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Some of our local Grey Power volunteers: from left; David Marshall, Norm Mayo, Warren Townsend, John Sinteur, Gaye Woods, Christina Humphreys and Carolyn Townsend.



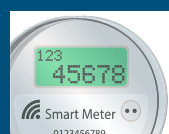
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PRESIDENT'S WORD

Our Grey Power office has been busy; your Executive have met with a number of people over the last three months. We met the WBOP Mayor twice trying to get the rates reduced, and were involved in the Rates petition to 'Freeze Rates'. They have not paid enough attention to us so we have taken it to Paula Bennett, Minister of Social Welfare, along with a letter from the Mayor to have the Social Welfare Rate Rebate amount and criteria lifted to help counter the rates rise. We would really rather see rates dropped, but have to find a way to counter this rate increase for our members so read more of our correspondence enclosed on what has evolved.

We had Mayor Stuart Crosby from Tauranga City Council address our AGM in May; his address was very informative. He hinted at the idea of saying "NO" to an amalgamation of the two councils and advocated rather the scenario of working together on some of the basic services.

We also had two cabinet Ministers visit our office to speak to us, Minister Anne Tolley and Minister Simon Bridges.

We discussed issues like SH2 congestion and the need for improvement and maybe a toll road tunnel through the Kaimai's. Money has since been allocated to SH2 to improve the dangerous spots.

We approached Minister Anne Tolley and MP Winston Peters on the subject of Section 70 relating to the pension of people with reciprocal pensions from other countries or NZ people returning home. I did write an article on this in the last magazine and we have a follow up on that here. We are so thrilled to see MP Denis O'Rourke, NZ First, has his Bill on this balloted and on its way. Here's hoping for success!

It does help to approach Ministers on these issues that are a problem - 'The squeaky wheel gets the oil'. Its great having a dedicated group to help with researching and writing on the different issues that affects us all! Thank you to David, Norm, Gaye, Peter and Donna.

Grey Power had a lovely lunch at the RSA as a thank you for our volunteers. Also our coffee mornings are proving very popular and the response is great. This is an opportunity for you to bring issues to our notice for discussion - it seems to be a good forum.

We have improved the office lately with a new improved front desk and other desks, all for a good price on 'Trade Me'.

Thank you to Carolyn for that one.

Christina Humphreys
President

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Get ready to take a visit to some of these wonderful City gardens in springtime, which is not too far away!

Maungawhare Parkland, Parkvale Rd, Otumoetai, Tauranga.

This reserve, a joint venture between the owners of the historic home and the council, features a few remnant trees of the Otumoetai bush and 4 large Norfolk pines planted between 1884 and 1890; the northernmost was the tallest in the Bay of Plenty until it was struck by lightning in 1978. Note that there is no boundary between the parkland and homestead garden, which is private property. The park is open daily, except Wednesdays and public holidays. No dogs.

Meadowland Iris Garden, Meadowland St, Matua, Tauranga.

Open Labour Weekend, 9am-4.30pm daily, or by appointment. Potted plants for sale, free entry. Phone 576 5695.

Robbins Rose Garden, Cliff Rd, central Tauranga.

The rose gardens are rated by legendary rose breeder Sam McGredy as one of the best two or three public rose gardens in New Zealand and better than many he has seen in North America.

Tauranga Domain, Cameron Rd, central Tauranga.

Features heritage trees. Free entry.

The Elms Mission Station, Mission St, central Tauranga.

One of the country's most historic colonial-era buildings with gardens that date from various periods of its habitation. Gardens free.

Yatton Park, Fraser St, Greerton.

A collection of exotic heritage trees. Free entry. A tropical display house is right next door. Both free entry.

Katikati Bird Gardens, Walker Rd East, signposted off SH2

Entry charge. Open in Spring and summer.

Katikati Garden Ramble.

Enjoy a variety of country and village gardens on the 14th & 15th November.

McLaren Falls Park, McLaren Falls Rd signposted off SH29

An arboretum, the park is some 190 ha and includes a cafe, camping area, lake and walking tracks. Free entry.

Te Puna Quarry Park, Quarry Rd signposted off SH2.

Developed and maintained by volunteers, the 32ha park is divided into garden areas and includes sculptures and walking tracks. It is believed to have the largest outdoor plantings of orchids in New Zealand and also features a butterfly garden. Free entry, donations appreciated.

Further afield

Hamilton Gardens, SH1 on the southern entry to the city

The award-winning extensive gardens include the Paradise collection, the Productive collection and the Rogers Rose Garden with a new Fantasy collection being developed. Free entry.

Rotorua City Gardens

Take in the spectacular views of the historic site as you stroll through the rose gardens and geothermal activity. Home of the historic Rotorua Museum and Blue Baths, take advantage of this amazing backdrop and enjoy a game of Bowls, Croquet or Petanque on one of the many greens available.



Grey Power Electricity

You MUST be a member of GREY POWER ASSN to join up to the GREY POWER ELECTRICITY, which does have gas too.

Our Association membership fee is small considering the benefit of a very much lower power account, plus the other benefits you get from being a Grey Power Assn member.

Notice the Power Companies all trying to outdo each other on special TV offers for electricity. Grey Power electricity likes to think we helped create that competition!

The local Power Company was very aggressive toward us when we came out with our much-discounted offer, but once they realized Grey Power Electricity was here to stay they have had to sharpen their pencils and come up with discounted offers.

Grey Power Electricity has over 15,000 members joined up now and is still steadily growing, which is great!

Now the issue that is facing us is 'Smart Meters'. Some of us are starting to get letters to say a contractor will be around after the 4th August to replace our analogue meters.

Please try and learn about these 'Smart Meters' before you allow this to happen! You can say no; you email your supplier and say no to a Smart/advanced meter and ask for a reply to confirm this.

We have forms for you to fill in and send and further information at the office if you would like to call in.

