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**MEET THE CANDIDATES
 PUBLIC MEETINGS HOSTED BY
 GREY POWER ROTORUA
 for LOCAL BODY ELECTIONS
 ROTORUA LAKES COUNCIL
 see meetings details on page 5**

The magnolias blossoming on Pyes Pa Road tell us Spring is approaching, even though we seem to be standing in puddles a lot of the time right now!

We have a robust, skilled, diversely experienced and enthusiastic committee newly elected for 2019, to whom your congratulations on their election and gratitude for stepping forward are in order. In addition, we now have a webmaster in Keith Garratt, of SeniorNet renown, a real Secretary, in addition to our Minute Secretary, and wonder of wonders, Eftpos, after some 5 months of effort in getting it, for use at the office.

The new **Outings programme** coordinated by Wieland Hartwig, Vice President, is creating a lot of interest and is now a regular feature of our calendar.

Local Body elections are upon us, and our plans for the customary **Meet the Candidates Forums** are in place – **please see the notice on page 5**. I urge you to attend and be informed as to how to make your votes count! Each candidate will get a set amount of time, and will be asked to have prepared replies to two questions as part of their presentations – all candidates will get the same questions. The **Meetings will be held at both 2 and 7pm**, to allow as many people as possible to attend. Given the likely number of speakers, there will be no questions from the floor, giving ample time for you to talk to them individually over a cuppa and a biscuit.

Three committee members will be putting proposals at the next Grey Power **Zone 3 Meeting** in August (after our copy deadline for this issue) about postal services, a matter concerning all of you, and a proposal as to how to improve the currently cumbersome Federation membership system.

And finally, to our guest editorial by Joanne Donovan. This is intended to provoke thought and discussion. Which candidates do we elect to the Rotorua Lakes Council so that our members' needs are best served. Grey Power is powerful and influential precisely because it is not politically aligned and is inclusive of political opinions of all persuasions. If we all thought the same way we'd be in an echo chamber, and all but one of us would be redundant!

Miriam Ruberl | President

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Guest Editorial

Joanne Donovan, M. A and D (hons first class)

Programme Manager Central and South, Toi-Ohomai

Opinion: the five election issues important to an aging baby boomer

As an aging baby boomer, I have turned around to find that my electoral priorities have changed over the last decade. Issues that were once of minor importance to me as a voter have suddenly increased in value and I find myself looking for candidates who are taking a significant stance on these issues, or at least, appear to be interested.

I find that, as I age, I am increasingly more concerned with stabilising my finances as I head into retirement, I am looking for ways to maintain my health and health care and I also want to remain confident in a standard of independence and of my living conditions during the foreseeable decades. I have sorted these thoughts into five issues that I would like to see on the table for the next election.

Retirement age

Around the world, the retirement age continues to climb. Our retirement age has gone from sixty, to

sixty-five and may yet climb to sixty-seven before I reach retirement. This may not affect me personally, as I work as freelance designer and work in education, so I may well be comfortable maintaining my employment until age sixty-seven, provided there is still a job for me out there. That is not the case for all seniors, however. People with high pressure jobs, people with highly physical jobs, may not be able to maintain their employment in the work force until that age. I would advocate for a flexible retirement age that allows some people to remain in the work force but entitles some people to an earlier retirement option.

Social support versus pension

This is quite a bug bear for me. Lately I keep hearing that the pension is 'social support' rather than a retirement pension. I will only be interested in candidates who see the retirement pension for what it is, the earned benefit due to all citizens, earned over a lifetime of work, raising new citizens and paying taxes. I think to refer to the pension as 'social support' attaches a negative connotation, that the pension is a 'hand out' whereas all citizens reach the end of their working life and are entitled to rest, without fear of poverty or guilt.

Euthanasia or assisted death?

Once again, the devil is in the detail. Calling the proposed Bill the 'Euthanasia' bill is of serious concern to me. While I want to have the choice to die, if I become infirm or seriously unwell, I do not want to have that right to choose taken away from me and put in the hands of medical people, or even my own family. In the current proposed Bill there are two clauses that place aging people at serious risk in my opinion, by allowing a doctor or family member to make the final decision under certain circumstances.

