Annual General Meeting

Whakatāne District Grey Power Association Inc.

Victor Luca



Agenda



Health & Safety

1. Welcome and apologies - Mover, Seconder

Lynette Jones, Susan Keys

- 2. Correspondence In & Out Mover, Seconder
- 3. Minutes of previous AGM held May 2021

Matters arising from these Minutes (if any)

Mover, Seconder

- 4. Treasurer's Report June Goodhew
 - Financial Report (Treasurer June Goodhew) Mover, Seconder
 - Membership & subscriptions review (Siva Panadam)
- 4. Defibrillator demonstration
- 5. President's Report Victor Luca

Title: Who are we, what have we done and where are we going?

Discussion.

6. Nominations & Election of Committee Members

President, Secretary, Treasurer, Committee members.

- 7. General Business
- 8. Morning Tea

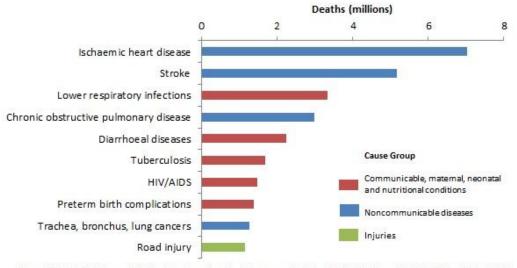
Scrutinizers: Sandy Milne & Carolyn Jacobs.

Treasurer's Report – June Goodhew

St	atement of	f Financia	l Performance fo	or Period 1 April 2021 -	· 31 March 2	2022		
Brought forw	ard from 31 N	March 2021						
Account	3890030986339-00		4,702.91					
Account 3890030986339-02		1,176.83						
Term Deposi	t 3890030986	339-01	10,639.72					
			16,519.46					
Income_		<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	Expenditure	2022	2021		
Subscriptions	5	5,220.00	3,673.00	Administration	2,357.04	1,839.05		
Donations		283.48	231.00	Capitation Fees	1,880.00	1,217.00		
Bank Interes	t	22.00	282.83	Meeting Exp	250.00	166.94		
TD interest		736.00	0	Fed AGM exp	2,474.40	-		
Federation AGM grant		400.00	0	Bank Fees	22.00	16.00		
		6,661.48	4,186.83	Postage	215.00	-		
					7,198.44	3,238.99		
Assets - Curr	ent Balances	31 March 20	022					
Account	3890030986339-00		5,687.26					
Account 3890030986339-02		4,294.38						
Term Deposit 3890030986339-01		6,000.00						
(20 Dec - 20 .	June 22 @ 1.5	%)						
			15,981.64	Whakatane	Whakatane & Districts Grey Power Association Inc.			
31-Mar-22				Ass				
Petty Cash	\$201.90			31	31 March 2022			
				Balance Sheet pi	Balance Sheet presented by June Goodhew			
Liabilities								
Defibrillator	2,395.00							

Defibrillator Demonstration

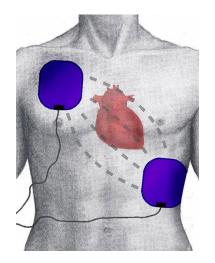
Top 10 global causes of deaths, 2000



Defibrillation is a treatment for lifethreatening <u>cardiac dysrhythmias</u>, specifically <u>ventricular fibrillation</u> (VF) and <u>non-perfusing ventricular</u> <u>tachycardia</u> (VT)

Source: Global Health Estimates 2016: Deaths by Cause, Age, Sex, by Country and by Region, 2000-2016. Geneva, World Health Organization; 2018.