There seems to be two Power companies offering replacement analogue meters, Contact energy and NOVA Energy, so that's a start!

This is all part of the 'Sustainable Management' plan which involves people-management, Smart Plan, Smart growth, Smart meters and more.

Web: www.sustainabledevelopment.un.org/topics/sustainabledevelopmentgoals

GREY POWER ELECTRICITY MEETING

GUEST SPEAKER: Gary Holden

CEO Pulse Energy/

And/Or Christian Derrington

TOPIC: Installation roll out in Tauranga of Smart meters

TIME: 1.30 pm. 20th AUGUST 2015

VENUE: Wesley Methodist Church Hall, 100 thirteenth Ave. TAURANGA

ALL WELCOME

Gold coin donation non-members appreciated

Tea and biscuits to finish

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Grey Power Coffee Mornings

Held at Village Café next door to the Grey Power Office.

Historic Village, 17th Ave.

First Thursday of every month at 10am.

DATES: 3rd Sept, 1st Oct, 5th Nov, and 3rd Dec.

Enquiries phone 571 2558. **ALL WELCOME**

Village Café, 'The Sugar Plum Tree' is next door to the Grey Power office. Grey Power has initiated this coffee morning for new and all members to meet. Also volunteers this may be an opportunity to meet each other too. Often this doesn't happen as they are at the office on different days. Joy will be your host, also John!

The café offers a special price to Grey Power members of \$6.50 for a coffee and cake.

Wear your name badge if you have one. Please join us.

Because of the success of these coffee mornings we have decided to organize some in other areas:

Pacifica Garden Centre, Tara Rd, Papamoa 10am

Dates: 15th Oct

The Balcony Café, Main Street, Katikati, 10am

Dates: 19th Nov

Café Botannix, Palmers Garden Centre, Cnr SH2, Bethlehem, 10am

20th Aug

Alimento Café, 72 First Avenue, Tauranga, 10am

17th Sept

NOTE: Our Coffee mornings are fast becoming discussion mornings, So if you would like to raise issues at our these events please feel free.

No privacy with a Smart meter

Do you know what kind of electricity meter you have in your home?

This is something you should be considering. Recently there has been a HUGE push by energy companies working together with the Government to install 'Smart meters (Advanced Meters)' in your home.

A 'smart meter' is an electrical meter that energy corporations allege will streamline how your power consumption is monitored in your home.

Power Companies have been sending contractors to homes around the country, to switch our old analogue meters to these brand new, all digital, smart meters. No more meter reader – he/she's out of a job.

They've been replaced with smart meters equipped with a radio frequency (RFID) chip, which allows power companies to monitor your power without actually ever coming to your home.

So just how smart are they? Not only do they rapidly record information by the hour, but also they can determine

what type of energy you are using.

Think about that for a minute ...

That might not seem like much of an intrusion – but consider this - energy companies log precise data on your daily routine.

When you wash your clothes, when you watch TV, when you leave your home, when you come back.

If the notion that they know what you're doing and when you're doing it isn't disturbing enough, it gets worse. These devices are capable of controlling, regulating and even rationing your electricity usage.

For example: you're running your air con on those very hot nights, they have the ability to turn the power off and leave you sweating?

Then there's the health problems, we as humans run on electrical currents at 8hz, smart meters run at 6 billion hz. I'll leave you assess that one. Smart meters emit radio frequency radiation.

The fire risk - why is it some overseas insurance companies are refusing to insure houses with smart meters installed.

If you want to find out more google 'smart meters'



Godless, flagless and soon to be homeless!

What has NZ done to itself?! We were once 'Godzone'; that's what people came here for.

In the 1950's and 60's the 'ten pound poms' arrived. When they came, they had to have a trade and a job already waiting to come to; they were young and healthy and ready to work and they couldn't bring along extras to sponge off our free social services.

We were a Christian country with good moral teachings of discipline, respect and a free-thinking people.

Our number 8 wire practical kiwi that helped to build this country is now not PC! As Michael Cullen said with a churlish sneer, 'we don't need that number 8 wire mentality'.

It wasn't until the late 60's that we had to start locking our doors. Oh, how things have changed!

Political correctness is now the enemy of the freedom of the individual, because it cuts not just across what you are allowed to do, but what you are allowed to think, breaking a fundamental rule of politics: 'The opinions of men are not the object of civil government, nor under its jurisdiction' [Thomas Jefferson in 1779]

Frank Ellis made the point, as an expert in Russian studies, that political correctness was a doctrine devised by the Soviet Union to encourage groupthink.

The Soviets knew they could impose their values on their

people through language and the peer pressure of PC, which is fast becoming the norm in the west.

John Key is determined to spend \$23 million to change our flag, regardless of what the NZ people want; we are being dumbed down and brain-washed into this mindset. Once again our national identity and patriotism are being weakened in favour of taking up a piece of corporate branding, which is what our government is.

Last, but not least, the massive immigration NZ has, in the space of a generation, over-burdened Auckland, pushing the house prices to great heights. Our country and cities just do not have the infrastructure to cope with all these people. All Auckland's basic services are old and in need of a rebuild and this means massive rate increases to cover them. This is forcing Kiwis to sell and move.

What about our farmland which is being sold wholesale to foreigners, because New Zealanders can no longer afford to buy! There are two huge Dairy Factories being built by the Chinese in this country, one at Pokeno and another in the South Island. Is this good for our dairy industry?

Signing the TPP agreement will chip away more of our Sovereignty. NZ is being sold out from under us.

We are fast becoming tenants in our own land; does NZ really need to do this?

C Humphreys

Why should we agree to be part of the TPPA?

The TPPA is the Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement a partnership agreement between 12 countries located adjacent to the Pacific.