Climate Change

My childhood and the wonderful lifestyle we sometimes take for granted in New Zealand has been blessed with good food, good medicine, clean water, clean air, a reasonable working week and surrounded by a planet filled with a rich ecology critical to human life. I expect we are caretakers of that and it is our job to ensure that we hand it over to the next generation unharmed. That is a big ask given the current state of affairs, but I will be voting for candidates who take climate change as of critical importance and propose measures to reduce our climate impact.

Equal rights: e.g. relationship law, employment law

One of the things I notice as I age, is that we older people sometimes seem to be less visible within a more youthful society. In the workforce I notice my older co-workers may have differing needs than our younger colleagues. Out in the community, older women or men may suddenly find themselves single again, and may begin a new relationship later in life, with issues attached that could affect their finances and secure future. I would like to hear from candidates who are understanding of the way current legislation may impact on older citizens' needs and are concerned about that.

In conclusion, I will be giving my vote to a candidate who clearly recognises and values the contribution our aging citizenry has made and continues to make to our society. I will be backing the candidate who puts their hand up to back us.

WHO'S FOR OUR SENIORS ??

LOCAL BODY ELECTIONS 2019 FOR ROTORUA LAKES COUNCIL MEET THE CANDIDATES PUBLIC MEETINGS HOSTED BY GREY POWER ROTORUA

Candidates will be invited to attend BOTH sessions and answer the following :

1. What is your philosophy and motivation for standing for Council?
2. What issues relating to seniors will you pursue?

FORMAT :

1. 3 minutes allocated per speaker
2. No questions from the floor
3. Cuppa and biscuit supplied
4. Meet the candidates individually

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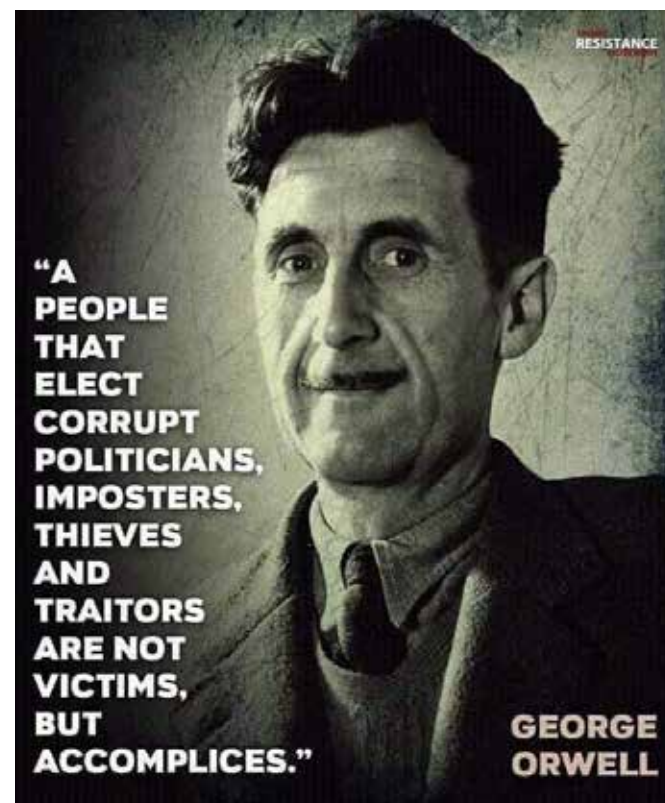
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Payroll Changes from 1 April

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Payday Filing - All employers will need to have

switched to payday filing. This means that employers need to file employee earnings and PAYE information with the IRD within two working days each time you pay your employees, rather than submitting an employer monthly schedule.

Minimum Wage Rates - The minimum wage increased by \$1.20 to \$17.70 per hour. The starting out and training minimum wage rates also increased from \$13.20 to \$14.16 per hour.

Domestic Violence Leave - Employees now have the right to take 10 days of leave per year to deal with the effects of domestic violence.

Student Loan and ACC Thresholds - The annual student loan repayment threshold increased from \$19,448 to \$19,760. The maximum annual ACC threshold also increased from \$126,286 to \$128,470.

For more information visit <https://www.employment.govt.nz/>

How did Seniors fare in the 2019 Wellbeing Budget ?

Although a little while ago now, it's worth recording that, for all the glaring omissions regarding housing, access to affordable elective surgery and the non-appointment of the promised Commissioner for Seniors, there are some welcome features. Changes to NZ Super, the Veteran's Pension and benefits, all issues that Grey Power Federation has been lobbying on for ages, have finally come to fruition in the 2019 Budget. The Budget also included major initiatives to help seniors stay connected in a digital world.

