

December 2012

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Holiday Office Hours



CLOSED

1500 hours
Friday Dec 21, 2012

OPEN

0900 hours
Monday Jan 14, 2013 hours



UFBA Conference, 2012 New Plymouth



Clinton Bennett of Aon will now look after your insurance needs. Phone (06) 376 8633 or 0800 864 683 for Life, Trauma or Income Protection Insurance.

- text message reminders
- new look web site 2013
- care deposits going Feb 1
- changed circumstances
- family Christmas present



Holiday Office Hours

The office will be closed for the holidays at 1500 hours Friday the 21st of December. It will reopen on Monday January 14, 2013 at 0900 hours. If you have any urgent issues over this time please contact your local representative.

Contact details are on the back of this newsletter and can also be found on our website, www.firefighters.org.nz

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year.

Trial Text Messages

In the new year the office will trial sending text message to our members. If you wish to receive messages to remind you of ballot periods etc. please check with the office that we have your correct mobile number. If you do receive a text message from the office PLEASE DO NOT REPLY TO IT. You will need to contact the office on 0800 653 473 (0800 OK FIRE) if you have any concerns.

New Welfare Website

A new and revamped website should be coming on stream early in the new year. Keep your eye open for that.

Your Circumstances Changed?

Have your circumstances changed recently? If so, please contact the office with your new details. It is important we have your correct information. It may also be a good chance to update your funeral benefit details. We require funeral beneficiary changes in writing so please email the office with any updates - thesec@firefighters.org.nz

facebook

Don't forget to visit us on facebook.

You can find us at "The New Zealand Firefighters Welfare Society".

Holiday Home Monthly Draw (New and Existing Members)

The Welfare Society is now running a draw each month to thank our members for their support. We have a New Members Draw as well as an Existing Members Draw. The office will notify you if you are successful in either one or other of these two draws. You may also visit the website or facebook page for winner announcements.

From February 1, 2013, care deposits for members who are booking a holiday home will no longer be required. The office will be working through refunding the care deposits we have on hold in the New Year. If you think you have a care deposit on hold and would like us to check, please email thesec@firefighters.org.nz with your details.

UFBA Conference 2012

This year the annual UFBA Conference was held in New Plymouth. The venue was the TSB Arena. The display stands were set up at the left side of the arena and the conference delegates were seated on the right side. Surprisingly there was no noise disturbance to the proceedings from the display booths. This year without having to leave the display area, one could hear and follow what was being said in conference.



UFBA Conference Layout at TSB Arena

Morning and afternoon tea and lunches were served in the middle of the display area which put the delegates in close contact with the booths. Entry into a spot prize draw offered to delegates who got a stamp from each booth ensured maximum exposure.



A Delegate's Point of View

300 delegates from brigades around the country attended this year's UFBA Conference. Mark Inglis was the inspirational speaker this year. He is a mountaineer, researcher, winemaker and motivational speaker. His account of climbing Everest was gripping. His positive outlook on all that has happened to him physically was inspiring. On the bright side of losing his middle finger to frost bite, he said he could never be guilty of road rage, well at least showing it.

Welfare Society at Conference

The Welfare Society shared a booth with the New Zealand Firefighters Credit Union. Colin Miles and Mark Langford of Aon were on hand to explain respectively any insurance issues or answer any Healthcare 99 questions. Foot traffic was very high this year and a number of new members signed up during the conference with a number of brigades asking for a representative of the Welfare Society to visit their brigade after the conference. A number of follow up visits are planned.



The New Zealand Firefighters Welfare Society Booth

Darryl Johnston, our Regional Representative from Auckland and Northland, recently awarded the gold star for 50 years of service to the New Zealand Fire Service, spoke to the delegates on the merits of joining the NZFF Welfare Society. He clearly outlined the benefits to individuals and advantages if an entire brigade were to join up.



Darryl Johnston Speaking to the Delegates



The New Zealand Firefighters Welfare Society welcomes Clinton Bennett who has replaced Nicole McIntyre at Aon. He will answer any questions or queries about Income Protection, Personal Life or Trauma Insurance for our members. If you have insurance questions or queries please contact Clinton of Aon on (06) 376 8633 or on 0800 864 683.

Any insurances purchased through Aon directly benefit the New Zealand Firefighters Welfare Society. Besides being competitively priced, these insurances from Aon often include additional coverage for the dangerous job of firefighting which other insurance companies may exclude. We encourage any member looking for any type of insurance to approach Aon first, identify yourself as a member of the New Zealand Firefighters Welfare Society, then check the cost and coverage against other offers. We think you will be pleasantly surprised. Should what you are seeking be priced the same elsewhere, remember that purchasing insurances through Aon brings a monetary reward to your Welfare Society.

Christmas Present

Can't think of what to give your family for Christmas? Why not give them a present of security and reassurance. Join Healthcare 99 and know that your family's medical expenses can be looked after. For more information visit www.firefighters.org.nz



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HEALTHCARE 99 Mutual Fund

Owned by Healthcare 99 members
Provides Medical & Hospital Benefits

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General Insurance, Travel Insurance, Income Protection, Life Insurance

For house, contents, cars, boats and caravans,
income protection, travel and life insurance.

Members receive good value for their dollar.
Contact Aon NZ

0800 50 51 52

Discount Travel Insurance

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

Sunshine Coast

Beachcomber Peregrin Beach 0061 75448 1339

www.beachcomberperegrinbeach.com

Gold Coast

Beach Haven on Broadbeach 0061 75570 3888

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Le Lavandou Holiday Apts 0061 755390244

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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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