These being Brunei, Singapore, Chile, New Zealand, Australia, Canada, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Peru, USA and Vietnam. We are frequently told this is a trade agreement. This may be true, we do not know because it is negotiated in secret and we will not know what the agreement consists of until 4 years after it is signed. Various leaks have intimated that the agreement covers far more than just trade. We speculate in the dark whilst representatives of U.S. corporations – like Halliburton, Chevron, PHRMA, Comcast and the Motion Picture Association of America – are being consulted and made privy to details of the agreement.

According to the New York times, "the clearest winners of the TPPA agreement would be American agriculture, along with technology and pharmaceuticals companies, insurers and many large manufacturers"

An independent US senator wrote "Let's be clear: the TPPA is much more than a "free trade" agreement. It is part of a global race to the bottom to boost the profits of large corporations and Wall Street by outsourcing jobs; undercutting workers rights; dismantling labour, environmental, health, food safety and financial laws; allowing corporations to challenge our laws in international tribunals rather than our own court system. If TPPA is such a good deal why keep the content secret".

The populations of the 12 countries amount to 814 million people of which we make up less than 1%. How much negotiation power does this afford us? The TPPA excludes China our second biggest trading partner with a population of 1.4 billion people that is 70% more than the TPPA countries.

We already know how important the Chinese market is

to us. India is excluded, another huge market.

We have a government that has been known to say one thing and then do another. They have said we will not do something and then go ahead and do it (raising GST) or we will do something and then not (recover the bodies of the Pike River miners). So when our trade minister says "we reject completely the proposition that the TPPA is some type of "China containment" strategy – you can bet it is and our second largest market will see it that way.

Tim Groser is on record as saying "So, to put it bluntly, We are not going to sign up to a poorly constructed ISDS (Investor State Dispute Settlement) provisions that 'transfer control of the country's sovereignty' to foreign corporations.

We are not going to sign up to agreements that undermine a central pillar of our Public health system – the pharmaceutical purchasing agency called Pharmac.

We are not going to sign up to agreements that stop this or future Governments putting well-designed environmental protections in place.

Do you believe him? "Me thinks he doth protest too much".

Tim Groser also admits that 'the current lack of clarity on a possible landing zone for our most important export – dairy.' Yet he is anxious to sign a deal by the end of July to quote "It is ripe for the picking"

From other reading it is clear we will not get concessions from the American farm lobby nor will the Japanese cut their protection for farmers. Australia produces and sells dairy products to it's citizens cheaper than we do.

So why antagonise our second largest market for dubious gains and decreased autonomy.

Of course this is all supposition as we are given the mushroom treatment, kept in the dark and fed b*llshit.

By Pete Dolden

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Tauranga's own Pied Piper

He's been "strangling the cat" for nearly 50 years. Well, that's not the expression Tauranga's Duncan MacLeod would use.

He'll tell you that term is only used by people who've never heard a good piper.

"A bad piper gives piping a bad name. But a good piper is as good as any musician."

Duncan admits his first time playing the pipes was "bad". Now he's puffing out tunes with the Auckland Police Pipe Band in the 66th annual Edinburgh Tattoo for the second time from August 7-29.

Duncan stood with the Auckland Police Pipe Band dressed in King George VI's tartan for the first time at Edinburgh in 2009. He remembers marching over the 1000-year-old cobble stones, through the gates of Edinburgh Castle, over the drawbridge and onto the esplanade playing his pipes.

If he had any hair on the back of his head, it would stand up. It'd make his impressive handlebar moustache tingle.

"You feel 10-foot tall and bulletproof," says Duncan. "It's an honour and a privilege. The sensation of performing at the Edinburgh Tattoo in front of the castle, which has been there for thousands of years – it's indescribable the emotions that run through the body."

Duncan has been piping with the Auckland Police Band since 1973.

"It was actually piping that got me into policing," says Duncan, who spent 36 years in the blue uniform. He was senior sergeant at Mount Maunganui from 1999-2005 and retired as inspector area commander for Wanganui four years ago.

"When we left Rotorua I was still a lad. I started to play for a band in Auckland called Boys Town. It was run by the police, my tutors were constables. It was their influence that convinced me to join the police."

It seems if you're a good policeman, you'll be a good piper. Both require discipline, says Duncan.

"You have expectations, standards, a hierarchal system, pipe majors, sergeants and you've got to take instructions and commands in both professions."

Duncan loves his pipes. He'll play them at any chance he gets. "The thing about pipers, is you'll almost never see them with a sheet of music in front of them," says Duncan. "They commit everything to memory."

Duncan reckons he's got a good memory for his age.



Tauranga bagpiper Duncan MacLeod is playing with the Auckland Police Pipe Band at the Edinburgh

Tattoo. Photo by Bruce Barnard.

How old is he? He has a momentary lapse in thought. He's 59. "I had to think about that for a second, I've just had a birthday."

It's the tunes that are planted in his memory, the "hundreds" of pipe melodies he can play off by heart.

"I can remember some of the tunes that I first learned 50 years ago." He names Scotland the Brave, Green Hills and The Battles O'er.

By Zoe Hunter

Uniform turned a boy into a man



*Gordon Carlin who
volunteered to serve
in the Korean War
pays a visit to the War
Memorial at Mount
Maunganui.*

Photo by Chris Callinan.

The Carlin family loved a good war. If they weren't talking about wars over the dinner table, they were listening to radio accounts of battles and body counts, or they were off actually fighting in them.

Blood-letting was in their blood.

Carlin Senior went off to the Boer War in 1899 and out-witted the Afrikaners. He went off to World War One in 1914, as did his wife, and they out-witted the Germans to come home alive.

Carlin Senior tried to make it three wars in a row and by all accounts the 60-something-year-old was decidedly "pissed" when the recruiter declined his offer to fight the Hun in '39.

But you can imagine how proud – and even a tad cheated and envious – Carlin Senior felt when in 1951 his son Gordon stood before him in full khakis. It was a day before embarkation for yet another war, the Korean War.

