

Welfare News

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Many people quit looking for work when they find a job.!

Xmas Greetings

from the board &
Staff
To all our members
And Families



OFFICE



We have settled into our new office and invite any members to call in and see us there

1st floor Avalon TV Tower Percy Cameron Street Lower Hutt

Office Hours over the holiday season



The office will be close at 1pm on
Friday 23rd December and
re-open on Wednesday 4th January.
For any urgent matters that may arise
please contact your Regional Rep
see details on insert included with this newsletter

or ring the Secretary Pat Brosnan on 027 240 0121.
Pat will be available throughout the holiday period



Kiwi Jingle Bells

Dashing through the paddocks,
in a rusty Falcon Ute,
Kicking up the grass,
With a chillybin in the boot,
Girl-friend by my side,
all singing Christmas cheer,
It's Summer time, in the land of prime
In my shorts with a carton of beer

Oh! Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all
the way,
Christmas in New Zealand on a scorching
summers day, Hey!
Jingle bells, jingle bells, Christmas time
is great !,
relaxing at the beach,
with me girlfriend and a crate.

Me mates are comin' round
for a quiet one or two,
The bro he brings a slab,
so he is welcome too.
All the family's there,
sitting with a beer,
Christmas Day the Kiwi way,
at the batch with a bar-be-cue.

Oh! Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all
the way,
Christmas in New Zealand on a scorching
summers day, Hey!
Jingle bells, jingle bells, Christmas time
is great!,
crack another bottle, and slap a steak upon
me plate.

Come the afternoon,
Everyone full of Kai,
Grandma and grandad, have a sleep
while the kids are watching sky.

The time comes 'round to go,
So we take the family snap,
All the washing up is left ,
while everyone shoots the gap.

Oh! Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all
the way,
Christmas in New Zealand,
on a scorching summers day, Hey!
Jingle bells, jingle bells, Christmas time
is Great,
But I think we had better stay on boys,
as the booze bus, is at the gate.

So park up all the cars,
for we're all to pissed to drive,
better we all stay put and drink than to
leave and not arrive.
Let's all walk down the beach
and have a game of rigger
cause that will make us thirsty for
another beer, OH Bugger!

Oh! Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all
the way,
Christmas in New Zealand, on a scorching
summers day, Hey!
Jingle bells, jingle bells, Christmas time
is Great,
throw another saus upon the barbie and lets
party on til late.

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Chairman



Keith



In fact if he dyed his hair darker he would even look a bit like Chairman Mao

Keith is a gold star Fireman at Lower Hutt on Green watch. He was a founding member of the Welfare Society in 1987, was elected Chairman in 1992, and has held the position ever since. Keith gives freely of his time to help workmates in need of assistance and has been involved in many other Fire Service organizations and outside groups.

Keith was instrumental in setting up Healthcare 99 and as part of the Welfare Society Board is trustee of Healthcare 99. He currently represents the Welfare Society on the Associated Agencies & one of his many responsibilities on the Board is the Promotion of the Welfare Society

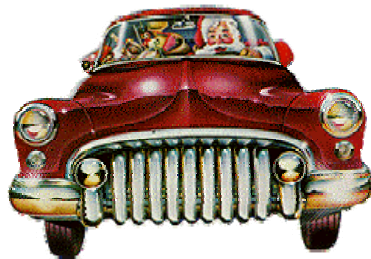
Married to Trish, he has four grown up children, two of whom are on their OE. As Grand Dads do, he dotes on his one-year-old grandson. Keith follows the ups and downs of the Stokes Valley rugby club in which he and the boys have been actively involved for many years.

A dedicated battler for helping others and doing things right

Keith went to see an Indian fortune-teller.

"Two women are in love with me," he said. "Who will be the lucky one?"

The swami answers, "Trish will marry you. **Alison** will be the lucky one."





Reminders

Benefits - If we don't know you're off work or need assistance in any way how can we help and ensure that you get the benefits that you're entitled to? We *do not* have a representative at every station or com centre but we would like to, (*if there's not a Welfare Society Station Representative in your area, you may like to volunteer*) so don't feel embarrassed about ringing the office. It is, **YOUR** responsibility to let us know.

Holiday Homes

Please familiarize yourselves with the 'Conditions of Occupancy' for the homes – *they are on the back of the booking form*

It appears that we have had at least one instance where a member has had a dog on the premises

*Either check out our website or ring the office on 0800 653 473
to have an Information Pack posted to you*

I went to buy some camouflage trousers the other day but I
couldn't find any.

HAPPY NEW YEAR