MSD Changes for Seniors

- Overseas pension. From 1 July 2020, NZ Super or Vet's Pension won't be affected if your partner receives an overseas pension (SSAct s.70).
- Abatement thresholds. From 1 April 2020 Seniors will be able to earn more each week, abatement thresholds to rise gradually by 2023.
- Getting ACC weekly payments. From 1 July 2019, older people who are still working and get injured will be able to get both NZ Super/Vet's and ACC weekly, for up to 2 years. These changes reflect the increasing need for keeping baby boomers in the workforce beyond 65 if they want to work.

MSD Changes for Benefits

- Annual adjustment increase. From 1 April 2020, main benefits will be adjusted on 1 April each year in line with wage growth instead of inflation (CPI). People on benefits will also be able to earn more.

Seniors Staying Connected

- \$7.7 million extra to upgrade and enhance the SuperGold Card and its website for businesses and card holders.
- A new SuperGold mobile app, linked to the website, will be created to show seniors where the card can be used when they are out. These will be launched before the end of 2019.
- \$600,000 funding for community organisations to provide Digital Literacy training and teaching facilities to help seniors use and keep up with digital technology.

Thank goodness my book finally arrived,
I almost started cleaning the house.



National's Cancer Plan will put an end to the postcode lottery

A few months ago I had an emotional meeting with a local lady who was diagnosed with late stages of cancer. She had been hard working all her life, paid her fair share of tax, and had been battling the system for a couple of years. If she lived in Australia, or the UK or even Canada her life saving cancer medicine would be funded and her prognosis would be different. In New Zealand it is not and she could not afford to buy these drugs herself. She had petitioned parliament and made pleas to New Zealand's drug buying agency.... to no avail. The system has said to her there is nothing it can do and that's just not good enough.

Cancer is the biggest cause of death in New Zealand. It doesn't discriminate and most New Zealanders will have a story of loved ones and friends who has been affected by cancer.

Governing is about delivering policies that improve people's lives, making choices and helping where we can. That's why Simon Bridges has announced National's plan for cancer care.

National would invest an extra \$200 million over four years for PHARMAC to fund cancer drugs. We have also committed to introducing a National Cancer Agency to deliver better diagnoses, better access and better treatment for cancer sufferers across New Zealand. The agency will be involved in prevention, screening and treatment. New Zealand is a world leader in research and innovation, so the centre will also facilitate research so that in the future we can prevent cancer and treat it more effectively.

It will ensure that no matter where you live in New Zealand you will get the same standard of care. Too often people in regional New Zealand are disadvantaged because they don't have access to the same services as those in our biggest cities.

It means everyone will have the same ability to get treatment. It means diagnoses can be made earlier. We believe that medical experts and clinical professionals should be making the decisions, not Wellington-based bureaucrats. The National Cancer Agency will make sure that happens.

This plan will help to give our healthcare the priority it deserves. The current Government has only put an extra 1 per cent into PHARMAC for life-saving drugs. That doesn't even cover inflation. The previous National Government boosted annual investment in PHARMAC by \$220m over nine years. That meant around 820,000 New Zealanders benefited from extra investment in new PHARMAC funded medicines.

New Zealanders shouldn't have to pack up their lives and go to other countries for cancer treatment. New Zealanders shouldn't have to mortgage their houses, set up a Givealittle page or take out massive loans to be able to afford medicines which are funded in other countries. National's Cancer Fund is a priority for us because it's the

right thing to do. It will help thousands of Kiwis. And our commitment to a National Cancer Agency will ensure that your address won't affect your prognosis. We should have a health system that is fair for everyone, regardless of your postcode.

