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FIREFIGHTERS Welfare

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WELFARE NEWS



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Update from the Chairman

Met with Paul Baxter
and the Honourable
Paul Swain



FRFANZ Conference
Solway Park
Masterton 27-30 July

Welfare Society AGM



Friday 23 September at 1330
Avalon Studios
Level One
41 Percy Cameron Street
Avalon

Trustee Nominations

Closing date for nominations
is 11 September 2016

Whangamata Home Update



Free linen service
now available



Update from the Chairman



Since our last newsletter in June 2016 we have been kept busy with a number of activities.

29 and 30 June saw the Board of the Welfare Society come together for their quarterly board meeting. At this meeting we discussed a number of matters. One in particular was our recent survey run through Survey Monkey and the results of where members want our next holiday home to be purchased.

Preparations were also made for the upcoming Healthcare 99 Annual General Meeting. Regional news from our Board members was presented and discussions were had on any areas of concerns that effect our members. A productive board meeting was had and I'm happy to report that your Welfare Society is being well managed.

On Friday 1 July 2016, I hosted a meeting with Paul Baxter, National Commander and the Hon. Paul Swain, New Zealand Fire Service Board Chair. This was an opportunity for the Welfare Society to have a voice with the new changes coming in 2017, and also to ensure that the powers that be know who we are and just how valuable we are to our members. This was a positive meeting and further proposals will be put to the FENZ organisation.

FRFANZ CONFERENCE **Copthorne Hotel & Resort Solway Park Masterton**

27 - 30 July 2016



Once again this year the Welfare Society was invited by the Board of the Forest and Rural Fire Association of New Zealand to attend their annual conference which was held in Masterton.

Office Manager, Amanda Smith and Marketing Coordinator, Cheryl Lovett along with myself represented the Welfare Society.

I was given the opportunity to address the delegates on Friday morning. There was a bit of misconception that we were only for paid firefighters and that our Rural colleagues were not eligible to join. I assured everyone that regardless of the uniform we welcome all firefighters and their families.

The Welfare Society was well received and we were able to sign up some new members on the spot. We also spoke to a number of delegates about the opportunity of having their colleagues and brigades join us.



Welfare Society Stand



Signing Up

Welfare Society Annual General Meeting



*Friday 23 September 1330 hours
Avalon TV Studios
Level One
41 Percy Cameron Street
Avalon*

This is a joint AGM with the Firefighters Credit Union.
The Credit Union AGM will be held directly after the Welfare Society AGM.

Mr Paul Baxter will be opening the meeting.

A light Afternoon tea will be served at the conclusion of both meetings.

Nominations for Trustee

The Society has two trustees and one of these is up for election. A trustee is one in whom all the assets and the funds of the Society are vested. The term for a trustee is 5 years. The election of one trustee will be held at the Annual General Meeting on Friday 23 September 2016.

Nominations are now being called for a Trustee of the Firefighters Welfare Society. If you are interested in standing as a trustee of the Welfare Society then please go to our website www.firefighters.org.nz and download a nomination form, fill it in and return it to The Secretary.

Closing date for nominations is 11 September 2016.

*“firefighters helping firefighters”
“awhi atu awhi mai”*



“The New Zealand Firefighters Welfare Society”

Holiday Homes

Future Holiday home

In May of this year we sent out a survey via Survey Monkey to all the members that we had current email addresses for.

The purpose of this survey was to ascertain where our members wanted to see a new holiday home purchased. It was a close race between Hanmer Springs in the South and Russell in the North, at the end of the day Hanmer Springs won by just a whisker. A working group has now been put together and they are on the hunt for a suitable property. Once the purchase is made we will notify members as to when it will be up and running and added to our online bookings.

All members that responded to the survey went into a draw to win a prize. That prize was two nights free accommodation at one of our holiday homes. Our winner was Brent Wilson. Congratulations Brent we hope you have a good break in one of our homes.

If you didn't receive an email then it is highly likely we do not have an email address for you. If this is the case then please contact the office on 0800 65-3473 to update our records so that going forward you can be part of our surveys.

Linen Service in Whangamata

As from 12 August we are pleased to announce that we are now offering a free linen service at our Whangamata holiday home. Clean sheets will be left on the end of each bed for guests to be able to make up their beds when they arrive.

At the end of your stay we ask that you strip the beds that you have used and place the linen in the laundry hamper situated out in the garage.

You will still be required to bring your own towels.

Whangamata Holiday Home Photos



Holiday Homes Occupancy

Members are reminded of check in and check out times for our Holidays homes.

It has been brought to the office attention of late that some members are not sticking to the check in and out times. It is important that members have checked out by 11.00am and that new guests do not arrive until 1.00pm onwards. This small unoccupied window gives our caretakers time to go in and inspect the property if needed and tend to any maintenance that is required.

It is also time for a friendly reminder that members are to leave the homes in a clean and tidy state so that the next member that is going in to the home can enjoy their stay also without having to tidy the place after the previous occupants.

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Members receive good value for their dollar.

Contact Aon 0800 50 51 52

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For competitive airfares and travel insurance

Ring Colin Perry (04) 238 1665

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AUSTRALIAN HOLIDAY

The following establishments offer our members discounted rates. Check our web page for further information - ring them direct for reservations and prices.

Surfers Paradise

Cannes Court Holiday Apts 0061 75538 1288

Villas de la Mer Apartments 0061 75592 6644

Cascade Gardens 0061 75592 0567

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RECIPROCAL RIGHTS

Remember we have reciprocal rights with

The Police Welfare Fund &

The Army Central Welfare Fund

we can use all of their holiday homes.

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