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A photograph of an elderly man with his arms crossed, wearing a dark jacket and a cap with a circular logo. He has numerous military medals pinned to his jacket. He is standing next to the propeller of a vintage aircraft. The propeller has the number '98' in yellow on its hub and a red and white checkered pattern on its blades. The background shows a clear blue sky with some clouds.

Surviving the storm

Pictured: Men's Shed tutor Dave Harper.



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

WBOP Grey Power office has been extremely busy of late with everyone paying their subscriptions and a lot of new folks joining for the Grey Power Electricity, which is great.

GP electricity is now humming along with people joining up to 'Grey Power Electricity'. Tauranga was slow to get started simply thinking that nothing could beat the TECT cheque, but the discount of the new Power Company far out ways that.

Hope you all saw our front-page article in BOP Times April 19th.

We have also started the coffee mornings next door, 10am the first Tuesday of every month (Village coffee shop next to our office). Jenni Hoven has taken this up as coordinator. Mainly she has been ringing our new members to come down for a get together as an initiation gathering, but anyone else is very welcome to come down to the village and meet folks too. Thank you Jenni.

Our Special General Meeting was very positive in that no one objected to our subscription price rise. It is now \$20 single and \$30 double but we will need to ratify this at our AGM on the 22nd May.

We hope you all do make the effort to attend the AGM as the attendance has not been good of late. We do really need the numbers to vote on these matters and to vote the Committee in or any new folks who would like to be on committee to make a difference.

Not to mention to listen to our Special guest 'Colin Craig' Conservative Party.

There have been a few changes; we have just welcomed Michael Oldfield on to our committee, good to have another enthusiastic person to help. Bill Humphrey will step down from the committee in May, but will keep on with managing the discount booklet and we thank him for his contributions to Grey Power.

My speaking engagements have been busy, every two weeks I have been invited somewhere to enlighten folks on the benefits of being a GREY POWER member. I have been to 'Orange Grove Retirement Village', Somerset Retirement Village, Baptist Luncheon Group, Te Puke and NZ First Committee group. I have had a great reception with lots of new members signing up.

I will attend the Grey Power Federation AGM in Invercargill on the 6th May for nearly a week and deliver our three remits.

Don't forget to advise our Committee of any important issue you think we may have overlooked and thank you for your continued support.

Christina Humphreys, President.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY GREY POWER ASSN INC

Date: Thursday 22nd May 2014 Time: 1 pm

Venue: Wesley Methodist Church Hall, 13th Ave.

Guest Speaker: Colin Craig (Conservative Party Leader)

WBOP Grey Power AGM and election of officers will follow.

Afternoon tea provided. Gold coin donation (non-members).

All Welcome

Proposed changes to our constitution

Name amendment

'That the name of Western Bay of Plenty Grey Power Assn. Inc. be amended to include 'Tauranga'. Thereby amended to read as follows 'Tauranga & Western B.O.P Grey Power Assn. Inc.

Quorum

'That Rule 6.13 be amended to read -

'At least twenty (20) members must be present at any General Meeting to constitute a quorum.'

Proxy vote

'That Rule 6.11 be amended to read -

'That Proxy votes shall be allowed and accepted provided that they are completed on an approved Proxy Voting Form, duly signed and dated by a financial member of the Tauranga & Western B.O.P Grey Power Assn Inc.'

Increase in membership fees

'That the membership fees for the 2013 -2014 financial year be increased to \$20 per single membership and \$30 per double membership and will remain in place thereafter until changed by future notification of change of rules.'

This is to formally ratify the positive result of our special general meeting in March 2013

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR WBOP GREY POWER COMMITTEE

POSITIONS:

PRESIDENT; Christina Humphreys [holding office and standing for re-election] Also magazine editor.

VICE PRESIDENT; Jennifer Custins [standing for election] Also Elders Forum GP representative.

TREASURER; Joan Willcock [holding office and standing for re-election]

SECRETARY; Vacant

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY; Carolyn Townsend [holding office and standing for re-election]. Also Office Manager.

COMMITTEE AND PROJECT RESEARCH MANAGER; Verena Hiestand [holding office and standing for re-election]

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COMMITTEE AND RESEARCH OFFICER; Michael Oldfield [standing for re-election]

DISCOUNT BOOKLET EDITOR; Bill Humphrey [not Committee]

Power to the people

Obviously 'Grey Power Electricity' is certainly a success story and our members are getting great discounted power accounts on a simple clear account which is easy to read. For those of you who haven't done the switch yet, we have a few examples here in the magazine, on the great savings to be had. It seems most are getting discounts of \$40 - \$60 a month, which is marvelous.