Hon. Todd McClay MP

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GP Rotorua – Calendar of Events August - December 2019

August	Day	Time	Event	Notes
02.08.	Fri		Sept mag deadline	AGM results, notice of daytime forum, Xmas lunch info
09.08.	Fri		Sept mag printing	
14.08.	Wed		Sept mag delivery	
14.08.	2nd Wed	2 pm - 4 pm	committee meeting	GP office
16.08.	Friday	08:30am-4pm	Zone 3 Meeting	Matamata
16.08.		12noon	local elections nominations close	
19.08.	third Mon	9:30 am	GP outing Redwoods	meet at Parksyde (Alison, Les)
September	Day	Time	Event	Notes
11.09.	2nd Wed	2 pm - 4 pm	committee meeting	GP office
16.09.	third Mon	10:00 am	GP outing Library	meet at Library
19.09.	Thu	2pm & 7pm	local election candidates	Arawa Bowling Club, Lytton St.
October	Day	Time	Event	Notes
04.10.	Fri		Nov mag deadline	notice: holidays closure, sub reminder, Xmas event
07.10.	Monday	undecided	daytime forum	venue to be decided
09.10.	Wed	2 pm - 4 pm	committee meeting	GP office
11.10.	Fri		Nov mag printing	
12.10.	Sat	12noon	local body elections	
16.10.	Wed		Nov mag delivery	
17.10.	Thu		official election results released	
21.10.	third Mon	9:30 am	GP outing Arts Village	meet at Parksyde
November	Day	Time	Event	Notes
01.11.	Fri		Christmas lunch tickets	go on sale
18.11.	third Mon	9:30 am	GP outing Kuirau Park	meet at Parksyde
13.11.	2nd Wed	2 pm - 4 pm	committee meeting	GP office
30.11.	Sat	12 noon	Christmas lunch	Parksyde, assemble 11:00 am
December	Day	Time	Event	Notes
12.12.	Thu	2 pm	office closes for the	rest of 2019

BIG CHANGES TO WHITE PAGES

Residential Listings are now in a separate White Pages book. The changes are due to the increase in people using the internet to access residential listings. However, if you want a White Pages telephone book you will need to order one by phoning them or online. Order your copy by phoning 0800 03 11 03.

Bob Marley and melanoma

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Bob Marley died due to melanoma. He was only 36 years old. His melanoma started under his big toenail in 1977. The first doctor that he consulted thought that it was a soccer injury.

After it began to look worse, Marley consulted another doctor who biopsied the spot and discovered that it was melanoma. The recommendation was to amputate his toe, but Marley chose to have excision surgery instead, during which the surgeon removed the nail and surrounding tissue. Marley had no further treatment and did well until he collapsed in New York City in 1980. He was rushed to the hospital and tests revealed that the melanoma had spread to his brain, lungs and stomach.

He refused his doctor's treatment plan and went to Germany to try alternative treatments including exercise, ozone injections and vitamins. Marley's condition continued to worsen and he decided to charter a plane in order to return to Jamaica. While in flight, Marley's condition became critical and the plane did an emergency landing in Miami where he passed away. He never made it back to his beloved Jamaica. Marley was reportedly only 82 pounds when he passed away.

Marley's story demonstrates that people with darker skin can get melanoma too. In addition, in those with dark skin, melanoma often develops in places that do not get a lot of sun exposure like in the mouth, on the tongue, under finger nails and toenails and on the palms of the hands and soles of the feet.



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Increases reflecting inflation have recently been made to the maximum rates rebate and the income abatement threshold:

- The maximum allowable rates rebate is now \$640.
- The income abatement threshold is now \$25,660.

The amount of rebate received is determined by a formula based on total household income, level of rates and the number of household dependents. Those whose income, before tax, is \$25,660 or less can often claim the full amount. Those whose income is higher may still be able to get all or part of the rebate depending on their circumstances. Residents of retirement villages are entitled to apply to their local council for a rates rebate.

Scheme information, an online calculator to estimate any likely rebate, and all forms are available from the Department of Internal Affairs' website www.dia.govt.nz. Applications for a rates rebate must be made to the ratepayer's local council.

We hope that the Rates Rebate Scheme benefits

as many of our members as possible this year. For further information about the Scheme please contact the Department of Internal Affairs on 0800 25 7887 or info@ratesrebates.govt.nz.



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Windows 7 End of Life Support

All good things must eventually come to an end and sadly this is so for Windows 7. We saw the passing of Windows XP back in 2014 and now its Windows 7's turn. The Extended support for Windows 7 ceases on 13th January, 2020. This will be followed by Windows 8 & 8.1 on 10th January 2023 and Windows 10 on 14th October 2025.

Why has this happened? Well, Windows 7 was released in July 2009, so it will have had a life of just over 10 years next January. That's a long time in the fast moving world of computing and in particular computing software. Can you still buy genuine parts for a 10 year old car?

