



WELFARE NEWS

March 2007

www.firefighters.org.nz

thesec@firefighters.org.nz

A WARNING TO ALL MEMBERS

Many of you will remember that the Society previously issued Court proceedings against Corporate Benefits Limited and its director and owner, Lindsay Forbes.

In 2004 that Court case was settled and among other things, Lindsay Forbes promised that neither he nor Corporate Benefits will “*make any further contact with members or officers in any manner whatsoever*”. Recently Forbes and his company have begun soliciting business from members by submitting offers of insurance to brigades around the country. Your Society has taken this up with our solicitors and our solicitors are in turn taking action.

HOLIDAY/CONVALESCENT HOMES

Check in time

Check in time is 1300 hours (1pm)

Check out time is 1100 hours (11am)

Except with the prior arrangement of the office, please do not go in early or leave late. Everyone who uses our homes is entitled to enjoy them unimpeded. Please do not expect other members to leave early for your convenience. Please depart on time. There is a period of two hours between bookings so that caretakers have time to inspect the homes between users.

Storage

The office gets late calls from some users to ask if they can leave their bags at a home for a few hours – until a flight, or a few days – while they go off elsewhere for a tramp. It is often NOT possible to do this. Other users are entitled to their use of the home. Please make arrangements for the storage of your gear beforehand.



As your own home

Please look after these homes as you would your own home. Bring your own cleaning materials, toilet paper etc. Of course we try and ensure that there is some toilet paper and dish washing liquid in the homes but when some users remove or do not replace the supplies that have been left for their convenience, it is hard to keep up this service.

Memo from English Admiral:

“The Spanish are all excited to see their new submarines deploy. These beautifully designed subs have glass bottoms so the new Spanish navy can get a really good look at the old Spanish navy.”

Rental increase

From the 1st August 2007 the nightly rental will increase from \$50 to \$55. The last increase in the nightly rental was in April 2002, five years ago. Because of increasing costs, the Board has decided that an increase is now due.

Check vacancies online

Very soon members who have registered and been allocated a password, will be able to check holiday home vacancies on our website. If you want to take advantage of this please email the Region 5 Rep, Kevin Crozier,

kevin.crozier@fire.org.nz

Because of security concerns for our homes, we are making this facility available only to members who pre-register with Kevin.

Below is a prototype of what the site might look like when published. There will be a link also to a registration form which can be filled out online and emailed to the office.



*An old man walks into a bank and says to the woman at the window,
"I want to open a damn checking account."*

The astonished woman replies,

"I beg your pardon, sir. I must have misunderstood you. What did you say?"

"Listen up, damn it. I said I want to open a damn checking account now!"

"I'm very sorry sir, but that kind of language is not tolerated in this bank."

The teller leaves the window and goes over to the bank manager to inform him of her situation.

The manager agrees that the teller does not have to listen to that foul language.

They both return to the window and the manager asks the old geezer,

"Sir, what seems to be the problem here?"

"There is no damn problem," the man says. "I just won \$200 million dollars in the damn lottery and I want to put my damn money in this damn bank."

"I see," says the manager "and is this b----- giving you a hard time?"

UFBA CONFERENCE - PALMERSTON NORTH

The New Zealand Firefighters Welfare Society had a booth at the recent UFBA Conference in Palmerston North. The atmosphere during the conference this year was very positive. Many enquired about the benefits of being a member of the Welfare Society and several hundred information packs were handed out explaining membership advantages.



Owen Williams
Region 6

Noel Brock
Region 3

Darryl Johnston
Region 1

Keith Nixon
Chairman

A team from Aon NZ Limited was also on hand to explain optional insurance plans that are available at a special rate to members of the society.

Accord

At the end of the conference an accord was signed between the New Zealand Firefighters Welfare Society, the New Zealand Firefighters Credit Union, and the United Fire Brigades Association of New Zealand.

The purpose of this accord is to establish the intention of the three organisations to develop a close working relationship and high degree of cooperation in order to ensure the delivery of services and benefits to all the members of these three autonomous organisations.

NOTICE

ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS 2007

Nominations for region 2 and 5

Region 2 (Hamilton/Taupo area)

Region 5 (top half of the South Island)



We hereby give notice and call for nominations for these positions.

Nominations may be made on the appropriate form signed by a proposer, a seconder and the nominee.

Regional reps must be nominated and seconded by a member in that region.

NB: Nomination forms are available to download from our website

www.firefighters.org.nz

or, ring the office to have a nomination form posted to you.

Nominations close with the returning officer at 4pm on 24th April 2007 and should be posted to:

The Returning Officer
Private Bag 31 999
Lower Hutt

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

Sunshine Coast

Beachcomber Peregian Beach 0061 75448 1306

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

WELFARE SOCIETY

Office (04) 567 1768
0800 OK FIRE
0800 653 473

thesec@firefighters.org.nz

BOARD MEMBERS & OFFICERS

Chairman Keith Nixon
Cell 027 24 80 102
Home (04) 563 6507
Green Watch Lower Hutt

Secretary Darrel Surman
Cell 027 248 0121
Home (04) 527 9429

Region 1

Auckland, North
Cell Darryl Johnston
027 4502 025
Home (09) 817 7275
Work (09) 836 2716
Blue Watch

Region 2

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

Region 3

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

Region 4

Wellington, Wairarapa
Cell Erroll Tapiki
027 286 6194
Work (04) 577 8380
Green Watch

Region 5

Top of South Island, Chrch
Cell Kevin Crozier
021 149 2925
Home (03) 332 0209
Work (03) 365 0285
Brown Watch

Region 6

Bottom of South Island
Cell Owen Williams
027 446 8435
Home (03) 489 6114
Work (03) 467 7553
Blue Watch