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# MEETINGS - VENUES & TIMES

**KAMO** *est. November 1998*

Venue: Kamo Club Inc., Meldrum St, Kamo.  
Date: 2nd Tuesday of month 1.00pm  
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**WHANGAREI** *est. July 1990*

Venue: Northland Club, 8 Porowini Ave, Whangarei  
Date: 2nd Thursday of month 10.00am  
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**BREAM BAY** *est. May 1996*

Venue: Ruakaka Recreation Hall, Ruakaka. (Off Peter Snell Drive)  
Date: 4th Friday of month, 10.00am  
Phone: 09 433 0434  
Email: joymurray@xtra.co.nz

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**DARGAVILLE** *est. December 1998*

Venue: Dargaville Rugby Club, Murdoch Street, Dargaville.  
Date: 1st Tuesday of month 1.00pm  
Phone: 09 439 4560  
Email: marg\_pinny@xtra.co.nz.

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**BIRKENHEAD** *est. August 1991*

Venue: Cedar Anglican Church, 56a Tramway Rd, Beachhaven  
Date: 2nd Tuesday of month, 10.00am  
Phone: 09 483 8497  
Email: ednabulkeley@hotmail.com

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**BROWNS BAY** *est. February 1988*

Venue: Progress Hall, Anzac Road,  
Date: 10.00am, 4th Monday of the month  
Phone: 09 413 9960  
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**DEVONPORT** *est. September 1989*

Venue: Trinity Hall, Church Street, Devonport  
Date: 2nd Tuesday of month 10.00am  
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**GLENFIELD** *est. 2nd April, 1990*

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Date: 1st Monday of month 1.30pm (2nd Monday if 1st is holiday).  
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Email: john.poppertime@gmail.com

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**HIBISCUS COAST** *est. June 1986*

Venue: Hibiscus Coast RSA  
43a Vipond Rd, Stanmore Bay, Whangarapaoa  
Date: 3rd Wednesday of month 10.00am  
Phone: 09 427 6141  
Email: peter.helen2018@gmail.com

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**NORTHCOTE** *est. May 1990*

Venue: Northcote Citizens Hall, Ernie Mays Street, Northcote  
Date: 1st Friday of month 10.00am  
Phone: 09 433 5227  
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**PUKEKOHE** *est. September 1996*

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Date: 2nd Wednesday of month 10.30am  
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**SOUTH AUCKLAND** *est. May 1989*

Venue: St Andrews Presbyterian Church, 150 Great South Road, Manurewa  
Date: 1st Wednesday of month 10.00am.  
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Email: wlevin@xtra.co.nz

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**TAKAPUNA** *est. June 1983*

Venue: St Joseph's Catholic Church Hall, 10 Dominion Street, Takapuna.  
Date: 3rd Thursday of month 10.30am - 12.30pm monthly meeting.  
Phone: 09 413 6562, 027 486 1023  
Email: utting2@xtra.co.nz

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**WEST AUCKLAND** *est. July 1982*

Venue: New Lynn Friendship Club Inc, 3063 Great North Rd, New Lynn.  
Date: 4th Saturday of the month at 10.30am  
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Email: gill.a@xtra.co.nz

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**MATAMATA** *est. April 2010*

Venue: Anglican Church Lounge, Hohaia Street, Matamata  
Date: 2nd Monday of month 1.30pm  
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**CAMBRIDGE**

Venue: Christian Centre, Raleigh Street, Leamington.  
Date: 1st Tuesday of month 12.15pm  
Phone: 07 827 6305  
Email: haytonval@gmail.com

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**TE AWAMUTU** *est. September 2008*

Venue: Waipa Workingmens Club 139 Albert Park Drive, Te Awamutu  
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# PRESIDENTS REPORT

Well the New year has not got off to a great start with the Covid-19 virus disrupting our world and how we meet. I know for many, these last two months have been distressing and lonely as we have had to stay at home in our 'bubbles'. I hope you have all kept well, safe and been kind to yourself and others in your neighbourhood. I have missed seeing all my 60s Up friends at our monthly meetings as I am sure all members have missed their friends. We look forward to resuming our meetings soon .