We all have plenty of time till this happens, so now is the time to start planning and more than likely, saving. But don't leave it till the end when there may not be any computing support folks with time to help you. As I see it there are a few options:

1 - Do nothing. The computer will definitely still work as it did the day before, BUT if Microsoft had not managed to plug any vulnerability holes still in the operating system then you could be open to nasties creeping in every time you surf the internet. This is probably not a good choice.

2 - Upgrade to Windows 10. This option would be fully dependant on the state of your existing computers componentry. Is it only a few years old? What CPU has it got? Has it got sufficient storage capacity? How much RAM has it got?

3 - Purchase a new computer with Windows 10 installed on it. This may be the tidiest way, but also more expensive than Option 2. However, you could help justify it by thinking you are saving the original cost of purchasing Windows 10 from Option 2 and the labour for the installing of it. And who doesn't like a new toy?

Planning things to consider well in advance of January 2020. In both of the last 2 options you will need to confidently save ALL your data to an external hard drive, just before you make the change. Locate ALL your installation CD's, DVD's and any downloaded files for programs you use or purchased. Know ALL your Unlock Codes for ALL your programs (without these you may have to purchase a new version of the program). Know ALL your

Username and Passwords for every program you use, including those on the internet, ie Facebook or Gmail. Download from the manufacturer the Windows 10 drivers for your external devices, eg printer or scanner (if your device is old, then you may need to purchase a new one as there may not be Windows 10 drivers for it).

Windows Live Mail goes with Windows 7, so you may want to find an alternative on-board client email program rather than use the App bundled with Windows 10. The bundled Windows 7 games also disappear with Windows 7.

If you need help with this, or would just like to chat about your options, give me a call at 345-6098.

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Kiwi Saver Update

Martin Christensen, Committee member

- Over 65's can now rejoin Kiwi Saver as of 1st July, with no exclusions if over 65.
- Retirees risk cashing in their funds without considering all the options as there are options available to them.
- More people are working past the age of 65.
- Many employers continue to pay contributions, but these are not compulsory.
- Kiwi Saver can be used to supplement retirement savings while still having access to the funds. These funds are paid direct to your Provider rather than through the IRD.
- Additional payments can be added at any time, as funds are not locked in past the age of 65.
- People may choose to pay their Super payments into Kiwi Saver while they are still working.
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The war on catfish continues

On 27 JUNE 2019 Bay of Plenty Regional Council confirmed 28,060 catfish were caught during this year's summer netting season.

This represents a drop of 18% on last year despite almost double the amount of nets being set. The total number of catfish caught since the first one was discovered in Lake Rotoiti in 2016 is now nearly 63,000.



Bay of Plenty Regional Council Biosecurity Officer Lucas MacDonald says there is still a long way to go. "It's definitely a step in the right direction but given that a single catfish can lay up to 6,000 eggs at once and the discovery of the species near Mokoia Island in Lake Rotorua during December 2018, it means that the battle is far from over" Mr MacDonald says "Over the summer the discovery of catfish in Lake Rotorua reinforces the need to use every possible option available to us to remove catfish from Lakes Rotoiti and Rotorua and stop the spread to other waterways."

The Regional Council and Te Arawa Lakes Trust have been working closely with locals in the last 9 months to raise awareness and started a community netting programme in the Rotorua Lakes. The Te Arawa Catfish Killers have successfully netted 3,125 catfish to date, while volunteers are also on the lookout in the wider Rotorua Lakes by netting in Lakes Ōkāreka, Rotoehu, Rotomā and Tarawera.

"There is a continued commitment by the council and all of our partners to stop the spread of catfish so the hope is that this time next year we will see a further reduction in the numbers being caught," Mr MacDonald says.

Identifying Your Possessions

Bruce Quedley, Co-ordinator
Neighbourhood Support Rotorua



Recently when talking with one of the Rotorua Police it was emphasised that whenever the Police arrest a suspect for burglary they often recover goods which they believe have been stolen. However, the Police are then faced with a problem, can they identify who the goods belong to?

Unfortunately, this is not an easy task, as not many people have recorded the serial numbers of electronic equipment or photographed their valuable possessions, such as jewellery, trailers etc.

