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UPDATE From the Chair



The Firefighters Welfare Society has changed some of our rules in relation to regional boundaries. These changes have been approved by the Registrar. These changes allow the NZFFWS to move from 6 regions to 5, keeping our organisation regions in line with the FENZ and the Civil Defence regions.

We will be holding Board elections for our newly created Region 3. Our new Region 3 incorporates our old Regions 3 and 4. This means that there will be elections to elect one new Board member for this region. Currently Noel Brock our old Region 3 and Erroll Tapiki our old Region 4 have been looking after our members in these regions.

Two new Board positions have been created – “Independent Board Members” – More information in regard to these changes will occur in the June Newsletter.

Our Region 2 members would have received notifications that we are calling for nominees for their Region. Jenna Collings has stepped down in this role but will continue to support The Firefighters Welfare in a different capacity. I would like to thank Jenna for the work she has done supporting our members and we all wish her well.

The NZFFWS is your organisation and the Board and staff work tirelessly to support our members. If you do need support, please contact the office or your local representative. Contact details can be found on the back of this newsletter

Nominations for New Region 1 & 3

In June 2020, The Welfare Society Regions 1, 2 and 3 will be the same as FENZ Regions 1, 2 and 3. The Welfare Society is changing from 6 Regions to 5 regions to align its boundary regions with the boundary regions of FENZ and Civil Defence. Darryl Johnston is the current Representative from Region 1. There is little or no change to Region 1 boundaries which include Northland and Auckland. The South Island Region boundaries are much the same and will be known as Region 4 and Region 5, with Alice Jonathan and Kris Kennett being the respective Regional Representatives. This is the year Region 1 Representative is up for election. The term runs from June 1 2020 to may 31 2024.

Jenna Collings was the Regional Representative for the old Region 2 and is stepping down. Mike Varga has just been declared the new regional Representative for this region. He has agreed to relieve Jenna immediately. There is also a need to hold elections for the new Region 3 which now include parts of the old 3 and 4 Welfare Regions. Noel Brock is the Regional Representative for the old Region 3 and Erroll Tapiki is the Regional Representative for the old Region 4.

Only Financial members living in the Region 1 and 3 can stand and the two nominators required must also be from the same Region. Please visit our web site for a nomination form and a list of general duties for a Regional Representative. The term for Region 3 is from June 1, 2020 to May 31, 2024

Nominations for Region 1 & 3 close Wednesday at 10.00am April 15, 2020..

Congratulations To These Prize Winners

Thank you to all of you who have completed the survey we sent out at the beginning of February. Congratulations to those winners of the books and bags.

WINNERS

Antoinette	Canterbury	Mark	Southland
Daniel	Manawatu-Whanganui	Paul	Manawatu-Whanganui