Carlin Senior, it seems, wasn't the slightest bit concerned about the possibility of his son getting shot up by the Commies. He was just happy he was a soldier, and he told Gordon as much.

"He said to me, 'You know young man, I thought there wasn't much to you. But now you have joined the army you are probably a man.'"

A trained fighting machine, 21 years old with a bulletproof attitude, and ready to fight for Queen and country. Yes, Gordon was probably a man.

But clarity for Gordon came only when he got his call-up. There was no polite invite to drop by the army office sometime.

"You are notified that you are hereby called up for service in the 'Kayforce'," the letter read. "You will report to the Adjutant, Papakura Military camp 12th June 1951 not later than 6pm."

It was no nonsense. Gordon says you know you are in the army when they say "You will." The boy who might be a man had just received his first orders.

And while his parents were excited for him, to have another Carlin at the frontline, to Gordon it was just an adventure.

"No-one ever going to war for the first time has the slightest idea of what it'll be like. I never gave a thought to dying. It just wasn't an issue."

But Gordon could have been forgiven for thinking the Carlin survival streak had gone the distance. The family had survived three wars, would they survive a fourth?

It did augur well. Before a shot was fired, before Gordon stepped ashore in Korea, his troopship 'Wahine' ran slap bang into a coral reef in the Arafura Sea.



Gordon Carlin of Papamoa was one of 4700 Kiwis who served in the Korean War as part of the New Zealand contingent called 'Kayforce.' Another 1300 served on NZ frigates.

The conflict war started on June 25 1950 and ended 62 years ago on Monday, July 27. 45 Kiwis lost their lives.

"There was a thump. The ship stopped dead and guys fell out of bed."

The 'Wahine' was left to rot, but with the assistance of Qantas, Gordon and his cohorts continued on their way to war. It was a sobering introduction.

"We were in a transport division – our job was to carry whatever for whoever. Petrol, barbed wire, bodies."

Bodies? Well, for example the Scottish Black Watch regiment arrived amid great brouhaha. "They thought their arrival would mean the end of the war."

"We went to the railway station one day and took 15 truckloads of Black Watch soldiers to the front line. The Chinese shelled and attacked like you wouldn't believe."

Next day they went back for the dead, hundreds of them. "Took them up live one day and picked them up dead the next." The young farmhand from Otorohanga was becoming battle hardened.

Gordon carted ammunition to the front. Four tons of shells manhandled onto the truck at one end and off the truck at the other end. "Fit, no brain, no pain".

There were also truckloads of logs to shore up Australian positions at the front.

Each truck also carried half a dozen Korean locals to assist with the unloading. On the way the communists shelled the convoy. "They would whistle overhead – whoosh – and then thump as they exploded," says Gordon.

When they got to the frontline the Koreans had disappeared off the back. "They obviously thought, 'Bugger this.' They took their chances and jumped ship."

Can't say I blame them.

Then there was the kind American truck driver who offered Gordon and his mates a lift when they were hitchhiking to

Busan on a day off. When they jumped up onto the tray of the truck, it was littered with the bodies of Korean civilians being taken for burial.

"He said, 'Don't worry about those guys, they won't do you any harm.'" No, they didn't, but they left an indelible memory.

"You know you are in a war zone and you are going to see dead people. There are going to be dead soldiers and live ones. It didn't worry us."

What did unsettle Gordon, what still unsettles Gordon, was the people. "All the young men were off at the front, fighting a war, and the cities were left to the elderly. They had no idea what the future held."

He holds a picture of an old man carrying firewood. The old man will be long dead, but in Gordon's mind he is still suffering, uncertain and afraid. It is the enduring face of the conflict.

"The Koreans are beautiful people and they will always be grateful for what we did." Almost makes going to war worthwhile for a young man.

Gordon is one of those self-effacing guys. He may have been there and made a contribution, but it was the NZ artillery that made a name for themselves.

"They had to lower their guns to ground level so they could fire into the face of the advancing communist horde. They sent them packing."

Then Gordon came home, went back to the farm and married Morag, and had six children. He now lives quietly with his war memories and photo album in Papamoa.

The Korean War started in June 1950 and ended 62 years ago this month. The 38th parallel still divides the two countries.

By Hunter Wells

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*Peter Washer from Cooney Lees Morgan discusses two
methods of legal ownership:*

Joint ownership and tenancy in common

The method of ownership needs to be decided before Title is transferred to the new owners.

The basic differences between the two methods of ownership are:

(a) Where the property is owned in joint ownership, if one of the owners dies, this deceased owner's share in the property will automatically belong to the surviving owner (or owners). The deceased owner's Will cannot override this.

(b) Where the property is owned as tenants in common, if one of the owners dies, this deceased owner's share in the property will not automatically belong to the surviving owner (or owners). The deceased owner's Will would decide who takes the deceased owner's share in the property.

While joint ownership can be more simple and straight forward if it is intended that surviving co-owners should have automatic full ownership on the death of one owner, there are advantages to ownership as tenants in common, which include:

(c) Owners can still leave their share in the property to the surviving owners. However, this is something that can be decided in an owner's Will, instead of being automatic.

(d) Owners would have the option of leaving their share in the property on trust (for the surviving owners or anyone else) under their Wills

The point at (b) above can be utilised to protect against this example:

- o A couple own their property in joint ownership. One partner in the couple dies and the surviving partner receives full ownership in the property.
- o The surviving partner later enters into a relationship with a new partner.
- o After 3 years in the new relationship, the new partner claims a half share of ownership in the property.
- o This results in the deceased partner's share in the property being taken by the new partner, and this means:
 - o the surviving partner loses ownership of the deceased partner's half share in the property; and
 - o any children from the first relationship could miss out on their deceased parent's share in the property.