I wish to thank all branches for their cards expressing their condolences at the passing of my husband in February. Some members have lost a dear one during this lock down and it is sad that in most cases you could not have a proper farewell and I send my love and thoughts to you.

Unfortunately we had to cancel the AGM as we could not be sure when large groups would be able to meet again. The hotel in Tauranga has held onto our deposit so we can look forward to seeing you all in June 2021. I was to visit some branches during the last two months and I am sorry these visits also had to be cancelled.

Did anyone do any wonderful thing to keep occupied during lockdown? If you did, please send photos or write about what you did and send to Jacqui Prior so she can include these in the next Focus

My thoughts are with you all and we hope things will return to 'normal' soon Take Care Stay Safe.

*Alison*

## EDITORIAL

Hi there all I hope that you have all been keeping well, safe and happy in your particular 'bubble' during these very strange times. It's been particularly difficult for those of you who live alone. Happily, some relief is on the horizon.

Some great contributions in Focus this time from Peter Batten, Hibiscus Coast on a bracing day trip spent on the Waitemata Harbour (pictured on front cover). John Child and Janet Keeble, Glenfield on the joys of the Covid-19 lock-down and two very informative articles on branch meeting speakers from Rosemary Jamieson of Silverstream.

Please keep all the photographs and reports coming in - other members love to see items from other branches, it also gives them ideas for future events to organise for themselves.

By the time you are reading this we should be well into 'Level 1' which should be a comfort to us all. Stay well.

*Cheers Jacqui*

# OBITUARY

## In Memory of Ian Ross Waugh

17th May 1934 - 5th February 2020

A long time resident of Bream Bay, Ian Waugh died in Whangarei in February this year.

For 34 years Ian and Alison Waugh lived at One Tree Point where the entrance of Marsden Point Marina is now located. They moved there in 1972, when Ian took a job as security guard at the Oil Refinery. Alison also worked at the Oil Refinery, as Occupational Health Nurse.

Alison and Ian were foundation members of the Bream Bay 60sUp Branch with Alison serving as President for four years and Ian very involved with the petanque group. Ian was always very supportive of Alison in the leading roles she took, within the 60sUp Movement. Ian was a life member of the Auckland Police Pipe band and always a keen piper and bandsman. Every New Year's Eve Ian would lead a band of 12 pipers and drummers in parade down One Tree Point Road and residents would be 'first footing' one another. Ian's family were of Scottish descent, he was born at Ngaruawahia but moved with his family to Hamilton as a young child. He began his piping career with the Hamilton Pipe band.



After selling their home to the Hopper development, Ian & Alison moved to Whau Valley in Whangarei and then later to Kamo where they joined the local 60s Up Branch.

Ian had been unwell for the past four years. Ian & Alison had been married for 57 years. They have two daughters, four surviving grandchildren and eight surviving great-grandchildren.

## SILVERSTREAM BRANCH

Silverstream's 60s Up recently heard from one of Upper Hutt's forty Justices of the Peace, Mike Aamodt, about the history and current role of the justices. As 'keepers of the peace' they belonged to an ancient and honourable institution established about 800 years ago in the UK. The first New Zealand Justice of the Peace was missionary Thomas Kendall of Kerikeri, appointed more than 200 years ago, in 1814.

Justices are not lawyers, have no legal standing and cannot give any form of legal advice. A prospective JP can be nominated by anyone, including the interested person. An application form found on the Federation of NZ Justices Associations' website is completed, and sent together with a CV of city involvement, letters of recommendation from city organisations and a paragraph stating why the applicant believes they are suitable to be a justice to the electorate MP.

The MP interviews the nominee and makes a recommendation to the associate Minister of Justice. If the nominee is approved, on-line training starts. It is not difficult to pass - you just need to know your way around the manual.

