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UPDATE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

On 23 December I hung up my level twos and retired from Fire and Emergency NZ, after 43 years of active service as a firefighter. It has taken some adjusting to get use to this life of retirement but I am slowly getting there, and the list of jobs my patient wife has had over the years is slowly coming down! I plan on enjoying my retirement and spending more time with family and 14 grand children.

Although I have retired from being an active firefighter I have not given up my role as your Chairman of the Welfare Society and I am happy to continue to serve the members of the Welfare Society.

I am happy to report that on Thursday 8 February, I signed a Statement of Cooperation on behalf of the New Zealand Firefighters Welfare Society with Chief Executive Rhys Jones who signed on behalf of Fire and Emergency NZ signalling the two organisations' commitment to the welfare and wellbeing of Fire and Emergency personnel and their families.



The Statement of Cooperation outlines how the two organisations will work together.

Fire and Emergency NZ recognises the value provided by the Welfare Society to its people. As the majority of our work is done voluntarily, FENZ are very

appreciative and supportive of the contribution we make as an independent support agency. Rhys was very pleased to sign this statement.

The Welfare Society continues to be an independent organisation and I can assure our members that we do not share members details with anyone and your confidentiality is at the forefront of our policies.

We have a few changes happening within the Welfare Society with Malcolm Langdon, Regional Two Board Representative, and Owen Williams, Region Six Board Representative, stepping down from their respective roles.



Both Malcolm and Owen have given a considerable amount of time and energy to the Welfare Society and I know I speak on behalf of everyone when I say that they will be greatly missed and we wish them both all the best.

We are now in the process of calling for nominations for both these roles.

We are very fortunate that Kris Kennett, a senior firefighter from Roslyn Fire Station, has stepped in to fill the Region Six role until the election process is undertaken. It is great to have Kris on board and I am sure that he will serve our Region Six members well. Kris' contact details are on the back of this newsletter for any member that needs to get in touch with him.

In the office Amanda and Trish continue to keep the the day to day running of the Welfare Society in top shape. Cheryl our marketing coordinator is about to leave us, she has decided to return to study and take up a completely different career path. We wish Cheryl all the best with this.

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Currently vacant

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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



RECHARGEABLE RESPONDER KIT

The Lightmaster Rechargeable Responder Kit holds 6 highly visible flashing warning lights. Suitable for numerous applications such as vehicle failures, emergency temporary runways, traffic control etc. Available in Red or Amber LED.

SPECIFICATIONS

Voltage: 12V USB Rechargeable Unit 240V Rechargeable Unit
Material: TPR plastic strong enough to withstand being run over



SKU: 7354

FEATURES

- 4-6 hours light on one recharge.
- Highly visible flash warning effect that can take the place of conventional triangles.
- Internally strong magnet can be attached to vehicle panels or unit can be placed on ground for evening purposes.
- Night visibility up to 900 metres on road or water and more than 8km from the air.
- Floats and is water resistant.
- Virtually crushproof.
- No chemical to decompose.
- No corrosion.
- No external switches or moving parts.

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NB: If you wish to take up this offer please contact PSL direct.

HEALTHCARE 99

Healthcare 99 is a mutual trust fund contributed to by members who wish help with medical expenses incurred by themselves or their family. This is not an insurance scheme. In October 2017 there were two additional options offered. Members now have 4 choices, Option A (full coverage) Option A1 (75% of full coverage), Option B (hospital only) and Option B1 (75% of hospital only). The contribution rates of A1 and B1 are less than Option A or B. Check out our website www.firefighters.org.nz to find out further information and check the rates. If you are already a member and wish to change to a different option, check Page 12 of the Healthcare 99 rules and Rates Oct 2017 for any conditions that may be attached to an option change.



CONGRATULATIONS

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

50 Year Medal
 William Rackham
 George Saunders

Gold Stars
 Robert Boyd
 Ian Chatterton
 Bruce Dodd
 Michael Germann
 Rowan Huxford
 Brendan Irwin
 Mark Kinzett
 Jeffrey Lund
 Nicholas McQuillan
 Peter Reinhard



Ken Lousley
 Aaron McIntyre
 Brent Marshall
 Mark Ward

DON'T FORGET TO DOWNLOAD OUR APP OR CHECK FOR UPDATES

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.

It is also important to go into your settings every now and then and check for updates as we continue to build on this app.

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.

Another feature of our app is the shift calendar. This helps members with their accommodation planning also. We now have a remember me function so once you have logged in once it will remember your username and password.

ELECTION BOARD MEMBERS 2018 NOMINATIONS FOR REGION TWO, FOUR and SIX



We hereby give notice and call for nominations for these three positions for a term of 4 years.

Nominations must be made on the appropriate form, signed by a proposer, a seconder and the nominee.

Regional reps must be nominated by a member in that region.

Nomination forms are available to download from our web site
www.firefighters.org.nz

or ring the office to have a nomination form posted to you.

Nominations close with the returning officer at

1500 hours on April 16, 2018

The Returning Officer
 Private Bag 31 999
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DO YOU NEED SOME HELP

A reminder to all our members if you are unwell or going into hospital for a planned procedure, 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 any assistance the office or your regional representative are always at the other end of the phone.

