



WELFARE NEWS

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**We wish everyone
A Happy Christmas 2006
and for 2007
A Prosperous New Year**



Christmas Holiday  Office Hours

The office will close at 3pm on Friday December 22
and will re-open Wednesday January 3.

If you have any urgent problems over
this period, contact your regional rep or the Secretary.
See back page for details.

NORMAL OFFICE HOURS
0900 – 1500 hours weekdays

0800 OK FIRE
(0800 653 473)

NEW SECRETARY



Darrel Surman has been appointed as the new Secretary. Darrel was born in the land of Abraham Lincoln, the State of Illinois, grew up near Seattle on the west coast, and came to the Land of the Long White Cloud in December 1975. He now holds dual citizenship. He comes from a teaching background, a high school science teacher in Washington State, joined the faculty of science at University of Asmara, Eritrea (ousted by the revolution), was HOD

science at Erskine College, Island Bay, then a science teacher and basketball coach at Porirua College.

At the Correspondence School, in Wellington, he spent five years developing multimedia education courses, mainly in Japanese. After completing an IT Diploma at Victoria University night school, he moved sideways into the ICT department at the Correspondence School to head up the computer support team. His major hobbies are computing, golfing, travel, good food and wine. He is also an avid fan of baseball, basketball and rugby.

PAST SECRETARY

Best Wishes Pat. (pictured far right)

We wish Pat Brosnan, our retiring secretary, all the best with whatever he decides to do next. Knowing Pat, he won't be sitting around but will be involving himself in some good works or other.

Thank you Pat, for all of the time and efforts you have put in on behalf of our members.



Tua Cummins Vern Macartney Pat Brosnan
Former Secretaries

At the annual Board's Christmas party, two of the former Welfare Society Secretaries, Tua Cummins and Vern Macartney fronted up to farewell Pat Brosnan and say hello to Darrel, the new Secretary.

M EMBERS' BENEFIT REMINDERS

If we don't know you have a problem we can't help you – please don't hesitate to call the office if you, your family or any of your workmates need some assistance from the Welfare Society.

A NNUAL GENERAL MEETING - TIMARU

The AGM and Board Meeting held in Timaru in September was very successful because of help from the members there and the pleasant weather they turned on for us. The crew on duty excelled themselves, producing delicious scones and serving them up with Southern Island flair. Thanks to all for their hospitality. As a result everything ran smoothly.

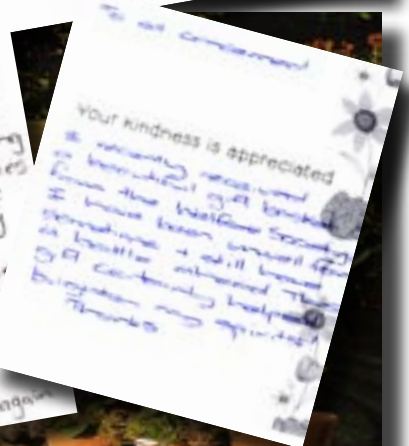
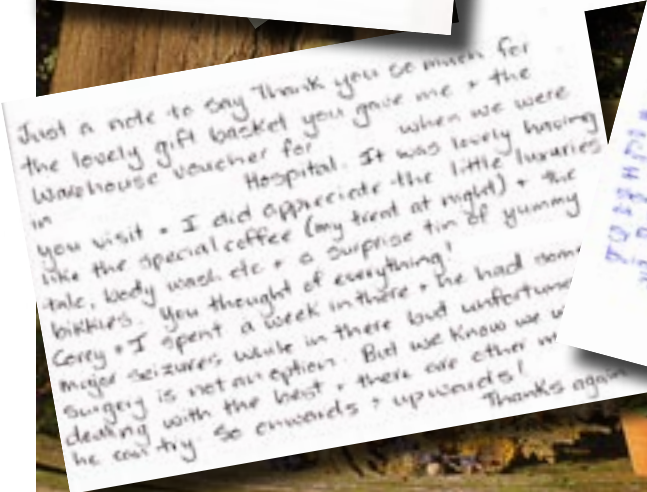
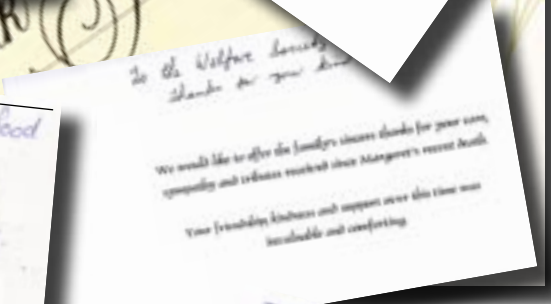
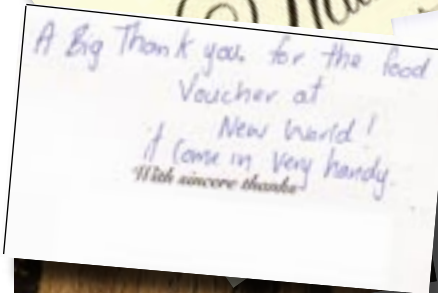
Board at Work in Timaru Station



