

PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT 55 QUEENS GROVE LOWER HUTT ON SATURDAY 15 AUGUST 2009

WEBSITE

Due to the tremendous efforts of Susan Wilson we now have a very fine website which also allows people who wish to, to enrol on line.

E-NEWSLETTER

We have recruited an editor for this. Many thanks to Signe Thomsen for coming forward. We are in the process of updating membership records to include email addresses so that we can keep in more regular contact with our members. Particular thanks to Mel Wood for her efforts here.

FUNDRAISING

Due to the generosity of a private benefactor, we now have \$5000 to dispense for this purpose. The executive has decided to employ a part-time person to help with this, and also to employ the services of a highly reputable professional fundraising organisation, Compton Associates of Christchurch, which has been in business for 20 years.

FINANCE

Our general account current balance is \$9730.54. This, added to the current investment account balance as at 14.8.09 of \$2028.94, means our finances are the healthiest they have ever been. However, all this money is already committed. This consists of membership subscriptions and donations, the above sum of \$5000 given for fundraising, and \$2000 from the Families Commission which will assist with travel costs for a media educator to pay such a person when our fundraising efforts have born fruit.

ADMINISTRATOR

With the assistance of the WINZ "Activity In the Community Scheme", we have been able to secure the services of a Fundraiser/Administrator, Ms Tania Goodwin, who has a very useful range of skills and experience and will be employed commencing July 29th, on a trial basis, for two months, by ourselves and WINZ.

MEETING WITH MINISTER OF BROADCASTING

I met with the new Minister the Hon Dr Jonathan Coleman on 30 July, in the company of Bob McCroskerie, of the Family First organisation. We put to the minister concerns which are summarized in a letter which will be posted shortly.

SUMMARY

The last year has been a busy one, during which we have changed our name and rebranded ourselves, involving a complete revision of our website, development of a new logo, and the production of a new recruitment pamphlet and Power Point presentation.

We are very fortunate in having Adrian Cooper as our conscientious and efficient secretary and the always supportive executive of Penny Jones and Ralph Ross.

I propose that we pay Adrian an Honorarium of \$250, which nowhere near covers the expenses he incurs on our behalf but will perhaps assist in defraying some of them.

I particularly want to thank my wife Katie for helping today and also because as Manager of the local volunteer recruitment organisation Volunteer Hutt, she has helped us immeasurably to locate willing helpers for specialist tasks.

John Terris

President