The recommendation then goes to the Governor-General who signs a Gazette notice. The local association arranges with a local court judge a swearing-in, where the new justice is allowed to have their photo taken up on the bench with their family - a very rare honour!

Most of the work comprises verifying copied documents and taking affidavits and statutory declarations. Judicial justices complete an additional one-year course and a practicum set by the Chief District



*Acting Branch President  
Jennie Peterson with Mike  
Aamodt QSM JP*

Court Judge and oversee bail applications and traffic cases.

In 2018 Mike met with 172 people at his home, 83 at the public library during a 3-month period and viewed 1,567 documents.

The role of justices is voluntary - they are not under any obligation to be at anyone's beck and call, though they have to be available within reason to the community. They do not accept gifts or even a koha.

To find an accredited JP, go to [jpfed.org.nz](http://jpfed.org.nz)

*Rosemary Jamieson - Silverstream Branch*



## OBITUARY

### DEVONPORT BRANCH

Sadly our Branch felt the sorrow of the passing of valued member Roy Wheeler on 1st May 2020.

Roy and his wife Molly moved to NZ from Durban South Africa mid-2000 to settle in Devonport. They recognized the value of joining the 60'sUp Movement not only for making new friendships, but to experience some interesting excursions and stimulating entertainment.

Roy was elected to committee in 2007 and two years later elected President and this position he held for seven years. His health issues led to him to reluctantly step down to Vice-President.

Over this time as President, Roy arranged many social outings and produced a very informative newsletter. All our members so appreciated Roy for his ready humour and chatty nature. He had a great empathy with people and made everyone welcome. Despite requiring surgery with ongoing health issues, Roy wished to remain Vice- President and also attended some luncheons via his wheelchair when he was able.

Roy was 91 years. His lovely wife Molly has two families nearby fortunately, in support at this time.

Last year 2019 our Devonport Branch presented Roy with Branch Life Membership for his commitment and dedication to our 60's Up branch.

We also lost another lovely wonderful member during lock-down, Olive Mitchell. It was difficult not to be able to farewell these memorable members.

## **ELECTRIC VEHICLES:**

Ignore the rumours and face the facts There's a lot of hype, both positive and negative, around electric vehicles (EVs). If you're considering buying one, you should first check the facts, especially as they relate to New Zealand. Here are some pros and cons around buying and driving an EV.

### **THE PROS**

#### *Cheaper to run*

An EV runs on a battery, which needs charging. You can charge your EV at home, and pay for it in your power bill. Even if you recharge at a specialist charge station, the cost is far lower than the price of petrol.

#### *Cheaper to maintain*

Because EVs don't have the many moving parts that petrol cars require, ongoing maintenance is much less. No oil changes, no valve replacements, no pump breakdowns, no spark plugs.

#### *Better for the environment*

An EV has no carbon emissions, while a petrol-driven vehicle can emit 4.5 metric tonnes a year. Even better, 80% of New Zealand's electricity comes from renewable power. That makes running an EV in New Zealand even more environmentally friendly than in most other countries. Even factoring for manufacturing and battery disposal, EVs are still by far and away the better choice, environmentally speaking.

#### *Smooth, quiet efficiency*

You'll be amazed how smoothly and quietly an EV drives. Also, an electric motor reacts more quickly than a petrol one, with better braking response. Plus, unlike petrol cars, you don't use more power stopping and starting.

### **THE CONS**

#### *Limited range*

Most EVs have limited-range batteries, making longer trips a challenge. However, companies are offering better range in newer models, Tesla leading the way with a 600km battery in its long-range sedan. With the affordability of shorter-range EVs, and the growing NZ charge-station infrastructure, limited-range batteries look like less and less of a problem.

#### *Finding a charging station*

For around-town driving your home-charging is fine, and you should

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spot the charge stations in your neighbourhood in case you get caught out. For a longer trip, locate available charge stations on your route. In New Zealand, more fast-charge stations are being installed, and a longer trip is certainly possible with a little planning.