New Boundaries for Welfare Region 3



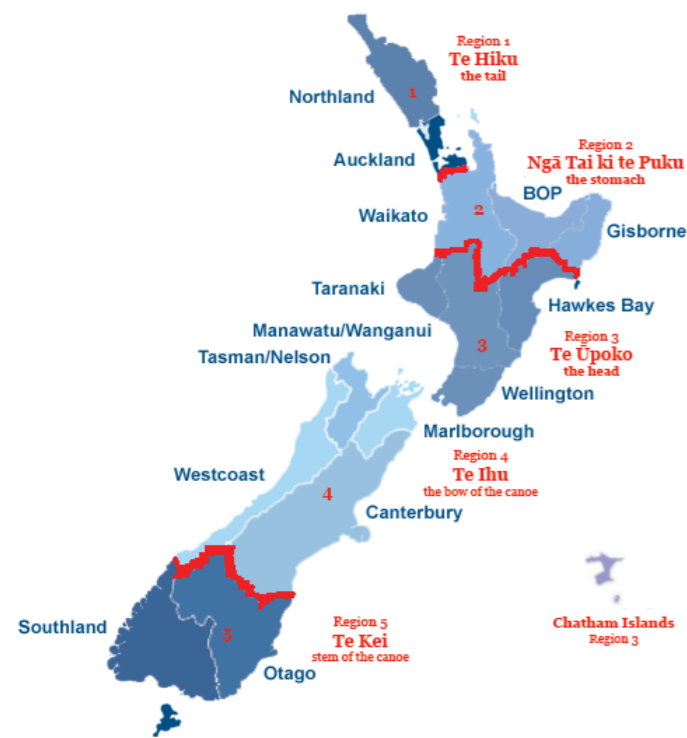
Boundaries for Welfare Region 1



firefighters helping firefighters and their families - awahi atu awahi mai ō rātou whānau

Our Regions Change to Match FENZ

6 Welfare Regions becomes 5 Welfare Regions - June, 2020



Region 1 embraces Northland and Auckland which means very little change to the old Welfare Region 1. The biggest change occurs in Region 2 which includes Waikato, Bay of Plenty and Gisborne. The new Region 3 encompasses Taranaki, Hawkes Bay, Manuwatu/Whanganui, Wellington and the Chatham Islands. The New Region 4 contains Tasman/Nelson, Marlborough, Canterbury and the West Coast. The New Region 5 comprises Southland, Otago and Stewart Island. If FENZ makes any minor changes after we go to print, those will be incorporated into the New Firefighters Welfare Region changes.

Because of the substantial change of Region 3 boundaries, combining into one the old Region 3 and 4, nominations are being called for this region. The current Regional Representative for Region 3 is Noel Brock. The current Regional Representative for Region 4 is Erroll Tapiki. The Term of service for the new Region 3 will be from June 1, 2020 to May 31 2024.

Jenna Collings is standing down from Region 2. Mike Varga has offered to stand for Region 2 and since he is unopposed, Mike has been declared the new Regional Representative for Region 2. Thanks Mike for stepping up to serve the members in Region 2.

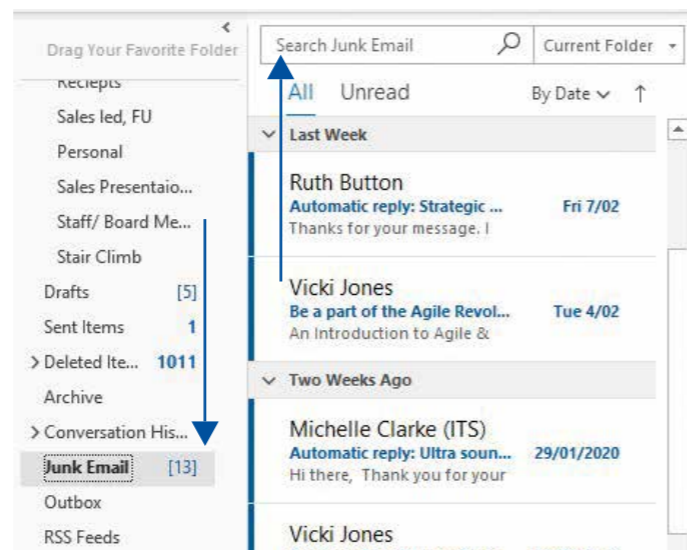
Stephen Clarke - Sales

We are moving away from snail-mail based newsletters and towards Email newsletters. Some of you have not been receiving these because of settings in your outlook. Below is a guide to correct this. We will also be posting these email newsletters on our website under our news tab.

Below shows you step by step how to allow our emails to come to your outlook email.

Step 1, One the left side of you outlook in-box, click on the Junk Folder.