If the property had been owned as tenants in common (instead of joint ownership), the deceased partner's share in the property could have been left on trust (under a life interest Will) for the surviving partner and any children. This would mean that:

- (a) Ownership of the deceased's partner's property would not legally pass to the surviving partner; and
- (b) Any new partner would be unable to make a claim for ownership in the deceased's partner's property, because this property would be held on trust by the surviving partner; and
- (c) The surviving partner would still have full use and control of the deceased partner's property, and final ownership of this property could be preserved for any children of the deceased partner.

Tenancy in common ownership and life interest Wills are nothing new. They have been a method used for estate planning and asset protection for many decades, and as illustrated by the above example, they are an important structure to consider.

A family trust brings a whole new level and scope to estate and asset protection matters. However, if you do not have a family trust, consideration should be given to the above matters.



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GP looking to ease rates burden for retirees

After deliberating on over 1000 submissions to the Council's "Draft" 2015-25 Long Term Plan (LTP), and a petition of over 2000 signatures demanding a rates freeze, the final plan was confirmed on June 25th and is now available on-line.¹

And what a monster document of 513 pages they have produced for the long-suffering ratepayer to wade through!

Ross Paterson, the Mayor of WBOP District Council, noted that "Ratepayers gave us a very strong message that affordability of rates and a reduction of debt were the two issues of greatest concern."²

However, there have been no significant cuts to expenditure to create relief to ratepayers in the final LTP. This is despite the widely-reported claims from the Mayor that: "We listened to ratepayer's call for a rein-in on rates. This resulted in a rates increase of less than four percent for the 2015-16 year and a four percent cap on total rates from 2016 to 2025."²

So, what is the truth? Below is a chart showing the proposed rates increases for each year from the Draft LTP compared with the final LTP.

Annual & 10 Year Cumulative Planned Total % Rate Increases 2016-2017											
(Draft vs Final WBOP District Council Long Term Plan 2016-2025)											
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	10 Yr Cum.
Draft LTP ³	4.85	2.84	2.59	3.07	3.87	2.18	3.82	2.63	3.70	2.80	37.5%
Final LTP ⁴	3.8	3.5	3.7	3.7	3.4	2.7	3.7	2.6	3.8	3.7	40.2%

We can see that the Mayor is correct – rates have been decreased by just over 1% for 2016 in the final plan. BUT, by use of smoke and mirrors, Council has hidden the fact that cumulative rates for the 10 year plan have been sneaked up from 37.5% to 40.2%. The rates burden has NOT been reined-in! In fact rate increases have escalated in 6 of the succeeding years. Does Council really think that they can deceive all of the ratepayers all of the time??

So let's look at who will benefit from the magnanimous slashing of the proposed 2016 rate hike by just over 1%.

Considering Urban Residential properties, where the majority of our retirees are located, we see that the much-trumpeted rates reduction is virtually invisible, as evidenced in the chart below.

Draft vs Final LTP Rate Increases for 2016 Urban Residential Areas			
Urban Area	Draft LTP ⁵	Final LTP ⁶	Benefit to Ratepayers
Maketu	0%	-1%	1% Reduction
Te Puke	+5%	+5%	Nil
Kaimai (Omokoroa)	+4%	+4%	Nil
Katikati	+5%	+5%	Nil
Waihi Beach	+5%	+4%	1% Reduction

So who is really benefiting from the much-heralded 1% reduction in rates across the WBOP for 2016? Certainly not the majority of our retirees, nor dairy farmers, orchardists or commercial/industrial ratepayers, if the information on-line is to be believed.

WBOP District Council has the dubious honour of levying the highest average rates New Zealand- wide – over \$1000 per property above the national average.⁷ With annual inflation running at 0.3% (June 20158), and Council having acknowledged the call from ratepayers to rein-in rates, any increase over CPI is an admission of fiscal failure and blatant disregard of the plight of all ratepayers, especially those on fixed incomes. The time for Council to merely listen is over – action that demonstrates they have understood the pain of ratepayers is well overdue.

We don't need to simply accept the seemingly inevitable rates rises from Council. They are our elected representatives spending our money. Demand accountability! Let your local councillors know that you are unhappy and want to see them act on ratepayers' concerns regarding escalating rates. Join your local Ratepayers Association, or form one for your Ward, and support their lobbying activities. Lobby your local MPs if you get no satisfaction from Council. Paula Bennett, Minister of Local Government, echoed our concerns in her speech to the Local Government Annual Conference in Rotorua on 21st July when she said: "Ratepayers are not willing to pay more for services while they see waste."⁹

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Cost verses Value

There has been a lot going on in politics over the past ten months since I became a New Zealand First, List MP based in Tauranga.

The Northland Bi-election was an experience that I was fortunate enough to play a big part in and an opportunity that I also learnt so much from. It was great to see and feel the swelling support of Rural New Zealand desperately wanting change, they like many other parts of provincial New Zealand felt forgotten and marginalised by the current Government and decided to 'send them a message'.

Another message that needs to be sent by New Zealanders and received strongly by Government is the short sighted thinking regarding the retrospective removal of the one thousand dollar, KiwiSaver kick start programme that has been extremely successful in getting young Kiwi's to think about their future and be

proactive by signing up to KiwiSaver for their retirement. The removal of this Kick Start incentive has seen an overnight drop in new members of approximately 50% which will have dire long term consequences for the future. It is important also to note that this Government has not contributed any money to the Cullen Fund (over the past seven years), which is estimated to be around \$17 billion in lost revenue and earning potential. NZ Super is affordable at about 4.1 net of GDP and the Cullen Fund was a wise move to reassure Kiwis that they will have a pension during heavy demand.

I was disappointed recently when the Rt Honourable Winston Peters Private Members Bill was voted down, which was designed to give 'Three Free Dr's Visits' to Gold Card holders. This Government needs to know the difference between cost and value. New Zealand First will not give up on looking after the best interests of New Zealanders.

