



# Welfare News Welfare News

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I love cooking with wine. Sometimes I even put it in the food.

## **CONGRATULATIONS** to

- **IAN PICKARD**, who was elected as Trustee at our recent AGM  
Ian has been a past Chairman of the Welfare Society so it's particularly nice to see him back now as a Trustee of the Society

Thanks to **Russell Postlewaight** for serving his term as Trustee.

The Welfare Society has two Trustees. Our other current Trustee is **Steve Shackleton**, from Nelson



**DENNIS WRIGHT** - a new member, from Kaitaia , has won the second draw for the year for three free nights accommodation in one of our holiday homes - **remember**, there is one more draw for members joining between 1 October - 31 December so if any of your fellow firefighters aren't members get them to ring the office before the end of the year for an application pack.

A woman has twins, and gives them up for adoption. One of them goes to a family in Egypt and is named "Emmal." The other goes to a family in Spain, they name him "Juan".

Years later, Juan sends a picture of himself to his mum. Upon receiving the picture, she tells her husband that she wished she also had a picture of Emmal.

Her husband responds, "But they are twins. If you've seen Juan, you've seen Emmal."

## **Annual General Meeting Christchurch**

Thanks to Kevin Crozier our Region 5 Rep for organising such a successful meeting in Christchurch . Thanks also to Brian Joyce, the Regional Commander for opening the meeting and to Marlene McCreen for a most informative address on obtaining the steel from the Twin Towers and the erection of the "Tribute to Firefighters" - if any of you are in Christchurch be sure and visit the site - just across the road from the Central Station.

A man takes his Rottweiler to the vet. "My dog's cross-eyed, is there anything you can do for him?"  
 "Well," says the vet, "let's have a look at him."  
 So he picks the dog up, examines his eyes, then checks his teeth. Finally, he says "I'm going to have to put him down."  
 "Why? Because he's cross-eyed? " "No, because he's really heavy."

# HEALTHCARE 99

Have YOU joined this Mutual Trust Fund yet?

Ring the office for details - remember

"Firefighters helping Firefighters" (and their families)

W.S.D.O.s

(Welfare Society District Officer)

Thanks to those members who have taken on the position of WSDO for their Station - if anyone else is interested in doing this job at their workplace please ring the office

Four fonts walk into a bar. The barman says "Oi - get out! We don't want your type in here."

## Are you entitled to any of the following benefits?

If you, don't let us know that you have a problem / require assistance, **We** won't know - it only takes a phone call to the office, your **Regional Rep**, (see back cover) or your local **WSDO** (Welfare Society District Officer) to check your entitlements. (They have all been house trained and don't bite.)

NB - if you don't have a poster on these benefits or one of our Workplace Folders (a yellow folder) at your workplace let us know so that we can get one to the Station

**Funeral Benefit - Adult (under 60 years) \$3,000,**



*Child \$1,000*

*Holiday & Convalescent Homes - \$50 per night*



*Gift Baskets - Sickness at home or in hospital*

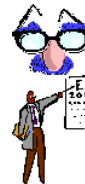
*Discretionary Loans & Grants - up to \$500*

*Ambulance Assistance Benefit - up to \$500*



*Sickness Benefit*

*Home Visits - from WSDO*



*In Hospital TV Rental*

*Corrective Lens Benefit - 1st pair \$150 - \$300 pa*

*Hearing Aid Benefit - up to \$250 pa*

*Birth of a Child Benefit - \$50 per new born*

**Also assistance with the following costs**

*Travel for out-of-town medical visits*

*15cents per km up to \$50 per claim- up to \$150 pa*

*Home Help - temporary incapacitated - at \$20 per day - \$250 pa*



*Relationship Counselling - \$150 pa*

*Adoption - up to \$250 per claim - \$500 pa*

## ***Holiday & Convalescent Homes***



**Sick/Convalescent Members?** - remember that our homes are available for convalescent purposes so if you know of any member whom you think could take advantage of this let us know

**Care Deposit** -some regular users of the homes leave their care deposit in the office so that's it's there ready for next time they wish to make a booking - if you wish to do this just let the office know next time you make a booking

**NB your care deposit can only cover one booking so if you are making another booking before your current care deposit is due to be refunded you will need to send in a second deposit**

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### **Reciprocal Arrangements**

- don't forget that we have reciprocal

arrangements with the NZ Police and the NZ Army to use their holiday homes - see the back cover for the relevant telephone nos. Ring them directly - the Police will then ask you to ring the office for us to confirm your membership.

**Ballot Periods** - the following are the ballot periods and the dates on which they are drawn

Applications close after the mail has been received the day before the ballot is due. If we have not received your \$50 deposit your name will not be included in the ballot.

February/March/April	drawn on 1st (or first working day following)	November
May/June/July	" " " " " " " "	February
Aug/Sept/Oct	" " " " " " " "	May
Nov/Dec/Jan	" " " " " " " "	August

**see overleaf for pictures of our homes**

**- If you plan to spend a day or several days in Taupo, the Kapiti Coast, Nelson or Queenstown ring the office and check whether there are any vacancies in our homes before paying out for motels**