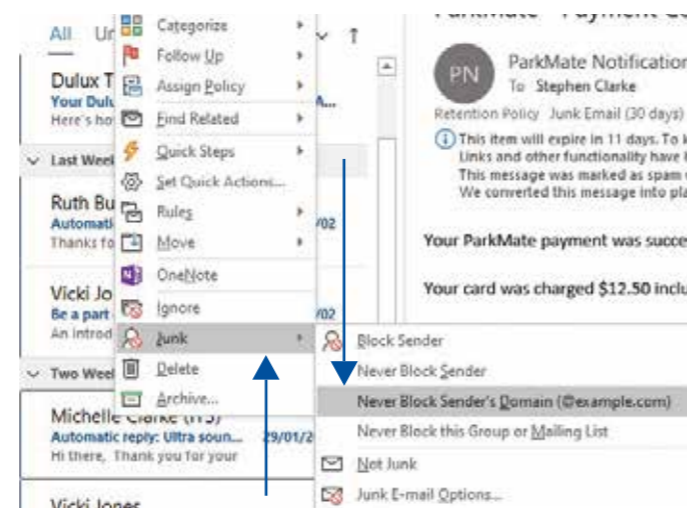
Step 2, Search for @firefighters.org.nz



Step 3, Using the right mouse button, click on any email from @firefighters.org.nz

Step 4, Using your mouse hover over the word Junk.

Step 5, Click on the words "Never Block Sender's Domain (@example.com)"



Holiday Home Update

PLEASE DO NOT TURN OFF THE WIFI ROUTERS IN ANY OF OUR HOLIDAY/CONVALESCENT HOMES.

These routers need to run continuously for our service provider to perform any maintenance that may be required.

Linen Service Now Available in Taupo

A sheet service is on its way to our Taupo home. Once this is in place, we will send an electronic notice to all our members. Please note this service will be for Sheets only, you will still need to bring along your own towels. Please follow the instructions in the home as to the process for dirty linen.

There is now a linen service in Queenstown, Hamner Springs, Taupo and Whangamata. Only Nelson and Kapiti holiday/convalescent homes have yet to start a linen service.

Office News

Rebecca (Becky) Law has been employed in the office on a fixed term contract. Becky's role is to support Administration within the office. She will initially be working 10.00am to 2.00 pm Monday, Wednesday and Fridays.

Please ensure that we have your current email address. When you book any of our homes with our App, an email is generated with all the booking details. This email will include the key codes needed to obtain entry into the homes. Needless to say if your email is incorrect you will not receive this information. You can update any of your details by emailing thesec@firefighters.org.nz, or on our Web page under "Join Us" you can "Get in Touch", alternatively you are always welcome to call the office 0800 653 473 Monday to Friday 9.00am until 3.00pm

Book Launch

We are excited about the upcoming book launch of "The Wolf Was Not Sleeping" by Avril McDonald on May the 4th, International Firefighters Day. There are three main objectives of the book;

1. To provide families with a tool to address any concerns or worries that they or their children might have regarding a family member's role in Fire and Emergency New Zealand.

2. To create conversations within families around the role that a family member has in Fire and Emergency New Zealand.
3. To strengthen the connections between the families of our people, and the teams our people work with at Fire and Emergency New Zealand.

HEALTHCARE 99

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO HAVE A HEALTHCARE FUND

Our public health system does a great job supporting people who require urgent medical attention.

However, as demand for elective surgery is increasing through the public system due to an ageing population and new technology, you may be on a waiting list for months or even years.

Healthcare 99 reduces the worry around unexpected medical bills so you can focus on getting the right treatment and start your recovery sooner.

It enables you to access the private health system in New Zealand. This consists of a large network of private hospitals, clinics and medical specialists, so you can get more immediate treatment for the wide range of conditions which do not qualify you for immediate treatment in the public system.

WHAT IS HEALTHCARE 99

In 1999, the New Zealand Firefighters Welfare Society initiated a mutual Health Fund as an alternative to Private Insurance available in the retail market.

In 2019, the Welfare Society partnered with Gallagher Bassett to administer our Claims to ensure all claims were assessed and paid fairly.

You, the members, own it. After the operational costs are taken into consideration ALL of the members contributions are made available for assisting the medical welfare of other members at their time of need.

WHAT IS A MUTUAL FUND

A mutual fund is like a shared account used for a specific reason.

For Healthcare 99, Everyone who contributes in to the fund, owns the funds and votes on the outcomes. These funds often have a day to day manager and a board.