We certainly must be a threat to the main power companies as we are getting derogative comments in the newspapers as well as on the phone. I have to warn you folks, when you switch power companies you will get a heavy-handed phone call from the company you are leaving, trying to coerce you into not leaving. I was offered a \$50 credit for my power account and another \$50 for my phone, as well as reminding me how wonderful the TECT cheque is. I had great pleasure in telling her that the discount on my new power account would far out weigh all that she offered me! These phone calls really are bordering on abuse. In fact it is close to being called a bribe.

I also had great delight in saying to her, 'Why did you wait till I am switching power companies before offering me a discount, I have been a good customer for over 20 years', adding 'sorry you are too late'!

Like Terry King (GP Federation, Vice President) says: "Offering selective discounts aimed at holding customers, is a questionable practice. It goes against the spirit of the Electricity

Authority free switching campaign and impedes competition in the electricity sector".

Another warning! When the other power company rings, trying to cause trouble, they are saying that Grey Power cannot guarantee 5 years with no price rise, but yes, Grey Power Electricity is offering, and guaranteeing, a 5 year fixed energy charge and no price rise for that time. They cannot guarantee the line fee, which is a very small part of your account.

We had a great article in the BOP Times on the 19th April with Kevin Benbow as our poster boy, saying how pleased he was with 'Grey Power Electricity' and thanking Grey Power for setting this up.

Consequently we are excited about how many more are now making the switch here in Tauranga, as Tauranga was slow to get on board with the new power company. The main reason being because of the TECT cheque, but the discounted power account far outweighs that.

To be absolutely sure phone 0800 473 976 with your current power account on hand and ask the operator to explain what you would have been charged by Grey Power Electricity. Also 0800 473 976 is the number you would call if there was a problem with your power.

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ANZAC 2014

'We will remember them'

We would like to pay tribute to our Grey Power Members who may have fought in WW2, Korea and Vietnam. We thank you all for sacrifices given, so that we can all still live in a free, democratic country. I fear that our young people do not fully appreciate this and will lose that freedom if not guarded zealously!

My own parents were both in the Royal Air Force in Britain in WW2 and my Mother died on Anzac day when she was 83 years old. So I think of Anzac day as her memorial too.

It's wonderful that we have veteran Les Munro still living here in Tauranga, a hero, the last surviving pilot of the 1943 Dam Buster raid on the Ruhr dams in Germany, using the ingenious bombs that bounced along the water to hit the Dams. We pay tribute to Veteran Les Munro and others like him.

By Christina Humphreys

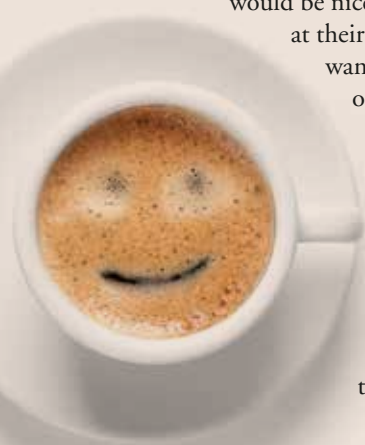
To change or not to change the flag?

Watch it folks I think this is another political red herring so we the public take our eye off the real issues facing this country, especially coming up to an election.

Grey Power Coffee Mornings

At the village café next door to the Grey Power Office, Historic Village, 17th Ave. 10am first Tuesday of every month. All Welcome!

There were 7 new members at the first coffee morning at the newly re-opened village café. 'The Sugar Plum Tree' is next door to the Grey Power office, which is so convenient for us. Really good that it has re-opened! One member commented that it would be nice to recognise a face when arriving at their first meeting, and this is why we wanted to have coffee mornings. It is onerous to phone every new member, as most of you will know, people are not home or you get into conversation and minutes pass and it can be time consuming. So now we are going to greet new members (others welcome) on the first Tuesday of each month and it will be in the magazine. Look forward to meeting you all. *Jenni.*



Veteran

Bryan Cox turns 90 next January, but he still remembers the deadly events of January 15, 1945, as if it was yesterday.

The Tauranga ex-pilot is the last living survivor of the tragedy known as 'Black Monday' – a day when eight Kiwi pilots and eight aircraft were lost.