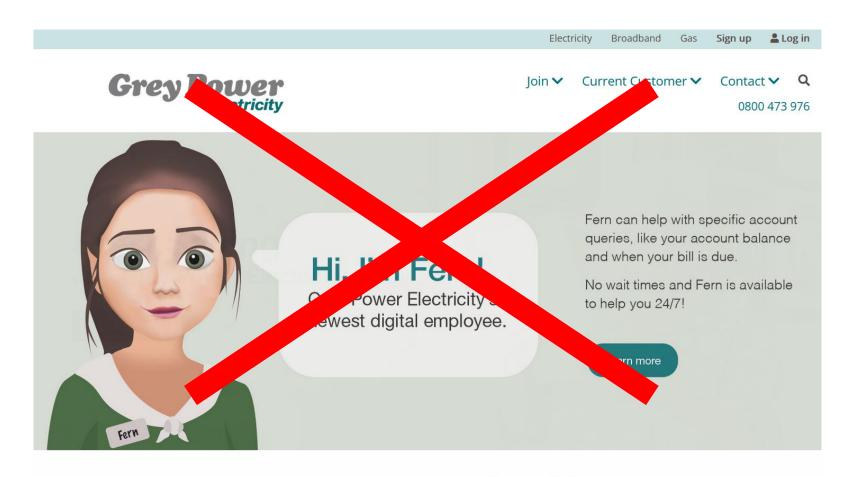
How to Use a Defibrillator (AED) - First Aid Training - St John Ambulance







Why Join Grey Power?



Grey Power Electricity

What is Grey Power?



Grey Power is an <u>advocacy organisation</u> promoting the welfare and well-being of all those citizens in the 50 plus age group. We monitor what the government is doing and how that will affect our members – meeting with influential people including politicians, to make our views known.

Grey Power is dedicated to the welfare, interests and concerns of the many people who are over 50 years and is a neutral but assertive voice of influence in the political arena with no party political affiliation.

Grey Power Aims and Objectives

- 1. To advance, support and protect the welfare and well being of older people.
- **2.** To affirm and protect that statutory right of every New Zealand resident, to a sufficient New Zealand Superannuation entitlement.
- **3.** To strive for a provision of quality Health Care to all New Zealand residents regardless of income and location.
- **4.** To oppose all discriminatory and disadvantageous legislation affecting rights, security and dignity.
- **5.** To be non-aligned with any political party, and to present a strong united lobby to all Parliament and statutory Bodies on matters affecting New Zealanders.
- **6.** To promote and establish links with kindred organizations.
- **7.** To promote recognition of the wide-ranging services provided by senior citizens of New Zealand.
- 8. To gain recognition as an appropriate voice for all older New Zealanders.



Aims of the Modernisation Plan AGM 2012

To be implemented on a 3-5 year time horizon

- Define and implement the roles and responsibilities of the Associations,
 Federation Board and Zone Representatives.
- Use appropriate technology to develop communications protocols that are the envy of all non-profit organisations.
- Achieve a membership of 100,000 within 5 years.

 Means to an end
- Advanced, support and protect the welfare and well-being of all persons in New Zealand but with particular emphasis on older persons through advocacy.
- Utilise the expertise of members and external organisations to provide a research resource for all activities of Grey Power.
- Develop a sustainable financial model that ensures the viability of the associations and federation and to update the constitution.

Grey Power New Zealand Modernisation Working Party

Purpose of Grey Power

Grey Power, an apolitical organisation, will use positive advocacy to enhance of protect the sustainable wellbeing of NZ Residents

Our Dream

For GREY POWER to be regarded as the UNIFIED voice of Ne Zez' and's OLDER (50+) generation

Our Essenc.

Universal Commitment and Concern for the future . New Zealand's older generation.