Clayton Mitchell – NZ First Party

Making NZ pension much fairer

A New Zealand First Bill changing the eligibility for NZ Super was today selected to be introduced to Parliament.

"The intention is for NZ Super to be more fairly allocated," says New Zealand First MP Denis O'Rourke, who proposed the New Zealand Superannuation and Retirement Income (Pro Rata Entitlement) Amendment Bill.

"The amount paid would depend on how many years the recipient has been resident in the country.

"For example, there are about 80,000 people who immigrated when they were over the age of 50, gained residency, and have become eligible for NZ Super at 65. They may never have worked in New Zealand, paid taxes and contributed to NZ Super. This is unfair to Kiwis who have lived and worked here all their lives.

"The Bill will also future proof against the demand of

hundreds of thousands who may return to New Zealand after decades of working and gaining pensions overseas, these people may include immigrants who used New Zealand as a back-door entry to Australia.

"As other countries raise the age for pensions, and otherwise tighten eligibility, New Zealand might be seen as a soft option. We could have a flood of older people.

"The Bill will bring relief for over 70,000 whose overseas pensions are now deducted from NZ Super. The Bill will allow them to keep their pensions, and they will be eligible for NZ Super on the length of time they have been resident and present in New Zealand. They will be pleased that New Zealand First had the courage to tackle the issue for them."

New Zealand superannuation and Retirement (pro Rata Entitlement Bill

By Denis O'Rourke

POLITICAL FORUM

Local Government working for you

Yesterday I took the chance to address mayors and councillors from around the country about my vision for the future of local government in New Zealand.

My message was clear: control your expenditure, and think strategically about how your structures can support growth.

Ratepayers are not willing to pay for more services while they see waste. And they shouldn't!

Local government plays an important role in promoting regional growth and addressing some of those long standing issues that John Key's National Government has made a priority.

I expect councils to look closely at costs, have free and frank conversations about what is driving expenditure, and whether that expenditure is assisting councils to create stronger local economies.



Inevitably, the conversation about how local government works usually turns to what the structures look like.

It is crucial they start looking at growth across regions, but the current structures are not strategically or cohesively supporting that.

I believe we need to call time on what has been a relentless focus on how many mayors we have, or for bureaucrats to decide what your local democracy looks like.

That's why the Government and the Local Government Commission will work with each region to develop structures that link up crucial services like transport, water, and economic development.

I want to see local government do more work on the priorities that

New Zealanders expect and deliver better value for ratepayers – whatever structure they operate under.

Regards, Hon Paula Bennett

Tauranga Audiology

Not all pensioners equal

Nearing retirement age I completed the application for my pension, an individual entitlement that every New Zealander is entitled to.

How wrong I was to expect to receive what is rightfully mine. Why you ask? It is covered under Section 70 of the Social Security Act 1964. If you have a few hours to spare and like a challenge you can check out the law at: <http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1964/0136/latest/DLM363550.html>

A few short weeks ago I knew nothing of Section 70. I found out about it when I submitted my application for the pension and was informed that due to my American husband receiving a US pension my pension would be affected by Section 70.

Understandably, my husband did not want to apply – as the NZ pension is supposedly an entitlement, universal and non means tested, he did not see why my pension was dependant on his applying. The explanation given was that his application was required so that the amount I received could be assessed. It was not enough that all my husband's details were on my application. I had also provided proof of his US pension.

When I was advised that without his application I would receive absolutely nothing, my husband completed the appli-

cation form, (with the exact same information the department already had from my application), and attended the appointment at MSD. Here he was told that he would not qualify (surprise, surprise) as he received the US pension, but his application would enable the department to make the assessment re my pension. Bureaucracy! Three appointments when one should have done.

Makes one wonder if the department is both overstaffed and over funded if it is demanding applications that they know at the outset will be denied.

A few days later both I and my husband received a letter from MSD. His carried the message that his application was declined, mine advised that due to Section 70 I would be receiving less than half of what I am entitled to.

Section 70 affects more people than we realise and for the government it is a nice little money earner, in excess of \$200 million a year. Section 70 is not something NZ should be proud of with many countries not willing to enter into Social Security Agreements with NZ while Section 70 exists in its current format.

I intend to fight this decision and will be requesting a review even though my research indicates that I will not succeed. This awareness of this issue needs to be raised.

If you would like more information regarding this issue the following two sites that have a wealth of information:

<http://www.nzpensionprotest.com/Home/the-fight/nz-pension-abuse-website>

<http://nzpensionabuse.org.s3-website-us-east-1.amazonaws.com/>

This paper <http://ips.ac.nz/publications/files/f40383fed1f.pdf> by M. Claire Dale and Susan St John from Auckland University also covers this issue.

By Donna (GP Member)

NOTE: Tauranga & WBOP Grey Power have lobbied against this issue, plus we had the article in our last magazine. We wrote to MP Winston Peters, NZ First and Minister Anne Tolley on the subject. It is great that MP Denis O'Rourke, NZ First has got a Bill underway for changes to the Superannuation entitlement and particularly this section 70.

Read Denis O'Rourke's editorial on the previous page.



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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Pay Wave / Tap 'n Go Credit Cards

Please note we are still supplying the \$2.50 RFID (radio frequency ID) shields for your security with these cards.

Please keep all your receipts and if the shop attendant asks if you want your receipt please say YES, because without that receipt you cannot prove any payments.

If you are due to be, or have been, issued with a new credit card from your bank, you will be automatically issued with a Pay Wave, Tap 'n Go, capable card.

If you are not in agreement with using this facility on your card and are an ASB customer, approach your nearest ASB Branch and ask for this facility to be switched OFF. They are the ONLY bank to provide this option.

Switching the Tap 'n Go/Pay wave function on your card to OFF does not affect the capability of your card, but you will need to enter your PIN number.

