



Grey Power

Whakatane District

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October 24 General Meeting

Our next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 24 at 1.30 pm, the venue will be the Knox Hall, 83 Domain Road, Whakatane, 3120.

Would you like to do the things you love and wish someone else can do the things you don't enjoy? Maybe there is a way - through Time Bank.

Time Banking is a time-based currency that helps to build circles and networks of mutual support. With Time Banking, you give one hour of service to another, and receive one-time credit. An hour is always an hour — regardless of the service offered. You can use the credits in turn to receive services — or you can donate them to others.

Timebanks are formed when people come together to use time credits to achieve a shared goal. Many choose to focus on community building. But timebanks have also focused on tutoring in schools, health and wellness efforts, hospital discharge support, juvenile justice, helping seniors to age in community, civic engagement and more.

Come and listen to Siva Panadam explain how Time Bank can benefit you, and how the Community can benefit from YOU!

Truths I Learned as I Got Older

As I was lying around, pondering the problems of the world, I realized that at my age I don't really give a rat's ass anymore.

If walking is good for your health, the postman would be immortal.

A whale swims all day, mainly eats fish and drinks water, but is still fat.

A rabbit runs and hops and only lives 15 years, while a tortoise doesn't run and does mostly nothing, yet it lives for 150 years.

And you tell me to exercise? I don't think so.

Just grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked, the good fortune to remember the ones I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference.

Senior Focus:

Senior Focus is a community not for profit internet/radio programme presenting interviews and panel discussions on topics and issues of concern and interest to the senior community.

To listen 24/7 on-line anywhere - Go to:

<http://www.planetaudio.org.nz/senior-focus>

Click on the LISTEN button for the latest programme or ARCHIVE for previous programmes

Free Insurance Cover for all Grey Power Members

All members of Grey Power are covered by a \$2000 Accidental Death & Dismemberment Policy. This automatic membership benefit is provided to you at No Cost and covers you, for as long as you are a financial member of our association. To receive your Certificate of Coverage and name your beneficiary, click on:

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Grey Power in The Community

This article was published in the Beacon, September 6 issue this year.

Crime Fighter Needs Help

Robin Ross (A member of Whakatane District Grey Power Association committee) is on a mission to clean up the town after recently being appointed Whakatane Team Leader for on-line network – Neighbourly.

Mr. Ross said he was asked by Neighbourly, which has 824 members in Whakatane, to come up with ideas for helping the community.

He believed tidying up the town was important, and that getting children involved would be the best way to do that.

Mr. Ross said he would like to get a team of schoolchildren together who would take on the task of picking up rubbish around the towns streets in return for a reward.

“If the Lions or Rotary clubs can assist we may be able to get some sort of reward for the kids”.

Mr Ross is unable to physically clean up the streets himself as he is disabled and has undergone recent triple by-

pass surgery. He is; however, prepared to talk to groups of students about keeping the town tidy.

Mr. Ross has had responses to his post on Neighbourly about his plan, with members wanting to join him.

“But I need the Lions and/or Rotary Club to back me up”. “If we can get kids to help clean up it may prevent them from dropping rubbish”.

Mr. Ross explained that his other idea was to help prevent crime, and he would like to speak to the police about this.

Neighbourly is an on-line network connecting members in a neighbourhood or community through the private website.

Information on crime and safety, items or pets that have been lost and found, local services, events and much more is shared between members.

To assist in this project and for further information – log onto Neighbourly at:

www.neighbourly.co.nz.

Alternatively contact Robin Ross, who is our committee member responsible for dealings with 1XX Radio, direct on: 021 0882 2505

AUSTRALIAN LETTER

I think the sender might have been upset! But have a laugh! This is an actual letter sent to the DFAT (Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade) Immigration Minister. The Government tried desperately to censure the author, but got nowhere because every legal person who read it couldn't stop laughing!

Dear Mr. Minister,

I'm in the process of renewing my passport, and still cannot believe this.

How is it that K-Mart has my address and telephone number, and knows that I bought a television set, golf clubs and condoms from them back in 1997, and yet the Federal Government is still asking me where I was born and on what date?

What's wrong with you guys?

My birth date you have in my Medicare information, and it is on all the income tax forms I've filled for the past 40 years.

It is also on my driver's license, on the last eight passports I've ever had, on all those stupid customs declaration forms I've had to fill out before being allowed off planes over the past 30 years.

It's also on all those insufferable census forms that I've filled out every 5 years since 1966.

Also... would somebody please take note, once and for all, that my mother's name is Audrey, my father's name is Jack, and I'd be absolutely bloody

astounded if that ever changed between now and when I drop dead!!!