"I think about it every day. It was the worst loss of pilots and aircraft ever suffered by the Royal New Zealand Air Force."

The day unfolded on Bryan's 20th birthday. Early in the morning squadrons based at Green Island, north of Bougainville, were involved in a rescue mission to save flight lieutenant Frank Keefe, who'd fallen into Simpson Harbour – offshore of Japan's major Pacific base at Rabaul, Papua New Guinea.

"He was hit and he bailed out and landed in the middle of the harbour, 1km from shore. An American Catalina rescue plane was flying outside the harbour, hoping the weather would close in so they could land and pick him up."

The weather didn't close in – and that afternoon Bryan received orders to join squadron leader Paul Green and fellow pilot Grev Randell in the rescue mission.

A NZ Ventura bomber was called to drop bamboo rafts into the water near Frank. Bryan was among 15 pilots flying Corsairs to help protect the Ventura on its mission.

The raft drop was successful, but as Bryan flew overhead, he saw a limp lieutenant floating in the water.

"I was the last person to see him. He'd stopped swimming by that point."

Disaster struck when the group headed back for Green Island.

"Unfortunately, we ran out of daylight halfway home; we were flying into a tropical front. It was as black as pitch, like a blackboard; and we had to just fly into it."

Bryan, who'd never flown at night in a Corsair, credits his survival to using an artificial horizon (an instrument showing an aircraft's orientation relative to Earth's horizon).

"It saved my life. I soon became spatially disorientated; when I looked at the plane beside me it looked like they were above me."

All Bryan could see was a faint glimmer on his altimeter, which at one point told him he was nearly at sea level. He'd just banked to avoid hitting the wing of another plane.

With no radio contact or electrics, and rain battering down, Bryan was oblivious to the blue flashes later reported by survivors, as aircrafts crashed into the sea.

"The rather critical thing was my brother had been

tells of war tale

flying a Lancaster in Europe and he was shot down on August 24, 1944. Just before this happened my parents had received word the bodies of his crew were found in Germany.

"I was thinking what on earth are my parents going to do now? I don't know where I am, nobody else knows where I am and I'm flying at four miles a minute."

Suddenly, a flash of lightening lit up the skies and Bryan could see the runway's location.

He managed to land and was taken into a tent, given a "mug of rum" and interviewed.

"Everyone was listening on the radio what was going on. I didn't know anything about it."

Of the 15 who flew into the front that afternoon, seven pilots crashed into the sea.

Bryan was dispatched from Green Island shortly after the events of January 15. He served post-war in Japan, before leaving the RNZAF in 1947.

He returned to Hamilton, where he married his brother's widow in 1949, and the pair had four children.

Bryan didn't fly for nine years after the war ended, but later began flight tutoring at Auckland's Ardmore airfield, clocking up more than 20,000 teaching hours before his retirement.

He's written three books on his war experience: 'Too young to die', 'Pacific Scrapbook' and 'Cats Have Only Nine Lives'.

What happened to Frank Keefe?

Late on January 15, a Japanese boat pulled flight lieutenant Frank Keefe from the water and took him to shore.

Frank died 15 days after his capture. Japanese authorities said he died of blood poisoning – a condition believed to be worsened by a lack of medical supplies.

Among the Japanese soldiers at Rabaul was Minoru Fujita – who took pity on Frank and prayed for him in English.

"Minoru had been a naval officer, had visited America and spoke some English," says Bryan.

"He knew the Lord's Prayer and before Frank was taken away on an army truck as a prisoner they said the Lord's Prayer together."

Minoru survived the war and in 1988 hired a Japanese-American military historian to track down Frank's family origins.

Minoru visited Frank's late brother John in Auckland, and spent one night staying with Bryan and his wife.

"He was the first Japanese to talk to Frank and I was the last one to see him. And he stayed in my house."

Bryan Cox took to the skies again this month piloted by Tauranga veteran Derek Williams.

By Corrie Taylor





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Obligations of Trustees

Many of us have acted as an executor and/or trustee under a Will. Not so many of us are aware of the onerous obligations we have in those positions. An executor is obliged to execute the terms of a Will in strict accordance with the deceased's ("the testator's") instructions. A trust under the Will ("the testamentary trust") only arises if expressly declared by the testator. A common event which sets up a testamentary trust is when children are to receive their share of the estate at a certain age and they have not reached that age when the testator dies. The executor then becomes a trustee with responsibility to administer the estate ("the trust fund") until it can be paid out to those beneficiaries.