Noel Brock (Hastings region 3) Darrel Surman (Sec) Karen Donaldson (SOC) Keith Nixon (Chairman)
Kevin Congdon (Taupo Region 2) Kevin Crozier (Christchurch Region 5) Graeme Beardsley (Treasurer)

THANK YOU STATION & REGIONAL REPS

During this festive season, the Welfare Society would like to thank each rep in the field for the wonderful job they do all year. Here are just a sample of the many cards and notes we receive as testament to the superb job they do.



AND YET MORE

Hi there, unfortunately I don't have your phone number handy, but we would like to thank you, and whoever else was instrumental in us receiving the gift basket. She is home recovering now, and is probably back at work in a week or so, but it is still one day at a time - we just wanted to say thank you, it was much appreciated, and you guys do a fantastic job - can you please email your address as we have a thank you card to send out.

Regards

Hi,

I heard back from the Neurologist nurse the other day that the Dr is going to start us on another medication, So we will give that a go and hopefully there will be some improvement. We can only give it our best shot and as you know there are always plenty more people worse off than us. Take care, you certainly do a wonderful job and go the extra mile.

AUSTRALIAN HOLIDAY HOMES

The Welfare Society regularly advertises accommodation in Australia which offers members of the society discounts. The police made the original arrangements and shared the list with us. If any members have used any of these resorts, we would be happy to receive comments about how this scheme is going. We have no control over these properties except whether we advertise them in our newsletters or not.

In the new year, we hope to contact all of the properties which we advertise, to see if they are still keen to offer a discount to members. Quite often there is a change of manager which may affect the level of service and amount of discount which is offered. Most Australian resorts are reluctant to offer discounts during their busy seasons, usually the school holidays. If anyone has stayed in a resort in Australia recently and think that resort would offer members a discount, please let us know.

WELFARE SOCIETY HOLIDAY HOMES

To keep costs down, the Welfare Society Reps look after the NZ holiday homes out of the goodness of their hearts. Everyone who enjoys the use of these homes, please help to keep their work load reasonable in this area.

NUMBERS FOR BOARD MEMBERS AND OTHER AGENCIES

Healthcare 99 Mutual Fund

Owned by Healthcare 99 members
Provides Medical & Hospital Benefits
For more information contact
the Society's Office on 0800 OK FIRE
0800 653 473

General Insurance/Income Protection/ Life Insurance

For house, contents, cars, boats and caravans,
income protection and life insurance.
Members receive good value for their dollar.
Contact Aon NZ Limited 0800 50 51 52

Discount Travel Insurance

Competitive fares for members
Ring Colin Perry (04) 238 1665
fax (04) 238 1666

Investment Advice

Contact Spicers 0800 347 387

AUSTRALIAN HOLIDAY

The following establishments offer our members
discounted rates - ring them direct

Surfers Paradise

Beach Haven Holiday Apts	0061 75570 3888
Villa de la Mer Apartments	0061 75592 6644
Canes Court Holiday Apts	0061 75538 1288
Cascade Gardens	0061 75592 0567
Le Lavandou Holiday Apts	0061 75539 0244
Oriana Holiday Apts	0061 75538 0544

Brisbane

Camelot Inn	0061 73832 5115
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Sunshine Coast

Beachcomber Peregrin Beach	0061 75448 1306
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Gold Coast

Oceanside Cove Holiday Apts	0061 75520 0040
Diamond Cove Resort	0061 75572 2277

RECIPROCAL RIGHTS

Remember we have reciprocal rights with
The Police Welfare Fund &
The Army Central Welfare Fund
we can use all of their holiday homes.

Police	0800 500 122
Army	0800 111 823

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Blue Watch	

Region 2

Hamilton, Taupo etc	Kevin Congdon
Home	(07) 378 3072
Work	(07) 378 4110
Brown Watch	

Region 3

Hawkes Bay, Taranaki, Manawatu	Noel Brock
Cell	027 449 8180
Home	(06) 844 7702
Work	(06) 834 4245
Black Watch	

Region 4

Wellington, Wairarapa	Erroll Tapiki
Cell	025 286 6194
Work	(04) 566 4505
Black Watch	

Region 5

Top of South Island, Chrch	Kevin Crozier
Cell	021 149 2925
Home	(03) 332 0209
Work	(03) 371 3635
Brown Watch	

Region 6

Bottom of South Island	Owen Williams
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Blue Watch	