the schedule and includes the rules and contribution rates.



NEW MEMBER PROMOTION

We will be having three draws for new members over the rest of this year to win three free nights accomodation in one of our holiday homes

Anyone who joins this year will receive a free pair of Welfare Society sports socks and the opportunity to go into the following draws

April and June will go into the first draw

July - September will go into the second draw
October - December will go into the third draw

subject to the following conditions

The free nights must be taken consecutively, and are subject to the availability of the homes at that time

If the free nights are applied for during a ballot period, the normal ballot procedures shall apply

Winners will be notified individually and they may be named in the Society newsletter, the Gazette or the Star Magazine

If you'd like more information

Either check out our website ie www.firefighters.org.nz or ring the office on 0800 653 473 to have an Information Pack posted to you

NB For your convenience we have included an Application Form on the reverse of this leaflet

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