

TAURANGA & WBOP GREY POWER NEWSLETTER for MAY 2022

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Office hours: Tue, Wed, Thurs – 9.30 to 2.30

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Hello and welcome to shorter autumn/winter newsletter. A special welcome to all our new members – it's great to have you with us. You will see in the news below that we are holding our AGM next month on 7th July and we look forward to seeing as many members as possible at the meeting so as to be able to have our accounts approved and elect committee members. If you would like to join our committee, please call Jennifer 021 676276 or email the office.

The Grey Power Federation's national AGM is also being held in July when delegates have the opportunity to discuss issues that are of concern to their members. During the following 12 months the board is then tasked with lobbying government or appropriate agencies to follow through with what the associations have highlighted.

REMINDER NOTICE for MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

**Membership subs are due from 1 April Single \$20 – double \$35
Account 38 9001 0051732 00**

We really value your membership by you either supporting Grey Power or helping to generate income from Grey Power Electricity. To enable the national board to be effective, they need income and members, so they can lobby government or other entities, to produce the best outcomes for seniors.

Please pay your subs by internet banking or telephone banking into

a/c # 30 9001 0051732 00

Please separate GP membership from PG Electricity in your Payee list so your power a/c is not paid to us in error.

Deposit cash into our account at a Kiwibank branch or pop in to our office Tues, Wed or Thurs 9.30 – 2.30

In all cases, please put your name, membership number or street address as a reference. For those who have already renewed – a big thank you!

Email us with details at tgagreypower@gmail.com or go to our website

www.greypowertga-wbop.org.nz

Any queries phone 571 2558

AGM for Tga & WBOP 2022:

Our AGM date is set for **Thursday 7th July at 10am**. This will be at the Senior Citizens Club, 14 Norris St – on the road behind Pac N Save. We will have a speaker and tea will be served afterwards. A \$2 donation toward the hall hire would be appreciated.

COFFEE MORNINGS:

Tauranga - These meetings will resume on 2nd June at 10am with Adrian Toft & Ruth Thomas speaking on a program that has been launched in Tauranga to bring awareness of dementia and how to live better with it.

Venue: Senior Citizens Hall, 14 Norris St, Tauranga. \$2 donation for hall hire please.

Papamoa – Members meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month at Pacifica Nursery Café, Tara Rd at 10am. No speakers as yet but the coffee and company are excellent.

Katikati – meetings have been in recess due to Covid concerns but we hope to restart these again in June.

VOLUNTEERS

We are in desperate need of more volunteers to help in the office. If you don't want to use a computer but would enjoy answering the phone and writing up a few details and addressing some envelopes – please give us a call. All we need is to fill some shifts on Tues, Wed and Thurs between 9.30 – 12 or 12 – 2.30

If you are happy to use a computer and are conversant with Excel, we need to have a couple more people who are able to operate the office database. Full training will be provided. Call Donna on 571 2558 or email her with any questions
tgagreypower@gmail.com

WEBSITE

We are launching our new website this month! www.greypowertga-wbop.org.nz You may have noticed that we were directing people to the Federation website this year. Not any more – our committee member, Vanessa, has set up a new site for us and we're pretty proud of it. Do take some time to check it out. More items and articles will be added as we go along.

COMPUTER HELP OR REPAIRS

Kevin from Athena Computer Services is very reliable and looks after the office and volunteers' computers. He also gives a genuine, competitive price for Grey Power members. Call Kevin on 022 3521402

JOKE

I tried having my mother's phone disconnected, but the customer-service rep told me that since the account was in my dad's name, he'd have to be the one to put in the request. The fact that he'd been dead for 40 years didn't sway her. Then a solution hit me: "If I stop paying the bill, you can turn off the service, right?" "Well, yes," she said reluctantly. "But that would ruin his credit." — Jeannie Gibbs

That's all for this issue! We are working on our next magazine now which will be delivered to you around the 24th of June.

Take care of yourselves,

Jennifer and your Committee