### *Waiting to charge*

Fully charging your EV at home can take up to eight hours, so it's best to do it overnight. Fast-charging gives a battery up to 80% capacity in 30 minutes. If you're in a hurry this may not be ideal, but it's good to take a break when driving long distances. While your EV is charging, have lunch!

### *Expensive to buy*

While this is still true, more mid-price EVs are coming on the market to meet growing demand. Plus, enough time has gone by for second-hand EVs to be available. But if you're wanting a Tesla, Jaguar or Porsche EV, be prepared for a hefty price-tag.

### *Replacing the battery*

At least once in the life of your EV, you will probably need to replace the battery pack. These specialist batteries are not cheap, but prices are coming down as EVs get more common.

### **Do your EV homework**

After studying the pros and cons, you may be convinced that an EV is the way to go. Do more research – find out what's available right now, decide what you're willing to spend, and plot the growing fast-charge infrastructure both nearby and across New Zealand.

Happy sustainable driving!

*Borrowed from the Grown-Ups Web Page*

**As of Jan 2020, there are 144 DC rapid charging stations in the North Island and a further 65 in the South Island ... plus another 300+ AC charge points registered on Plugshare.**



# GLENFIELD BRANCH

Activities during the Level 4 Lock down

At the close of play this 2019/20 year we had 106 Members having started with 86. A good year for us. A number of these have been with Glenfield Branch for many years and some of them sadly cannot join in with our regular activities but stay very much in touch via our monthly Newsletter. This is an important element in their monthly routines.

We decided on 22nd March that because of what was to happen over the next few months that we needed to take some basic decisions -

1. *Continue with the Monthly Newsletter*
2. *Conduct a rigorous poll of our Members about retaining our momentum.*

As a result of this Our Committee for the sake of continuity would re-elect ourselves for a further term - Members were asked by phone and Newsletter to voice their thoughts and they overwhelmingly approved of our action. Our June Newsletter has both The President's and Treasurer's Annual Reports.

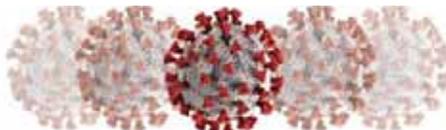
When we are allowed to, we decided that our first Monthly meeting would be as normal as possible, with a quick aside for those present to ratify their Committee's actions. Should this not be given an extraordinary AGM will be convened.

Newsletter Production

If you have taken the time to read this epistle, yes I know I do go on a bit, you will have gathered that our Newsletter has an important part to play.

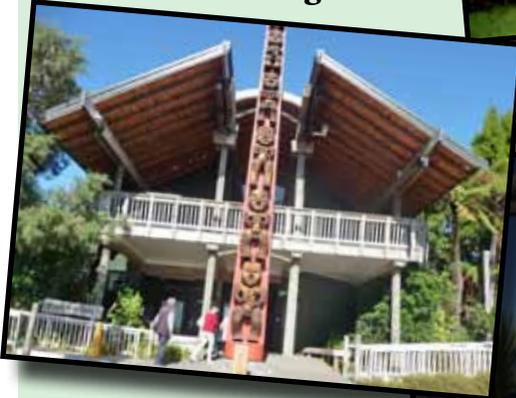
Firstly a draft is subjected to three sub-editors, when approved, Janet emails it to Windsor Funerals, who this year has been printing them for us, and then CEO Hazel places the copies in her mailbox. Janet collects and puts them into pre-prepared envelopes (fully gloved), drives to the post box and leaves the gloves in the rubbish bin before returning home. After washing her hands sends the rest to our members by email, that's about half our membership.

*Glenfield Branch - John Child, President*





*Glenfield Branches trip  
to The Tree Church at  
Ohaupo and the Arataki  
visitors Centre in the  
Waitakere Rangers.*



## DID YOU KNOW.. ??

They used to use urine to tan animal skins, so families used to all pee in a pot and then once a day it was taken and sold to the tannery. If you had to do this to survive you were 'piss poor.'