Trustees' overriding obligations

The overriding obligations imposed on trustees are called fiduciary obligations. They sit as an umbrella over everything a trustee does. They can be summarised as follows:

- Trustees must never put themselves in a position of conflict between their duty as trustees and their personal interest. They cannot profit from their role as trustees. So, for example, without specific authorisation or the consent of all beneficiaries, it would be unusual for trustees to buy property from or sell property to the estate. Trustees cannot, without authority, be paid for their work. (Out of pocket expenses are another matter.)
- Trustees have a duty to act in good faith and in the interests of the beneficiaries. At its most basic this obligation means trustees cannot sell the estate's property and pocket the proceeds.
- Trustees cannot delegate their power and must act personally. All trustees should be consulted about matters and agree before taking action.

Trustee's powers and duties

Trustees must competently manage and administer the trust fund. More specifically:

- Trustees must be acquainted with the terms of the trust and all associated documentation. This is not as difficult when the trust is set up under the terms of a Will. Any specific instructions in that Will must be adhered to.
- Trustees are bound by powers given to the trustees under the Trustee Act 1956 with any specific powers mentioned in the Will.
- Trustees must act impartially between all beneficiaries and different classes of beneficiaries. So, if the estate has income beneficiaries ("...to pay all income to my wife during her lifetime...") and capital beneficiaries ("...and after her death to divide the balance equally among my children...") the trustees would be unwise to invest all the estate funds in high income, low capital growth investments.
- And lastly, trustees must keep proper accounts and full records of all their decisions.

So if you are a trustee/executor of a Will, you have fiduciary obligation which will guide all your actions and a specific duty to manage and administer the trust in a competent manner. If you are in any doubt about your obligations and duties, seek professional advice.

By Peter Washer of Cooney Lees Morgan

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Exercise and food for mind and body

Recently I was very fortunate in being able to attend two meetings that made me feel quite uplifted as I head to official 'old age' at 65! One was talking about keeping our bodies active and the other was to do with our minds.

I hope you are all aware that Tauranga is the first city in New Zealand to become an Age-Friendly City. A strategy has been developed to guide and progress actions to make Tauranga a vibrant and liveable AFC in which to live, learn, work and play! The vision is for people to live independently and participate in all aspects of community and city life as they age.*

**The above paragraph was taken from the Tauranga AFC Strategy – 2013-2023. A copy is available on the TCC web site.*

I find it exciting to know that because of this strategy there are people and groups meeting and talking about how we can enjoy and manage life as we move through the years after we 'retire'. One such meeting was discussing the feasibility of having Elder Gyms constructed on public parks.

These would be designed especially for older folk and it could be a great way to get some exercise while having a chat and making new friends. Certainly a new idea and it could be fun. This initiative came out of the knowledge that there is such a need to keep us all safe from falls; but the conversation moved on to those that were unable to leave their homes to exercise. It was suggested that a great way to start was when you get dressed! Can you put your socks on while standing up?? Do you have to sit down to put on your trousers? Maybe before the body becomes too stiff, make this a game – how long can you stand there on

one foot, (make sure you are standing in a safe place while you try this). If, because of injuries and such, this is no longer possible, don't forget all the arm and leg exercise that can be done while sitting down.

Having now done all this you will be in need of some food! Reach for a banana! I read in an article that 'bananas contain three natural sugars – sucrose, fructose and glucose. One banana gives an instant, sustained and substantial boost of energy. Research has proven that just two bananas provide enough energy for a strenuous 90 minute workout' So, one before we get dressed and the other gives just enough energy to do the dishes?