GBI's (Great Big Icans)

- Recognition Colder Collation volunteers
 - Nat Sur r up to '2.5% 'weekly wage
 - Clinge to the Rating system
 - Atı. rtion 'th N' cional Seniors Australia
 - ✓ Uv arship of Retirement Villages
- rey Pow Power Company (50+ Power)
 - G^r .y Power Bank/ Insurance
- Agreement fro how ment wat Minister for Senior Citizens will be in Top 10 & in Cabinet

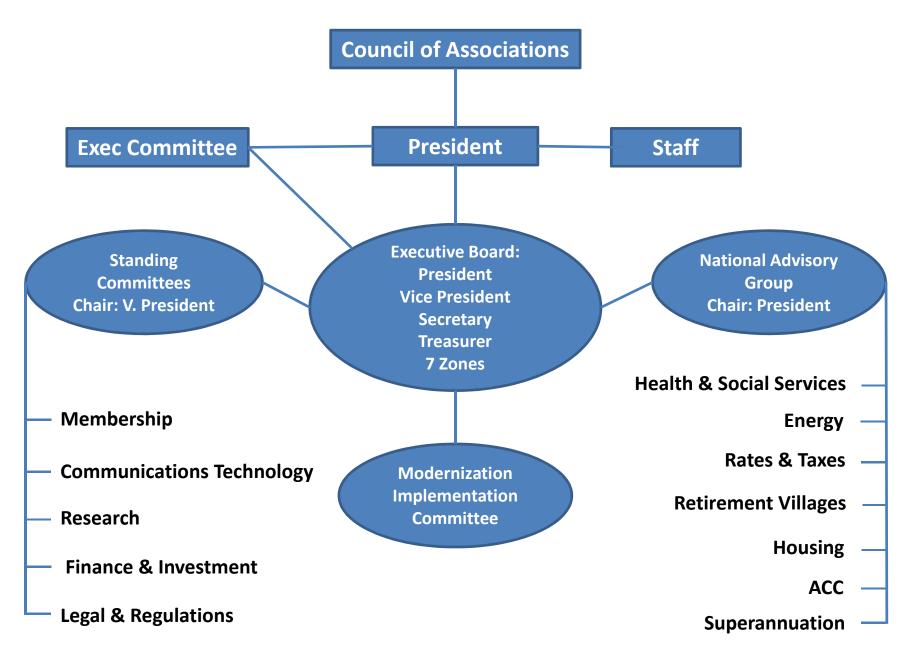
Hooks to Attract New Members

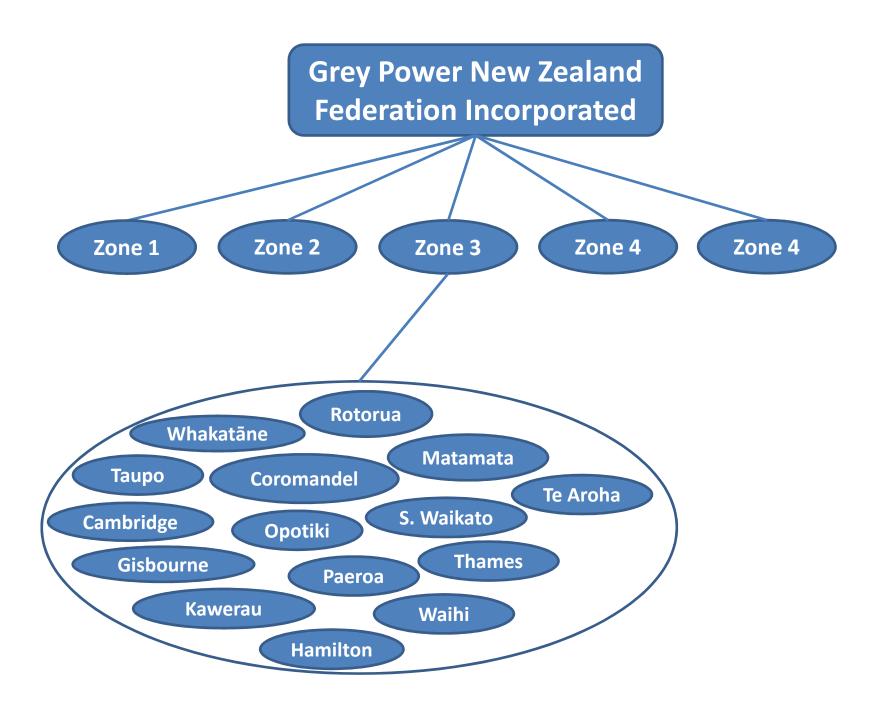
- Rates Equity and Relief
 - Energy Savings
- Lead Debate and ACTION on topical issues SOE's; Foreshore and Sea bed

