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### UPDATE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

And just like that another year is done and dusted. Hard to believe that we are in December already. A busy year has been had by all with lots of changes for those involved in Fire and Emergency New Zealand.

The Welfare Society is continuing its close working relationship with Fire and Emergency New Zealand. I have recently been included as part of the Health, Safety and Well Being workstream group. I have also been invited to be part of the Volunteer Workstream Group in the near future. Being part of these groups ensures that the Welfare Society are heard and that our members are represented.

Recently we sent letters out to all brigades requesting a volunteer to be their brigades NZ Firefighters Welfare Society Representative. This was to ensure that all brigades have someone who can notify the office if we had a member in need. The response has been overwhelming and it encourages me to see that we still have an organisation where firefighters are still happy to help fellow firefighters and their families.

In October the Welfare Society was once again represented at the UFBA Annual Conference. We were able to speak to many delegates from different brigades and inform those brigades that don't know about us what it is that we can do for them and what benefits are available.



It is really important that our members contact us if they need help or are going to hospital. We want to help you but we can't do that if we don't know, so please pick up the phone and ring the office or one of our regional representatives can offer assistance. Your confidentiality is paramount to us. Anything you share with me, the office staff or our regional reps stays with them and they will endeavour to assist you with anything you require.

Your well-being is what we are here for. If you need someone to talk to and help with anything we can help find you the assistance you need. Never be afraid to ask us for help.

I would like to take this time on behalf of the Welfare Society Board and Staff to wish our members and their families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. It is a crazy time of year for all, so please take care of yourselves, your families and each other. We thank you for once again being members of the Society and contributing to a membership base that is about looking after one another.



### WELFARE SOCIETY CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS

The office will be closed from  
12.00pm Friday 22 December 2017  
until  
9.00am Monday 8 January 2018

*If you require assistance during this period please contact your regional representative. Contact details for them are on the back of the newsletter or can be found through our website or app*

### FINAL PAYMENTS/REIMBURSEMENT via AON for 2017

The final payment/reimbursement release to members will be on Friday 15 December 2017. Payments will recommence with AON from the week commencing 15 January 2018.



Should you have any urgent queries arising over the Christmas/New Year period please call AON on 0800 50 51 52.

However, if your query is related to payments or non urgent queries, please email Mark Langford at mark.langford@aon.com to respond to his on his return from leave on Monday 15 January 2018.



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### HOLIDAY HOMES CONDITIONS OF OCCUPANCY

A reminder to all members that are using the holiday homes.

Check in times are 1.00pm. Entry prior to this time is not permitted unless it has been pre-approved with the office prior to your arrival. Even if you check on your phone app and see that the home was not booked the evening before it does not mean that members can go in early. When the houses are free it is a time when caretakers can take regular maintenance checks.

Check out times are 11.00am. Please ensure that you have cleaned the homes by 11.00am and have vacated the premises leaving them clean and tidy. The limited times between members checking out and others checking in is needed so that the homes can be checked over and any issues put right. We have a strict no animals allowed policy in all our holiday homes. Please respect these rules.



# firefighters helping firefighters - awhi atu awhi mai

## MUD RUNNERS WIN GOLD

Five Dunedin firefighters have beaten law enforcement and fire service personnel from around the world to win a gold at the World Police and Fire Games hosted in Los Angeles.

The biennial athletic event was open to active and retired law enforcement and fire service personnel throughout the world.



The Dunedin firefighters comprising of Welfare Society members Joe Dobson, Lee Mayer, Cameron McLachlan, Tony McIntyre and Calvin Harradine competed in three team events and placed sixth in a 10km cross-country run, fifth in the half-marathon and first in the 8km mud run.

The mud ran was similar to military training and competitors had to negotiate obstacles such as cargo nets, slide and muddy ponds. The team had to finish with linked arms and the Dunedin men crossed the line in 37 minutes.

Congratulations team on a fantastic effort.

## DO YOU NEED SOME HELP



A reminder to all our members if you are unwell or going into hospital for a planned procedure then please let us know. We want to be able to support all of our members and families and to do this we need to know what is happening with you.

Please remember that we are here to help. If you require something the office or your regional representative are always at the other end of the phone.

## HAVE YOU RECENTLY UPDATED

Have you recently changed your email address due to Vodafone closing down their email services? If so can you please update the office with your new email address.