But worse than that were the really poor folk who couldn't even afford to buy a pot; they 'didn't have a pot to piss in' and were the lowest of the low.

The next time you are washing your hands and complain because the water temperature isn't just how you like it, think about how things used to be. Here are some facts about the 1500s:

Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May, and they still smelled pretty good by June. Since they were starting to smell, however, brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odor. Hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married.

Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the women, and finally the children. Last of all the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it .. hence the saying, 'Don't throw the baby out with the bath water!'

Houses had thatched roofs-thick straw-piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the cats and other small animals (mice, bugs) lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof, resulting in the idiom, 'It's raining cats and dogs.'

There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house.

This posed a real problem in the bedroom where bugs and other droppings could mess up your nice clean bed, therefore, a bed with big posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection. That's how canopy beds came into existence.

The floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt, leading folks to coin the phrase 'dirt poor.'

The wealthy had slate floors that would get slippery in the winter when wet, so they spread thresh (straw) on the floor to help keep their footing. As the winter wore on, they added more thresh until, when you opened the door, it would all start slipping outside. A piece of wood was placed in the entrance-way, subsequently creating a 'thresh hold.'

In those old days, they cooked in the kitchen with a big kettle that always hung over the fire.. Every day they lit the fire and added things to the pot. They ate mostly vegetables and did not get much meat. They would eat the stew for dinner, leaving leftovers in the pot to get cold overnight and then start over the next day. Sometimes stew had food in it that had been there for quite a while, and thus the rhyme, 'Peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot nine days old.'

Sometimes they could obtain pork, which made them feel quite special. When visitors came over, they would hang up their bacon to show off. It was a sign of wealth that a man could, 'bring home the bacon.' They would cut off a little to share with guests and would all sit around and 'chew the fat.'

Those with money had plates made of pewter. Food with high acid content caused some of the lead to leach onto the food, causing lead poisoning death. This happened most often with tomatoes, so for the next 400 years or so, tomatoes were considered poisonous.

Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests got the top, or the 'upper crust.'

Lead cups were used to drink ale or whisky. The combination would sometimes knock the imbibers out for a couple of days. Someone walking along the road would take them for dead and prepare them for burial. They were laid out on the kitchen table for a couple of days and the family would gather around and eat and drink and wait and see if they would wake up, creating the custom of holding a wake.

England is old and small and the local folks started running out of places to bury people. So they would dig up coffins and would take the bones to a bone-house, and reuse the grave. When reopening these coffins, 1 out of 25 coffins were found to have scratch marks on the inside and they realized they had been burying people alive, so they would tie a string on the wrist of the corpse, lead it through the coffin and up through the ground and tie it to a bell. Someone would have to sit out in the graveyard all night (the graveyard shift.) to listen for the bell; thus, someone could be, saved by the bell or was considered a dead ringer.

And that's the truth. Now, whoever said History was boring?

# SILVERSTREAM BRANCH

Silverstream's 60s Up recently heard a most inspirational address by former long serving Upper Hutt English teacher and skilled quilter and embroiderer, Jean Parnell.

Jean began by quoting New Zealand poet, Allen Curnow: 'Simply by sailing in a new direction you can discover the world.' Something different, something no one counted on.

Newly widowed, Jean decided she had to join something where she could meet other women. She joined an embroidery guild and became a new woman. Though one sceptic said, 'You'll never meet a man that way!' But not only did Jean meet so many wonderful people, but she learnt new skills, went to biennial conferences and even acquired a

taste for church embroidery, embroidering stoles and an altar cloth for St Hilda's, Upper Hutt.

When attending one conference in Canada, Jean discovered that the workmanship and design techniques of the New Zealand and Australian women were far ahead of the other

women and that there were surprisingly the same number of guild members overall in Canada as in New Zealand. There are currently 52 guilds in New Zealand, with memberships ranging from eight to 200.

