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UPDATE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

A lot has been happening within the Welfare Society over the last few months.

I am happy to report that our three Regional Rep's/ Board members roles have been filled and we have two new Regional Rep's/Board members, Region 6 Chris Kennett and Region 2 Jenna Collings, welcome aboard. Erroll Tapiki was re elected as the Region 4 Rep. Thanks Erroll.

I am also happy to welcome Karen Logan and Stephen Clarke onto our HQ Office team.

Karen's Role as Admin Assistant and Stephen's Role as National Sales and Marketing Coordinator.

With the existing and new HQ staff and Regional Rep's/Board members on board I am looking forward to working with them to promote the benefits of the Welfare Society to all Fire and Emergency NZ personnel.

I have been attending meetings at FENZ NHQ, mainly Health, Safety and Well-being Work-streams and Psychological workshops as well as helping out with Welfare Society promotional visits.

The Psychological well-being of our members is at the forefront of my concerns at this time and I encourage members to use the benefits available to them from the Welfare Society or the help available for Fire and Emergency NZ personnel.

Please go to our Website www.firefighters.org.nz or the Fire and Emergency NZ portal and click on Safety, health & well-being.

HEALTHCARE 99 AGM



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HEALTHCARE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 20 June 2018

12.00pm

Avalon TV and Film Studios Level One

41 Percy Cameron Street

AVALON

A light lunch will be provided from 12 noon with the AGM starting at 12.30pm.

If you are planning to attend the meeting can you please let Amanda Smith know in the office for catering purposes.

Amanda can be contacted Monday to Friday 9.00am to 3.00pm on.

0800 65 34 73 or amanda@firefighters.org.nz

PERSONAL CONTACT INFO

Does the Office have your most recent contact details such as email address, physical address, phone number, cell phone number and beneficiary information?

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.

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MEET NEW SALES AND MARKETING



Hi, I am Stephen Clarke and I am the new Sales and Marketing Coordinator for New Zealand Fire Fighters Welfare Society. I am married to an amazing woman called Michelle and we have a 1-year-old son called Emerson. Having a 1-year-old, he rules our lives now.

We live in the northern suburbs of Wellington and have spent the majority of our lives in Wellington. I'm keen on sports, whether it is watching or playing. I am generally in.

I have a bit of a love affair with food and people too. I have been in the hospitality industry in a number of areas for a good amount of my working life. I enjoy the kiwi classic BBQ's with a wee tittle to wash it down doesn't go amiss either. All of this can only be truly enjoyed with good people.

I am looking forward to meeting you all and working together to expand our membership to do more for everyone.

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.



MEET NEW ADMIN ASSISTANT



Hi I'm Karen Logan, the new administration assistant for the New Zealand Firefighters Welfare Society. My previous job was with Plunket where I worked for four years as an Administrator in the Wellington Wairarapa Area Office in Lower Hutt.

I have been married to Dave for 25 years and I am Mum to 3 grown children. In my spare time I enjoy running, my most recent accomplishment being my 3rd half marathon in April. I also enjoy spending time in my garden, home renovating, reading and catching up with friends.

I am excited to be part of the team at the Firefighters Welfare and look forward to meeting our members.

DON'T FORGET TO DOWNLOAD OUR APP

To download the Welfare 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.

NEW WELFARE APP



Those who have an app for utilities or their phone provider rarely visit the website of those companies. Instead they are able to do all transactions required through the app on their mobile devices.

It is time for the New Zealand Firefighters Welfare Society's app to become a Society app rather than just a Holiday Home App with work calendars. Work is underway to provide members with an app that is truly a Welfare Society App through which many normal transactions previously done via the web site, or over the phone or by mail can now be performed from within the app.

Our new home page will have a modern format that takes members to various links which will give them more information.

- The Holiday Booking feature will still be available but the experience of booking should become easier and better by having a slide control for viewing the home selection.
- A mapping area will be added so users can view direction to the house. This will also be sent in the notification email.
- A booking history will be available and the system will also add a calendar event to the mobile device once the booking has been made.
- Non Members will be able to sign up for membership to the Welfare Society from within the app.
- Members will be able to sign up for Healthcare 99 from within this app.
- Members will also be able to fill out a BAI form from within the app.
- Members will be able to update their contact information from within the app.

September of 2018 is the proposed month for this app to be ready for downloading both from the Apple Store and from Google Play.

If members have ideas for any other features that can be added to make this app better please phone or email the office with those suggestions.

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

The voting for Region two and Four and Six closed at 10am May 18, 2018.



REGION 2

It is my pleasure as returning Officer to announce Jenna Collings as the new Board Rep for Region Two.



REGION 4

Erroll Tapiki stood unopposed for Region Four and was re-elected. Congratulations Erroll.



REGION 6

Kris Kennett stood unopposed for Region 6 and was re-elected. Congratulations Kris.

We wish Malcolm Langdon (former Region Two Rep) all the best for the future. His good work in the region is confirmed by the interest the members of Region Two took in this election with three standing. The ballot vote return was also impressive. Our thanks go to Malcolm for his years of service and tireless effort on behalf of all the members of Region Two.

Our congratulations also go to Jenna who today begins a new journey.

Darrel Surman
Secretary
Returning Officer

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 AI (75% of full coverage), Option B (hospital only) and Option BI (75% of hospital only). The contribution rates of AI and BI 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.

