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Next Meeting's News

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be Friday 19th July 2024 at the Cosmopolitan Club, Oxford Street starting at 1:30 p.m.

Guest Speaker for August Meeting

Sue Carson

From MSD (Ministry of Social Development)

Speaking about: "What's available from MSD"

Guest Speaker: Last Meeting

Many thanks to Deborah Campbell from Neighbourhood Support. She gave us some great hints on keeping safe in our homes and also about emergency steps that should be taken.

Annual General Meeting

The following Horowhenua Grey Power Association Executive members were confirmed:

President	Gary Benton
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QUOTE:

**Less Expectations
More Satisfaction**

Monthly meetings at Cossie Club

Here are our monthly meeting dates (third Friday in the month Feb to Dec 2024. Please note change in September). If you can, please bring a friend. All very welcome.

AUGUST	16th
SEPTEMBER	20 th
OCTOBER	18 th
NOVEMBER	15 th
DECEMBER*	13 th

Denotes Changes from the normal schedule *

Change at the Top

After many years as President of Horowhenua Grey Power Terry Hemmingsen has stepped down. It has been through his drive and leadership that has kept the Association to the forefront of the local issues within the Horowhenua, in particular the Rates Rebate and Rates Postponement Schemes for the older residents of the Horowhenua.

It has been through his advocacy with the Horowhenua District Council and Central Government that has brought the issues facing the Horowhenua Community to light and while you don't win on every occasion it has been through Terry's commitment to Grey Power that discussions and results have taken place. A major result has been his drive to obtain Council funding to arrange public seating throughout the Horowhenua to allow our older citizens to have the opportunity to go for a walk and then be able to rest awhile.

It has been this commitment to Grey Power that Terry has represented Horowhenua at the Federation's AGM's and his numerous remits and recommendations that has changed and empowered members of the Federation Board to look and investigate various issues that needed updating and investigating. Terry will continue on as the Grey Power Zone Director, a role he has had for a few years.

Terry is not lost to Horowhenua Grey Power and has agreed to be the Secretary for the coming year, and hopefully a few more.

CONGRATULAIONS Terry on a job exceedingly well done, have a well earned rest in Australia for a month and come back to us fit and healthy for the next financial year.

Gary Benton (previously Vice President) has been elected to take over the role as President of the Horowhenua Grey Power Association and is looking forward to the challenges this role will bring.

Warning about some Discounts

When you deal with any business that gives a discount with a Gold Card or a Grey Power Membership Card, please advise them in the very first conversation you have with them, that you have the card.

If the business does not know about your discount they may not honour the discount. Especially if they have produced an invoice. The business may offer a credit on your next purchase but you will have to use that same business again.

One of our members recently had an experience such as this with HMC Levin.

Complaints/Queries about Grey Power Electricity

Grey Power Federation has been fielding calls from members who are with Grey Power Electricity (GPE) who have a complaint or questions.

Please contact Grey Power Electricity directly. Below are the contact details:

Phone – 0800 473 976

Email – customer.care@greypowerelectricity.co.nz

Email – khalid.sooran@pulseenergy.co.nz

Website – www.greypowerelectricity.co.nz

Health NZ structure

We've all seen the problems with our Health system first hand so it's good to see this Press Release:

Grey Power New Zealand National President, Gayle Chambers, applauded Health Minister, Shane Reti for putting a commissioner in place to rescue the failing Health NZ structure. Chambers hopes that this is a way forward to repairing long waiting lists for seniors in the areas of elective surgery and declining in-home care services. Chambers says "I hope the assurance from Lester Levy that there will be no adverse impacts on the delivery of care in implementing a turnaround plan – rather, he and Health NZ will be seeking to bring the frontline closer to decision-making is true as this chaotic health system cannot continue". Grey Power will keep a watching brief as to the progression of the new model.

Commerce Commission amends 111 Contact Code

The Commerce Commission has updated its 111 Contact Code, to ensure vulnerable consumers can contact emergency services during a power failure.

The commission recently ran a consultation to amend the existing code for the emergency phone number. The amended code is available on its [website](#).

The final amended code was published along with the Decision and Reasons paper, an updated [application form template](#), and [111 Contact Code FAQs](#) page, in particular for consumers applying to be registered as a vulnerable consumer.

The 111 Contact Code is in place to ensure vulnerable consumers are able to contact the 111 emergency number in the event of a power failure. To be classified as vulnerable, a consumer must be more likely to need to contact 111 (due to health, safety, or disability reasons), rely on a non-copper home phone (e.g, fibre or fixed wireless), and have no other way to call 111 (such as a mobile phone).