And then the editorship of the magazine 'Threads' came up, a role Jean took on for eight to nine years. A real challenge. She had to be at the printers' over the hill in Carterton by 8.30am and stand the



*Acting Branch President Carol Inge,  
Jean Parnell and Speakers  
Organiser Jennie Peterson.*

whole day by the machines, cutting and pasting. She would arrive home around 8pm, absolutely shattered and exhausted.

Jean concluded by showing us exquisite examples of her work and then reminded us: 'Go into life with an open mind! I have been so lucky to have filled up my life with so many things. At nearly 90, I am even learning Latin! If you feel old, then you are old.'

*Rosemary Jamieson - Silverstream Branch*

## HIBISCUS COAST BRANCH

The outing was to the Maritime Museum in Auckland and a trip out round the harbour on the Scow "Ted Ashby".

This was an enjoyable day out under sail, even with a couple of rain showers. However, we had been issued with long rain coats, so the showers didn't interfere with the enjoyment. *(Also on Front Cover)*



*Peter Batten - Hibiscus Coast Branch*

## **BEFORE YOU BUY .. ..**

The costs of owning a motorhome: What you're up for beyond the purchase price.

You've spent your nest egg on a motorhome, but the costs don't end there. There's registration, warrant of fitness (WOF), and if your vehicle weighs more than 3500 kgs, you'll also need a certificate of fitness (COF). Because most motorhomes have diesel engines, you'll be up for road user charges (RUC) as well. Then there's insurance and other ongoing costs.

Here are some of the numbers:

### **Calculating RUC**

All diesel-powered vehicles have to pay road-user charges. You should budget up to \$70 per 1000 kilometres, but if your vehicle is big enough to carry 6000 kilos or more, the charges go up to \$104 per 1000 kilometres. If you own the rare motorhome that runs on petrol, you may still have to pay RUC if the gross vehicle weight (GVW) is high enough.

### **Factor in that COF**

For a motorhome that's more than 3500 kgs, a warrant of fitness isn't enough. All kinds of larger vehicles need COFs, including heavy trucks, commercial passenger vehicles and large motorhomes. A COF costs more than a WOF, because there are more checks needed, and they take longer. The bigger the vehicle, the more checks there are, and a COF can only be issued by an official testing station. Plus, if your motorhome requires a COF, you also have to pay road-user charges. You might pay \$60 for a quarter-hour WOF check, and more than \$100 for a COF that takes twice as long, and needs to be done every six months.

### **Don't forget insurance**

Whatever you do, wherever you go with your motorhome, you want to be covered by insurance. Depending on the price of your vehicle, you can face premiums between \$450 for a small caravan, right up to \$1750 for a \$250k motorhome. Check with your insurance provider for an exact price of cover.

If you plan to spend a lot of time in your motorhome, you might consider contents insurance too, or make sure your vehicle's contents are added to your home policy.

### **Sundries can add up**

There are several smaller costs that may crop up for your

motorhome. Maintenance of specialist systems, and repairs when any of them go wrong can be pricey. When you're travelling, you'll need to pay for the use of power and dumpsites at campsites, places to offload your used water and take on a clean supply, as well as diesel and any other fluids your systems need.

With freedom-camping, some local councils require that you buy a permit for these sites, in exchange for rubbish bags, dumpsites and other services. Once home, you'll need to recharge batteries and other chores, each coming with a cost.

### **Don't get caught out**

If you do your research before buying a motorhome, you won't be surprised at the ongoing costs. Adding these to your budget to begin with, means your holidays won't be spoiled by money worries,

*Borrowed from the Grown-Ups Web Page*



### **A COVID-19 HAPPENING TO JANET**

What a wonderful Health System we have! I had a call from the Health Board on Friday night asking if I had been to the Skin Clinic and by confirming my date of birth she knew she was talking to the right person. A COVID-19 case had been found at the clinic and they were tracing everyone who had been there.

I went early Saturday morning. In my car, I was guided by security and after taking my details I had the test, not the most pleasant

thing but - needs must. I had to tilt my head back, a swab was inserted into my nostril which seemed to go up and up. It made my eyes water but didn't hurt. The friendly nurses made the whole thing durable. At 11.50pm Sunday night I received a text to say Negative. How reassuring for us all that they followed up so quickly, I was very impressed.

