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Firefighters helping firefighters and their families
Awhi atu awhi mai o ratou whanau

Kia ora everyone,

There are several important announcements in this month's EDM, so put the kettle on, grab a hot toddy, and take a few minutes to catch up on the latest news and updates.



Holiday Home Replacement



Over the past five years, our Maintenance and Modernisation Project have significantly improved the overall standard of our holiday homes. This is reflected in the increasing number of positive comments and feedback we continue to receive from members.

The project has included a wide range of upgrades, from complete property renovations and bathroom replacements to exterior repainting, new furnishings, and, more recently, the sale and purchase of our Queenstown properties.

Our most recent focus has been the Kapiti property. While the home has served members well, it was facing substantial maintenance and modernisation costs, estimated at more than \$150,000. In addition, occupancy levels were lower than expected, raising questions about whether this was due to the property itself or its location.

After careful consideration, the Board decided that the best option was to sell the property and purchase a replacement home. The sale has now been completed, and we are moving into the acquisition phase. Extensive research was undertaken to identify suitable locations for a new property. Key selection criteria included:

- A single-level, family-friendly home that is also suitable for convalescent use, situated on a flat section.
- Easy access by car, air travel, and public transport.
- Three bedrooms, two bathrooms, and a garage or secure storage shed.
- A well-maintained, modern, low-maintenance property.
- A practical and cost-effective management solution, such as employing a local caretaker.
- A destination offering a wide range of activities and attractions for members and their families.
- Good affordability and value for money.

Following this evaluation, after consideration of our options there are three location contenders Kapiti, Napier and New Plymouth

HOLIDAY HOME SURVEY



Please click the link to partake in the survey: [Holiday Home Survey – Fill out form](#)

Voting opens 9.00am 17 August 2026 and closes 12.00pm 28 August 2026

YOU CAN ONLY CHOOSE ONE OPTION

NZ FIREFIGHTERS WELFARE SOCIETY AGM

When 30 September 2026

Where Via Teams please email amanda@firefighters.org.nz for a link to attend.

Amanda will forward the link closer to the meeting date

Time 11.00am

WE'RE HERE TO HELP!

Karen and Amanda would like to sincerely thank everyone who takes the time to contact the office to check in and express their appreciation for the vouchers that have been sent. Hearing from you and learning how you are doing truly brightens their day.

If you call the office and are unable to reach someone, please leave a message and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

UFBA Conference



Karen and Amanda will be attending the upcoming UFBA Conference on Saturday, 24th October.

If you're attending, be sure to stop by and say hello. They would love the opportunity to catch up and have a chat!

Don't forget to register with the UFBA if you wish to attend.

Visit - www.ufba.org.nz

CONTACT US DIRECTLY!

Feel free to contact the office directly on 0800 653 473 if you require any support. For information regarding what your membership covers please visit our web site www.firefighters.org.nz

Keeping your membership details up to date

Please remember to notify the office if any of your personal details have changed. This includes:

- Your email address
- Your postal address
- Contact phone numbers
- Your next of kin details
- Any dependent children under the age of 19 who should be listed on your membership

For members under the age of 65, please also ensure we have current details of the person you would like your Funeral Benefit paid to in the event of your passing.

Taking a few minutes to update your information now can save both you and the office valuable time should you need assistance or wish to access your membership benefits in the future. To update your details please email office@firefighters.org.nz

HELP OUR MEMBERSHIP GROW

Please encourage your colleagues to join us.

The strength of our organisation comes from its members, and the more members we have, the more benefits, services, and opportunities we can provide.

Did you know that your children aged 19 and over are eligible to become members in their own right? As members, they can enjoy the same benefits, support, and opportunities that you currently receive.

It is an easy process to join online or click the link [here](#).



REGIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

OPEN 1.10.26

Click [here](#) for further information. Scholarships received before this date will not be accepted.

Discount Partners

Our Discount Partner **Dux Financial Services**, have renamed to **Co Drive Financial**.

Thank you to you all for your continued support, our organisation only exists as we all carry the ethos of supporting one another.



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