Banks were canvassed with the following question -

"In relation to the Pay wave/Tap'nGo credit cards, do you have the ability to disable this function?"

The replies were -

Westpac - No facility to turn it off - have to have it

BNZ - No facility to turn it off - have to have it

ANZ - Definitely no facility - have to



have it.

TSB - No facility - but will look into the prospect of providing the option.

SBS - At first did not know about it. Then yes they did have it and no they cannot turn it off.

KIWI BANK - Only bank that does not have the pay wave or tap 'n go function on their cards.

Their answer was - 'We chose not to go down that path'

Go to the top of the class Kiwi Bank - top marks to you

My follow up question to you all is this -

'If one Bank can provide the option to disable the pay wave facility, then WHY can't the rest of the Banks do the same, the facility to do so must be available?'

Their excuse is that Mastercard and Visa are making it compulsory.

If we all were to put pressure on our individual bank to provide this 'turn off' feature for these cards I'm sure that the Banks would be forced to listen.

By Carolyn Townsend

To all SeniorNet Learning Centre Members

Since the inception of the SeniorNet Federation in 2006, a significant portion of our funding has been derived through the Tertiary Education Commission (TEC) by way of a grant from the Adult Community Education (ACE) division.

To achieve this, the Federation has been required to write and submit an annual Investment Plan stating its purpose and its alignment with the current education priorities of the sector. In addition, the Federation has been required to report back to the TEC, showing how the funding had been used.

The Federation was advised in April of this year that funding applications for 2016 were to be made available to the wider community, whereas previously the ACE funding was only available to already registered community education providers - of which the Federation was one of 32 in the country. Successful applications would then be required to submit Investment Plans as before.

To our surprise, we were last week informed that our application to be considered for funding in 2016 had been unsuccessful. No specific reasons were given, only an indication that the number of applications they received had been significant and the total funding requested outstripped the capped funding available in the ACE pool which is \$10.8 million. This is will have a significant impact on our funding for 2016 and the Federation's ability to fund its Learning Centre members to similar levels as in previous years.

The Federation Committee and the Executive Officer will be working hard to find alternative funding streams for 2016. For the remainder of 2015 our current funding contract with TEC remains intact, so it's business as usual, and the funding arrangements via Learner Hour payments will continue.

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“Our products are easy to use, are safe and very stable.”

Their new product they have available is the Tubular Knee Scooter.

This Scooter is designed for people who have non weight bearing injuries below the knee.

So if you are to have leg or ankle surgery, have injured your Achilles tendon, then hiring a Tubular Knee Scooter may be of benefit to you.

This three wheeled Scooter is built to support the injured leg/ankle and will allow you to move around confidently, while still recuperating. It comes with a drink bottle/cup holder, and basket, and can turn easily in small tight spaces.

The Tubular Knee Scooter has been designed by Allan and they are manufactured in their Tauranga factory. The Tubular Knee Scooter is hired nationwide.

Cavalry Ultimate

Understanding the new toll roads

Well by the time you are reading this, the Tauranga Eastern Link toll road will be open and that is, I think, exciting! I live in Te Puke and have watched every new development, took the bus tour when the Kaituna Bridge was finished, got really mad when the fire was deliberately lit at the Domain Road interchange, and of course had an opinion on the sculptures, and now I am looking forward to the Open Day.

So how will the toll system work for individuals, I won't give info on business customers, only other grey kiwis like me.

First, there is no need to slow down or stop, or prearrange payment, just travel straight on through, the new electronic toll points will capture the image of your vehicle registration plate.

Next, you choose how to pay your toll, which must be paid within five days.

You can set up an account, or pay as you go, either pay online, via the 0800 number or at selected service stations.

If you choose to pay in person at a service station, a transaction fee of \$1.20 will apply. So either online or by phone is the way to go!

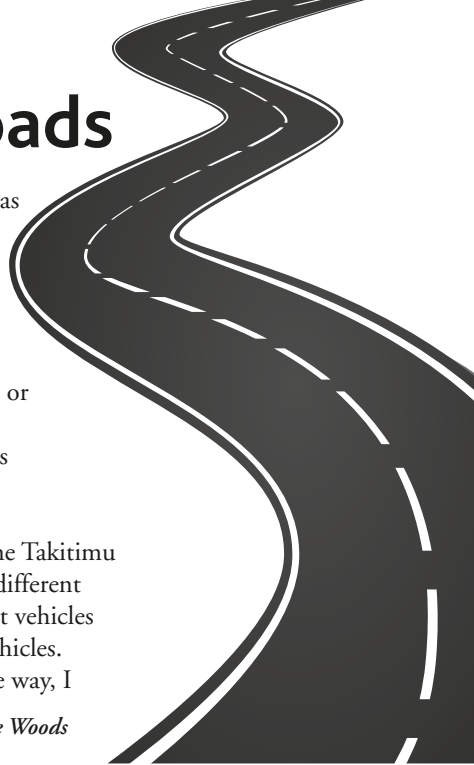
The website to set up an account is www.tollroad.govt.nz

The free call no is 0800 40 20 20.

The same system works now for the Takitimu Drive Toll Road, though the toll is different Tauranga Eastern Link, \$2.00 light vehicles Takitimu Drive, \$1.80 for light vehicles.

So, enjoy the new road, and by the way, I love the two sculptures!