SH-T! What do you people do with all this information we keep having to provide?

My apologies, Mr. Minister. But I'm really pissed off this morning. Between you and me, I've had enough of all this b---shit!

You send the application to my house, then you ask me for my bloody address! What the hell is going on with your mob? Have you got a gang of mindless Neanderthal a---holes working there!

And another thing, look at my damn picture. Do I look like Bin Laden? I can't even grow a blasted beard. I just want to go to New Zealand and see my new granddaughter. (Yes, my son interbred with a Kiwi girl). And would someone please tell me, why would you give a shit whether or not I plan on visiting a farm in the next 15 days? In the unlikely event I ever get the urge to do something weird to a sheep or a horse, believe you me, I'd sure as hell would not want to tell anyone!

Well, I have to go now, 'cause I have to go to the other side of Sydney, and get another bloody copy of my birth certificate - and to part with another \$80 for the privilege of accessing MY OWN INFORMATION!

Would it be so complicated to have all the services in the same spot, to assist in the possibility of a new passport on the same day? Noooooo...that'd be too bloody easy and makes far too much sense.

You would much prefer to have us running all over the bloody place like headless chickens, and then having to find some 'high-society' woofter to confirm that it's really me in the photo! You know the photo... the one where we're not allowed to smile?... you bloody morons.

Signed - An Irate Australian Citizen..

P.S. Remember what I said above about the picture, and getting someone in 'high-society' to confirm that it's me? Well, my family has been in this country since before 1820! In 1856, one of my forefathers took up arms with Peter Lalor. (You do remember the Eureka Stockade!)

I have also served in both the CMF and regular Army for something over 30 years (I went to Vietnam in 1967), and still have high security clearances. I'm also a personal friend of the president of the RSL....Lt General Peter Cosgrove sends me a Christmas card each year.

However, your rules require that I have to get someone "important" to verify who I am; you know...someone like my doctor –

WHO WAS BORN AND RAISED IN BLOODY PAKISTAN!....

a country where they either assassinate or hang their ex-Prime Ministers - and are suspended from the Commonwealth and United Nations for not having the "right sort of government"..

You are all pen-pushing paper-shuffling bloody idiots!!

General Meetings

As everyone is aware, this has been election year, we believed this being so, our membership would be really interested in hearing presentations from the five major political parties. From the attendances at these meetings it is obvious to us that we were totally incorrect in making this assumption.

These extremely poor attendances sent a clear message to our guest speakers (Excluding Winston Peters and Gareth Hughes, the latter who spoke at our AGM) that Grey Power members are not interested in the various policies of the respective parties, and how these affect them.

We genuinely believed that being members of a Parliamentary Lobby Federation, our membership would have been interested in hearing what each speaker had to say.

The committee have taken this on board; we have organised all our General Meetings from late 2014 thru August 10 this year.

It has become very apparent that we are out of touch with the interests of our membership; accordingly, we will not be involved in future meetings, these will be organised by others on the committee. Any suggestions for future guest speakers would be greatly appreciated.

Brian Newton & Susan Anderson

Christmas Lunch

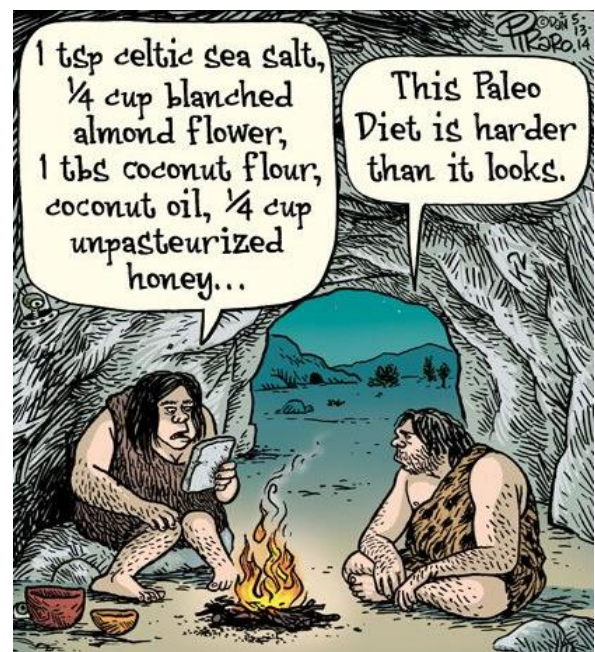
We have been asked whether we are having a Christmas Lunch this year, as there would seem to be some interest, we plan to repeat last year's event which was held at Cobb & Co in the Strand, accordingly this event will be held at the same venue on November 28, from midday.