The Code sets out mandatory obligations on providers of a residential landline service, to ensure that all consumers are made aware, and are regularly reminded:

- that the service will not operate in a power outage;
- of alternative ways to contact the 111 emergency service in such situations; and
- that additional protections are available to vulnerable consumers, if there is no alternative way of contacting emergency services in a power outage (such as a mobile phone).

If you have any questions, get in contact with Telecommunications@comcom.govt.nz.

Federation 2024 AGM Resources Available Now Following a very successful AGM in Wellington in June, we have arranged for the information and photographs to be available to all Associations and their members via the Federation website. The files can be accessed via the Membership Portal, which is located at the bottom of the homepage <https://www.greypower.co.nz/> . (You need to use the first 3 letters of your surname in upper case, followed by your membership number to gain access.)

Once the Membership Dashboard is open, simply click on the 2024 AGM hyperlink near the bottom left.

This will then give you access to the following:

- AGM Documents
- Standing Committee & National Advisory Group Reports
- AGM Photos
- Presentations from our speakers ▪ Karen Billings-Jensen, CEO Age Concern ▪ Caroline Cooper, Age Care Commissioner ▪ Sharnie Warren, Pulse Energy CEO

We trust that these files will be of value to those unable to attend the AGM, as well as for those preparing Association newsletters and magazines for their membership. Our grateful thanks to Maxine Boag & Nanette Nathoo for sharing the photographs they took during the conference. You may also find the section containing Association Newsletters and Magazines helpful if you want to learn more about what different Associations are doing around the country – there may also be stories you may be able to utilise locally. If your magazine or newsletter is not available on the website yet please send any 2024 PDF copies to the Federation Office so they can be added to the collection. We have had requests for copies of Membership Brochures, being used by Associations – if you have revised your brochure in the last 2 years, why not send a copy to the Federation Office so we can share them on the website. (The Federation Office email address is fed-office@greypower.co.nz) If there are other items you would like to see shared on our website please let us know.

Call for a kind person to pick up a member for monthly meetings

One of our gentlemen members has asked if someone can pick him up monthly so he can attend our meetings. He lives in King's Drive, so if you can do this, please contact me (Lynette) on 0223616633.

New Subscription due 1st April 2024

Payment of Horowhenua Grey Power Membership Fees

Please check your expiry date on your current card first

Payments can be made to our account or via cash payments.
The Annual Subscription is Single (\$20) or Double (\$35)

Cash: Place in envelope with our Application Form and use the free boxes at Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō Levin Library or the Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom Foxton Library.

Internet Banking This is our preferred method of payment.

Account Name: Horowhenua Grey Power Inc.

Account Number: Westpac 03 0667 0284304 00

If you are a new member and paying via this method, please also send an e-mail to lynetteberyljones@gmail.com and we will send you a form for your details and instructions on how to pay and the information we need including identifying how the amount paid is made up.

Details to Appear on our Bank Statement:

Particulars Initials & Last Name

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(** New Members please leave the 'Reference' field blank, your membership number will be e-mailed or posted to you once payment received. Please Note - Failure to fill in our Bank Statement details correctly could be treated as a donation and you may be required to pay again.

The Double subscription will rise to \$35 starting in the new membership year i.e. 1 April 2024.

This is due to our fees per couple to the Grey Power Federation being increased.

Please remember that all Memberships expire 31st March

Who/what do you want to see/know about at our Monthly Meetings?

We want to know from you, our members, what would you like to see the Committee provide as an interest to you and maybe other members at our monthly meetings. Do you have any suggestions for speakers? Please let me know and we will see what we can provide for you.

Contact Details

Please let us know if any of your contact details change. This will help with email messages, delivery of cards etc.

Skills to be tapped

We would love to know if any of our members have skills that can be utilised not only by the Committee but for helping others. This could be just reading to another member who has a sight impairment or to help change a light bulb.

Feedback

We love to hear your ideas for improving your reading experiences in our Newsletters. Please let me know if you have any feedback for me at lynetteberyljones@gmail.com

More members

Encourage one of your friends to join the membership.

Horowhenua Grey Power Post Office Box

As another cost saving initiative, all correspondence is to be sent to 635 Queen St East.

Horowhenua Odd Job Scheme



Helping Grey Power Members

Tips:

Make sure you get a written quote.

If you are not happy with the quote do not accept it.
If you are unsure, ask for references for work from previous clients.

Disclaimer:

We do not take responsibility for quality of workmanship.

If you can help or want more information, please phone Lynne (our Trade Lady) on 063688069 or Terry on 0274805834

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