*Glenfield Branch - Janet Keeble, Treasurer*





*A diplomat is a man who always remembers a woman's birthday but never remembers her age.*

*Whoever said 'Out of sight, out of mind' never had a spider disappear in their bedroom.*



**TAUPO**

Venue: 2nd Monday Bridge Club Rooms  
10.00am. 4th Monday away tour to be  
advised.

Dates: 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month.  
Phone: Betty 07 376 9443, Sue 07 376 8080  
Email: bettyros36@gmail.com

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**HASTINGS** *est. 26th June 1990*

Venue: St Marks Church Hall, Queen St  
East, Hastings.

Date: 2nd Tuesday 10.00am -12 noon.  
Phone: 06 871 0286  
Email: corbee37@gmail.com

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**WANGANUI** *est. 7th February 1990*

Venue: Eulogy Lounge, Wanganui  
Racecourse

Date: 1st Monday of month (except  
holidays then 2nd Monday) 2.00pm  
Phone: 06 344 4417  
Email: mumsocks@xtra.co.nz

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**PETRE** *est. October 1999*

Venue: St Andrew's Hall, Glasgow Street,  
Whanganui

Date: 3rd Wednesday of month 2.00pm  
Phone: 06 344 2976  
Email: bettymurphy41@gmail.com

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**FEILDING** *est. October 1992*

Venue: Johnston Park Bowling Club, Drake  
Street, Feilding

Date: 3rd Monday of month, 1.30pm  
Phone: 06 323 4170  
Email: ireland.clan@inspire.net.nz

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**LEVIN** *est. April 1999*

Venue: Hudson Room, Cosmopolitlon Club,  
Levin.

Date: 4th Monday of month 10.00am  
Phone: 06 368 9462  
Email: barbaramwm@xtra.co.nz

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**BROWN OWL** *est. August 1992*

Venue: St Peter Chanel Ctr, Cnr Ferguson &  
Bernadette Drive, Upper Hutt

Dates: 1st & 3rd Friday of month, 10.00am  
Phone: 04 977 9055  
Email: p.wakelin@paradise.net.nz

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**MAIDSTONE** *est. June 1997*

Venue: Upper Hutt Uniting Parish,  
Wesley Centre, cnr Fergusson Drive and  
Benzie Avenue, Upper Hutt.

Dates: 2nd & 4th Friday of month 1.15pm  
Phone: 04 528 9019  
Email: nigelannestent2@gmail.com

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*from inside front cover***MOONSHINE** *est. October 1998*

Venue: Masonic Lodge Hall, Islington St,  
Upper Hutt.

Dates: 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of month  
1.30pm  
Phone: 04 971 3213  
Email: janet.islington@gmail.com

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**SILVERSTREAM** *est. April 1990*

Venue: 37 Dunns Road, Silverstream,  
Upper Hutt

Dates: 1st & 3rd Fridays of month 9.30am  
for 10.00am  
Phone: 04 526 4411  
Email: bettycosslett@slingshot.co.nz

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**UPPER HUTT**

Venue: Cossie Club, Logan Street,  
Upper Hutt.

Dates: 10.00am, 2 & 4 Fridays speaker or  
entertainment  
Phone: 04 528 3337  
Email: nzalmand@gmail.com

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**WAINUIOMATA** *est. Spetember 1987*

Venue: Wainui Bush Fire Force Hall, The  
Strand, Wainuiomata.

Dates: 1st & 3rd Wednesday of month  
10.00am  
Phone: 04 971 4726  
Email: Jhobbs1935@gmail.com

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**INVERCARGILL** *est. May 1991*

Venue: Invercargill Workingmens Club, 1st  
Floor, Esk Street.

Date: 2nd Monday of month, 10.00am  
Phone: 03 214 4802  
Email: olive.rose@xtra.co.nz

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