To enable us to book the venue for the correct number, would all those members interested please contact us to advise accordingly. As per last year, the lunch will be open to all members and their guests, again as per last year, we will provide a \$5.00 subsidy towards the cost of the meal to all members, we regret that guests will not be eligible for this assistance.

This event has also been advertised under a specific menu option for the past month on our website, simply click on the link below:

<http://greypowerwhakatane.org.nz/whakatane/christmas-lunch/>

So, if all those interested could please let us know, by either emailing us, through our website or by calling Susan Anderson or Brian Newton as soon as possible, and not later than November 10, 2017.



The Original Caveman Diet

HOW DO YOU DECIDE WHO TO MARRY?

(written by kids)

1. You got to find somebody who likes the same stuff. Like, if you like sports, she should like it that you like sports, and she should keep the chips and dip coming.

-- Alan, age 10

No person really decides before they grow up who they're going to marry. God decides it all way before, and you get to find out later who you're stuck with.

-- Kristen, age 10

2. WHAT IS THE RIGHT AGE TO GET MARRIED?
Twenty-three is the best age because you've known the person FOREVER by then..

-- Camille, age 10

3. HOW CAN A STRANGER TELL IF TWO PEOPLE ARE MARRIED?
You might have to guess, based on whether they seem to be yelling at the same kids.

-- Derrick, age 8

4. WHAT DO YOU THINK YOUR MOM AND DAD HAVE IN COMMON?
Both don't want any more kids.

-- Lori, age 8

5. WHAT DO MOST PEOPLE DO ON A DATE?
Dates are for having fun, and people should use them to get to know each other. Even boys have something to say if you listen long enough.

-- Lynnette, age 8 (isn't she a treasure)

On the first date, they just tell each other lies and that usually gets them interested enough to go for a second date.

-- Martin, age 10

6. WHEN IS IT OKAY TO KISS SOMEONE?

When they're rich.

-- Pam, age 7 (Love her)

The law says you have to be eighteen, so I wouldn't want to mess with that.

-- Curt, age 7

The rule goes like this: If you kiss someone, then you should marry them and have kids with them. It's the right thing to do.

-- Howard, age 8

7. IS IT BETTER TO BE SINGLE OR MARRIED?

It's better for girls to be single but not for boys. Boys need someone to clean up after them.

-- Anita, age 9 (bless you child)

8. HOW WOULD THE WORLD BE DIFFERENT IF PEOPLE DIDN'T GET MARRIED?

There sure would be a lot of kids to explain, wouldn't there?

-- Kelvin, age 8

And the #1 Favourite is

9. HOW WOULD YOU MAKE A MARRIAGE WORK?

Tell your wife that she looks pretty, even if she looks like a dump truck.

-- Ricky, age 10

Now that I'm older here's what I've discovered:

- I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it.
- My wild oats are mostly enjoyed with prunes and all-bran.
- I finally got my head together, and now my body is falling apart.
- Funny, I don't remember being absent-minded.
- It was a whole lot easier to get older, than to get wiser.
- If all is not lost, then where the heck is it?
- I wish the buck really did stop here; I sure could use a few of them.
- Kids in the back-seat cause accidents.
- Accidents in the back-seat cause kids.
- It's hard to make a comeback when you haven't been anywhere.
- If God wanted me to touch my toes, he'd have put them on my knees.
- When I'm finally holding all the right cards, everyone wants to play chess.
- The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.
- These days, I spend a lot of time thinking about the hereafter - I go somewhere to get something, and then wonder what I'm "here, after".

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Email: _____ Landline 'Phone: _____

Membership No: (If Renewal) _____ Cell / Mobile: _____

Annual Membership Valid to March 31, 2018

\$15.00 Single Renewal / New ** (Please Circle One)
(\$16.00 if paying via cheque)
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Whakatane 3158**

Total Remitted \$.....

If you mail to our P.O. Box, it will assist us immensely if you could please include a stamped addressed envelope to cover the cost for mailing your Membership Card (s) and if paying by cash (Please note that we do not advise sending cash through the mail), your receipt. New members and membership renewals can also be undertaken via our website, simply click on the "Join Us" button and select from the sub menu accordingly.

Internet Banking

Payment can be made direct to our bank account via Internet Banking; details of our account together with the required details are as listed below; if you are a new member and paying via this method, and not using our website, please also send us an email to whakatanegreypower@gmail.com advising your details as listed above, including identifying how the amount paid is made up; i.e. if you are including a donation, please state the two amounts.

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