Email services that have closed as of 30 November are:

- clear.net.nz
- es.co.nz
- ihug.co.nz
- paradise.net.nz
- pconnect.co.nz
- quik.co.nz
- vodafone.co.nz
- vodafone.net.nz
- wave.co.nz



Once you have changed provider please contact the office on 0800 65 3473 or thesec@firefighters.org.nz and let us know of your new email address.

## 2017 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB

Congratulations to all those amazing people who took part in the 2017 Memorial Stair Climb.



Before the climb up the Sky Tower, the names of the firefighters who lost their lives during 9/11 were read out, followed by the New Zealand firefighters that had also lost their lives while on duty were also honoured.

Much of the raw emotion of 9/11 has subsided but it's a day that won't be forgotten in New Zealand due to the hard work of Tony Scott and his team. The Firefighters Welfare Society are proud to be associated with this event.

*He Maumaharatanga.*

*Remembered, Respected, Never Forgotten.*

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following Welfare Society Members who have been awarded their 50 year medal or their gold star.

**50 Year Medal**  
James Shaw

**Gold Stars**  
Ian Chatterton  
Brendon Irwin  
Jeffrey Lund  
Aaron McIntyre  
Rowan Huxford



## STATION REPRESENTATIVES

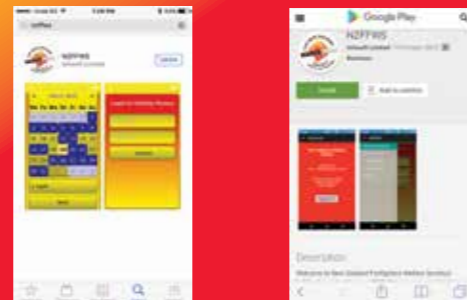
We have a number of wonderful people who take on the role as a Welfare Society Station Representative. These people are the first point of call for a number of our members when they are in need. They are amazing people who give up their time to constantly help others.

Region One	Region Four	Region Five
Terry Batt	Terina Adams	Sam Belcher
Alan Cleator	John Barrow	Murray Blogg
Tony Enderby	Belinda Beets	Paul Burns
Mick Fay	Ross Billman	Ben Cooper
Jayson Marsters	David Brown	Kevin Croizer
Ellie McClintock	Jacquleen Bush	Robert Fisher
Jason Mann	Ian Butler	Daniel Gregg
Troy Plowman	Terry Carew	Alan Hemsley
Philip Thorogood	Ken Clarke	Philip Hunt
Anthony Yates	Matt Hillas	Paki Johnston
Region Two	Kevin Harvey	Donald McIntyre
Karen Allen	Glenn Hogan	Craig Ng
Ricahrd Anatasi	Nathan King	Dwayne Pool
Graham Bell	Colin Lawrie	Marcel Popma
Allan Bicker	Barry Madgwick	Chris Price
Shelley Chaney	John May	Kevin Stechman
Jenna Collings	Daniel Meehan	James Ryburn
Warwick Francis	Shaun Meredith	Alan Searl
Carol Garner	Grant Nicholas	Darren Shackleton
Sean McAvinue	Garry Nielsen	Rebecca Steven
Richard Moreland	Patrick O'Grady	Eileen Thawlye
Christina Piercy	John O'Rourke	Jamie Ward
Zane Rackham	Russell Postlewaight	Grant Williams
Brian Thompson	Trevor Toffs	
Bruce Willis	Andrew Tollison	Region Six
Region Three	Steven Tremain	Paul Dennehy
Corey Alderson	Ray Trueman	Ron Fetolofai
Nicola Bates	Pieter Van Nistelroy	Frank Gallagher
Cheryl Clarke		John Goodwin
Eric Clay		Adam Josph
Jason Crowe		Kris Kennett
Ryan Grenfell		
Mick Hills		
John Hunt		
Ray Huxford		
Waka Petera		
Nicole Schultze		



## DON'T FORGET TO DOWNLOAD OUR APP

To download this app, if you are a Apple user go to the App Store and search NZFFWS and install. If you are an android user then go to the Google Play Store and search up NZFFWS and open to install.



To access the holiday homes you must be a registered and current financial member of the New Zealand Firefighters Welfare Society. Bookings can be made one year out from the current date. This makes planning your holidays easier and convenient as it can be done at anytime of the day.

Other features of our app is the shift calendar. This helps members with their accommodation planning also.