If you have lost, or had stolen, property you may well make a claim on your insurance and report it to the Police. When claiming insurance, you must be able to prove you owned any stolen or lost items claimed for. Keep receipts, warranties, valuations and a list of serial numbers in a safe place, you can take a photo of them. Take photographs or videos of jewellery, art works and other precious things. Portable items of high value are the most likely things to be stolen. Burglars are unlikely to steal items that are permanently marked because they're hard to sell. Engrave valuable items with your driver licence number, car registration number or phone number. If you have engraved your valuable property or recorded the serial numbers of items, when you report thefts, the Police or insurance company can definitively identify recovered property as being yours or not.

The Police have a free internet service where anyone is able to record serial numbers and other unique identifying details of their valuable goods in an electronic database. For more information and to register your goods visit the SNAP (Serial Number Asset Partnership) website:

<https://www.snap.org.nz>

There are members of our society who furnish their lives with equipment from the black market, that is stolen goods. If you are offered an item well under value, be suspicious of it being stolen. Buy from legitimate sources to prevent stolen items from being sold. If you buy stolen items, you can possibly be charged with receiving stolen property. If a neighbour is the victim of burglary, provide them with support. Be an active member of your Neighbourhood Support Group, they look out for neighbours and are there in time of trouble. If you are not in a Group, contact Neighbourhood Support Rotorua's office on 07-349-9470 to join one or to get one started in your neighbourhood.

Age Concern Rotorua have been very busy over the last few months. Towards the end of June, we were involved in the Elder Abuse Awareness Week and spent some time outside the local supermarket giving out information and speaking to people about Elder Abuse, which is the new unseen epidemic as much of it goes unreported. The other major event for us was the celebration of Volunteer Week, and we shouted morning tea and took our wonderful volunteers to the movies.

Last weekend we were again at the Home and Lifestyle Show thanks to the generosity of Ray White who sponsored our stall. We were there simply to impart information about what we do and try and encourage some more volunteers. We successfully managed to attract about 20 new volunteers and a handful of new members which for us was excellent. We are at present also working on developing our new website which will become the place to go for information and resources. Our Facebook page is also going forward in leaps and bounds and you can be part of it by liking us.

Our AGM will be held at Parksyde on October 8th at 1:00 pm. All welcome.

We have a fundraiser coming up on 27th September. We will be holding a Trivia Quiz and Charity Auction at the Owner's and Trainers' Lounge at the Arawa Park Raceway from 6:00 pm. The Theme will be A Night at the Races and we will be selling tickets from 1st August on the Trybooking website.

Rory O'Rourke - Manager



"We sit silently and watch the world around us. This has taken a lifetime to learn. It seems only the old are able to sit next to one another and not say anything and still feel content. The young, brash and impatient, must always break the silence. It is a waste, for silence is pure. Silence is holy. It draws people together because only those who are comfortable with each other can sit without speaking..."

Nicholas Sparks - *The Notebook*
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It's been pleasing to hear of further support of our country's veterans.

All veterans who served in the Former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, Timor-Leste and Solomons Islands are now eligible for support and services from Veterans' Affairs. Previously only a limited number of specific operations in these locations were covered under the Veterans' Support Act, now the entire geographical area where operations occurred will be covered. This announcement will affect around 1600 people and helps level the playing field for many New Zealand veterans. This follows from an increase in the Veteran Pension earlier this year.

It's also encouraging to see Veterans Affairs and the Defence Force being proactive to track down Vietnam vets who may be reluctant to ask for support. This Coalition Government has worked hard to secure funding specifically for our Vietnam veterans who are absolutely entitled to assistance for the service they've given.

I would also like to commend the boost in police numbers. New Zealand First is proud of the 1,800 new police on the force, with 700 of those being dedicated to organised crime. We are taking gangs incredibly seriously and that will make a huge difference to drugs and organised crime on our streets.

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THUMBS UP FOR OUTINGS!

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Our outing to the Tirau Museum was enjoyed by all. What an amazing place! In all we had eleven adults plus two grandchildren coming to Parksyde at 9:30 am. We carpooled and left at 10 am.

The children were fascinated by the collection of typewriters ("what is that???"). Almost all the typewriters were still in working condition.

The day was rounded off with a snack or just coffee in nearby Tirau township at the Enchanted Café.

Next outing is to the Redwoods. We still meet at Parksyde, 9:30 am, on Monday 19th of August. But if you live down that neck of the woods there may be no need to come to Parksyde... just turn up a little after 10 am at the Information Centre.

And check the calendar for September and October outings, mark your diaries and come along!!



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