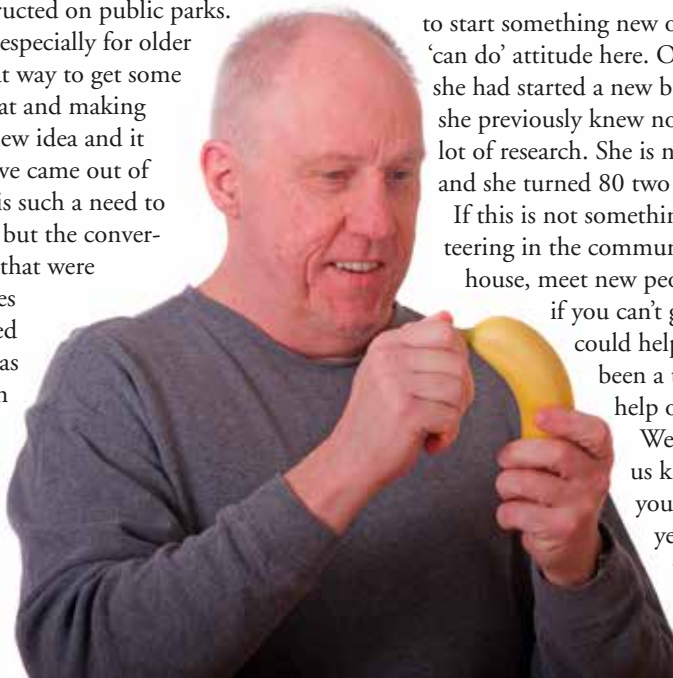
At the other meeting I attended, I was very privileged to hear Sir Ray Avery speak about what the possibilities are for our minds even as we age. 'Don't let age restrain you', 'make use of the time you have left', were a couple of key comments he made. Sir Ray is known as an inventor and he urged everyone to give it a go. We have experience and the power of observation on our side. He said that NZ was an ideal place to start something new or different because we have a great 'can do' attitude here. One lady spoke at the meeting, saying she had started a new business to do with an industry that she previously knew nothing about and had necessitated a lot of research. She is now exporting to two other countries and she turned 80 two months ago. Wow!

If this is not something that appeals to you then volunteering in the community is a great way to get out of the house, meet new people and have something to do. Even if you can't go out, you may be a typist and could help typing up minutes or you have been a trades person and could give some help or advice.

We would love you to write in to let us know some of your stories of how you are maximizing your retirement years. Have you 'retired' at all or are you busier now than you ever were?

How many bananas do you need in a day?

By Jennifer Custins



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Power prices

The Government believes competition is the best way to put downward pressure on power prices.

For example, Grey Power has used its collective bargaining power to negotiate a supply agreement with Pulse Energy to deliver a low priced package for their members

I encourage everyone to visit the "What's My Number" website to see if another retailer can offer a better price. Calculations show the average household in the Bay of Plenty could save \$225 a year by switching retailers. All you need is your current power bill. Have a family member help if you have difficulty using the website, or contact the local Citizens Advice Bureau.

National is committed to ensuring you have the financial security, wellbeing, and respect that you deserve.

*Simon Bridges MP
National Party*

Bad law doing harm

"The police investigation into Michael Laws after an allegation of assault against his son proves the anti-smacking legislation completely misses the point," says Conservative Party Leader Colin Craig.

"During the five year police review period eight parents have been prosecuted for smacking their children. Smacking is defined by this review as a slap with the open hand on the buttock or leg that doesn't result in any injury. These are eight parents that are now criminals, because they smacked their children." In 2008 John Key said: "If I see good parents getting criminalized for lightly smacking their children for the purposes of discipline, I'm going to change the law if I'm in a position to do so. It's as simple as that. It doesn't matter if there's a referendum or not. I want the law to work properly." "The law is not working properly," says Mr Craig, "and I look forward to the Prime Minister keeping his promise, by changing the law after the election this year". "There are children in this country that are beaten black and blue and put in hospital. There are children in this country that are horrendously abused and neglected. There are children in this country that are suffering at the

hands of abusers, and yet this law has got the country squabbling over good parents, and reasonable discipline. On average two innocent families the police are investigating each week regarding the smacking law. This is an abhorrent waste, and a misdirection of resources," Mr. Craig says. "There has now been sufficient time to assess the impact of the anti-smacking law and it is very clear that the 87% of referendum voters who wanted the law gone, were right. In the 5 years since the anti-smacking law was passed, child abuse has increased 32%. Contrast this with Australia, who made sensible law changes clarifying that a light smack was OK, who have (in the same time period) decreased child abuse by 11%. "The anti-smacking law has contributed towards the increase in child abuse," says Mr Craig, "It has taken the focus off the abusers, and targeted good mums and dads who are simply trying to raise decent children." "The real question is, if instead of a detrimental anti smacking law, we had spent the same time and energy targeting child abusers, what could we have achieved?" "The anti-smacking law is bad legislation producing bad outcomes. The Conservative Party looks forward to being in a position to seeing this law changed after this year's election.