By Gaye Woods



In My Day

I was born before:

- Television, penicillin, polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, contact lenses, the pill.
- There were no: credit cards, laser beams or ball point pens.
- Man had not invented: pantyhose, air conditioners, dishwashers, clothes dryers, clothes were hung out in the fresh air to dry and man had not yet walked on the moon.
- People got married first..... and then lived together.
- Nearly Every family had a father and a mother.
- Until I was 25, I called every man older than me 'Sir.'
- We were before gay-rights, computer dating, dual careers, daycare centres and group therapy
- Our lives were governed by the Ten Commandments, good judgment and common sense.
- We were taught to know the difference between right and wrong and to stand up and take responsibility for our actions.
- Living In this country was a big privilege and honouring your country was expected.
- Having a meaningful relationship meant getting along with your cousins/neighbours.
- Time-sharing meant time the family spent together in the evenings and weekends not purchasing apartments.
- We never heard of FM radios, tape decks, TV, CD's electric typewriters, yogurt or fellows wearing earrings.
- I don't ever remember any kid blowing his brains out from listening to music.
- If you saw anything with 'Made in Japan' on it, it was junk.
- The term 'making out' referred to how you did on your school exam.
- Pizza Hut, McDonald's and instant coffee were unheard of.
- We have 1d and 6d (1 cent & 5 cents for those of you who can't remember) bags of sweets.
- It cost 6d to go to the pictures.

- If you didn't want to splurge, because making a long distance phone call was very expensive and you had to ask the operator to have you connected realizing that you had to clear the line of the other 11 people who could also use the same line, you could spend 1d (penny) to send a letter or use a public toilet.

In my day –

- Grass got mowed; 'coke' was a cold drink; 'pot' was something that your mother cooked in
- 'Rock music' was your grandmother's lullaby and 'aids' were people who helped in the Principal office.
- And 'chip' meant a piece of wood, 'hardware' was found in a hardware store;
- 'Software' wasn't even a word and we were the last generation to actually believe that a lady needed a husband to have a baby.

No wonder people call us 'old and confused' and say there is a generation gap - but we are only in our 60's!





YOUR HEALTH & LED LIGHTS

If you suffer from light sensitivity, then the cold white LED light (Light Emitting Diode) may be irritating to you.

The warm white LED lights, that are now available may help. Please ask your stockists.

Eyestrain is caused mainly by the blue LED lights and can cause irreparable damage to the retina of the human eye.

The harmful light from LED's comes primarily from the short wave, high energy blue and violet end of the visible light spectrum. Too much blue light from LED bulbs can affect your sleep, mood and cancer fighting abilities.

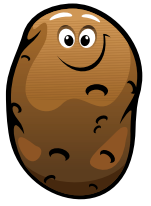
Light emitted from electronic devices maybe harmful over time and some experts are calling for LED lights to have blue filters to cut out the blue glare. Looking directly at LED lights such as head and tail lights in vehicles could be damaging to the eye's retina.

Be extra careful of the coiled compact fluorescent lights (CFL's), as they have a powdered mercury content and can emit high levels of radiation. Dispose of responsibly after use and if they shatter on your floor or carpet, get expert help to remove the dangerous mercury powder.

However, the vast majority of LED lights are safe for normal use.

For further information Google LED lights – Live Science

PO - TATERS



Some people never seem motivated to participate, but are just content to watch while others do the work.

They are called "Spec Taters".

Some people never do anything to help, but are gifted at finding fault with the way others do the work.

They are called "Comment Taters".

Some people are very bossy and like to tell others what to do, but don't want to soil their own hands.

They are called "Dick Taters".

Some people are always looking to cause problems by asking others to agree with them.

It is too hot or too cold, too sour or too sweet.

They are called "Agie Taters".

There are those who say they will help, but somehow just never get around to actually doing the promised help.

They are called "Hezzie Taters".

Some people can put up a front and pretend to be someone they are not.

They are called "Immy Taters".

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Q: What is Mozart doing right now?
Decomposing.

Q: How do trees access the Internet?
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If money doesn't grow on trees, why do banks have branches?

Ah, being young is beautiful
But being old is comfortable!



Thinking of living in a retirement village?

The Retirement Commissioner works to ensure the legislative framework for retirement villages is effective in protecting residents within a well-functioning market, and that retirement village operators comply with the Retirement Villages Act 2003, regulations and the Code of Practice.

The seminars focus on things to consider before choosing to live in a retirement village and practical tips before you sign up to live in a retirement village.

Speakers from the Commission, Retirement Villages Association and legal profession will discuss types of retirement village structure, costs and operations.

The seminars will also explain some important resident's rights and where you can find out more info.

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ACC top up your weekly pension to 80% of your weekly pay and this only applies for two years.

If you are self employed and have personal accident insurance ACC will not pay out. You cannot have both!

WANTED

Keen followers of the political scene who are interested in helping to research issues that affect pensioners. eg TPPA, Pay wave cards, Smart Meters, Rates, Superannuation, health Insurance, the list goes on!

Tauranga & Western BOP Grey Power now has a proactive working group to research issues and form submissions or write letters to government and the Grey Power Federation.

The Federation needs these submissions/remits to present to the Ministers at Parliament on behalf of our members. Be involved, please phone or call the Grey Power Office in the Historic Village and record your name and phone number with us 571 2558 or email:

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Come along to the coffee mornings for discussion on issues!

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TAURANGA GREY POWER DISCOUNT BOOKLET

This year we have a new revamped book with quite a few new businesses offering you all the more discounts and we thank them for this.

Remember our booklet is offered to members 50+ and your Gold card is for over 65 so there are advantages here for our younger members

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You maybe able to get extra financial help from Work and Income to pay your power bill or buy warm blankets, bedding or heaters.

This could be an advance, a recoverable assistance payment [which you would need to pay back] or a special needs grant. You don't have to be receiving a benefit to get this help. To find out more ,get in touch with Work and Income on:

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If you are over 65 call 0800 552 002

Or go to www.workandincome.govt.nz

SENIORLINE

Information on home community health and rest homes!

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TPP

The TPP failed to get signed in Haiwaii 31st July thank goodness, but another meeting to try again is to be held in three weeks. NZ has another Protest March planned on the 15th August 1pm so if you can make the effort Tauranga it will be in the Red Square.

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