*Colin Craig
Leader of the Conservative Party.*

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1. Raising the age of entitlement to 67 years.
Yes = 47% No = 53%
2. That NZ Superannuation be income tested.
Yes = 55% No = 45%
3. That a change is made to the rules of entitlement to NZ Superannuation for immigrants wanting to become NZ citizens.
Yes = 90% No = 10%
4. Maintaining the status quo.
Yes = 47% No = 50%
5. Do you consider it fair that ACC; funded through NZ citizens taxes, pay for overseas visitors to have medical care in NZ, or should it be a requirement for entry into NZ that a visitor provides proof of their own current insurance cover at the border.
Yes = NIL. No = 100% [This answer is for top portion]

Grey Power Members and all super annuitants need to realize that the Grey Power Organisation makes a huge contribution to holding and indeed making sure we get our increase on our pension each year. Grey Power is the 'Watch dog' and advocate of your Pension; make no mistake about that!

That's why when I have been speaking to groups lately I emphasize how all folks over 50 should be members if for no other reason than that.

Pay wave/Tap'n Go cards

The new MasterCard and Visa Bank pay wave cards are now becoming compulsory.

I have written about the pros and mainly cons of using them in previous magazines, however, it appears that the Banks will give you no option, even although evidence from overseas indicates they are a big problem.

So – Please protect yourself and especially don't wave your new card around near any of these devices. They are located on the business's counter top and will look very similar to the eftpos machine that has been around for some time.

Unscrupulous people can now also buy a card scanner and just by walking past you, they can obtain details of everything on your card.

We now have samples of blocking cards/sleeves for you to see.

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By Carolyn Townsend








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As the only manufacturers of the Knee Scooter in New Zealand, Allan and Maree hire out the product nationwide. They also have a number of other mobility products for sale and/or hire. After sales service and repair work can also be done on any type of equipment. The company are members of the BUY NZ MADE CAMPAIGN.

The Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement overview

Our government is negotiating an international agreement that could have a huge effect on the lives of ordinary kiwis. It's called the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPPA), and it involves fourteen Asian and Pacific-rim countries, including the United States. If it goes ahead, we risk damaging our innovative economy, our pristine environment, our health, and the ability to shape our own future.

Because the negotiations are being conducted in secret, what we know about the TPPA comes from leaked documents and detective work. This is not acceptable. We live in a democracy, which means we have the right to know what is done in our name and to have a say.

So what's troubling about the TPPA? From what we know so far, if the negotiations are completed it will become much harder for the New Zealand government to look after our environment, promote health, protect workers and consumers, and promote the public interest:

- Most restrictions on foreign investment will be frozen and rolled back even further.
- Big overseas companies will be able to sue the New Zealand government for millions in damages in secretive offshore tribunals, claiming that new laws and regulations (for example, a ban on fracking, smoking control laws, or a cap on electricity prices), have seriously undermined the value of their investments.
- Medicines will become more expensive as big pharmaceutical companies gain more influence over PHARMAC, and

restrictions are placed on generic medicines.

- Copyright laws will be toughened and more harshly enforced, restricting internet freedom and access to information, costing libraries, schools, and businesses, and stifling innovation.

- Parallel importing will be banned, meaning that New Zealanders, especially the poor, will have to pay far more for all sorts of ordinary products.

- Foreign banks, insurance companies and money traders will gain more powers to challenge laws designed to prevent another financial crisis, and overseas property dealers could contest moves to burst the property bubble, such as a capital gains tax.

There are plenty of other things to be concerned about, and you can read about them here (<http://www.itsourfuture.org.nz/resources/>).

The government tries to dismiss the critics of TPPA as anti-trade and opposed to all foreign investment. Neither of these statements is true, and they are disrespectful to the diverse communities across New Zealand who fear the TPPA is being negotiated solely for big corporations, and not in the interest of ordinary kiwis.

Our government says it is acting in New Zealand's best interest. If they really believe that, they should bring the negotiations into the open, and provide evidence of concrete benefits to outweigh these serious costs. That is what democracy requires.

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Paula Clarke

Letters to the Editor

Grey Power Electricity

2/03/14

I am writing this letter to let you know, as fellow Grey Power Members, why you should take advantage of Grey Power Electricity. I have recently changed from Nova Energy to the above and was pleasantly surprised at the savings made.

e.g. Nova = \$172.61 per month

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K.J. Benbow

Grey Power Member.

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VH & ME Holloway

Grey Power member

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Dear Sir/Madam

I do a certain amount of community service work and in the course of this, come in contact with many elderly folk who are struggling to make ends meet. This is election year. What submissions are you making to Government/Opposition re obtaining a better deal for these folk in the twilight of their lives?

Sincerely

R Hammond

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