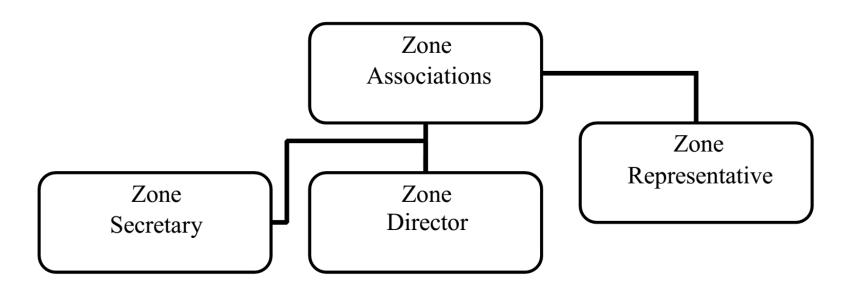
The 74 associations of the federation



Grey Power Association	
<u>Ashburton</u>	North Canterbury
<u>Auckland</u>	North Otago
<u>Buller</u>	North Shore
<u>Cambridge</u>	<u>Opotiki</u>
Central Hawkes Bay	<u>Otago</u>
Central Otago	<u>Otamatea</u>
<u>Christchurch</u>	<u>Paeroa</u>
<u>Coromandel</u>	Papamoa & Districts
Counties Manukau	Queenstown
Dannevirke & Districts	<u>Rangitikei</u>
Eastern Southland	<u>Rotorua</u>
<u>Far North</u>	South Otago
<u>Gisborne</u>	South Taranaki
Golden Bay	South Waikato
<u>Greymouth</u>	Southland
<u>Hamilton</u>	<u>Stratford</u>
Hastings & Districts	<u>Taupo</u>
Hibiscus Coast	Tauranga & Western BOP
<u>Hokitika</u>	<u>Te Aroha</u>
<u>Horowhenua</u>	<u>Te Awamutu</u>
Howick/Pakuranga	<u>Temuka</u>
Hutt City	<u>Thames</u>
<u>Kaipara</u>	<u>Timaru</u>
Kapiti Coast	<u>Upper Hutt</u>
<u>Kawerau</u>	Waiheke Island
King Country	<u>Waihi</u>
Mana-Tawa	<u>Waimate</u>
<u>Manawatu</u>	<u>Wainuiomata</u>
Marlborough	Wairoa & District
<u>Matamata</u>	Waitakere
Mercury Bay (Whitianga)	Wanganui
Mid North	<u>Warkworth</u>
<u>Morrinsville</u>	Wellington Central
<u>Motueka</u>	Wellington South East
Napier & Districts	Whakatane
Nelson	Whangamata
New Plymouth	Whangarei







Power in Numbers: Zone 3 Associations by the numbers

		Financial		UnFinancial		Deleted		
		Households	Members	Households	Members	Households	Members	%
1	Cambridge	204	251	60	82	3	4	1.22
2	Coromandel	95	136	86	121	1	1	7.73
3	Gisborne	62	77	145	189	0	0	0.21
4	Hamilton	524	704	344	453	8	10	0.43
5	Kawerau & Districts	145	199	115	147	0	0	2.66
6	King Country	82	115	172	230	1	1	0.44
7	Matamata	311	430	112	150	3	4	5.51
8	Mercury Bay	56	88	181	261	1	1	7.19
9	Morrinsville	4	5	101	139	0	0	0.06
10	Opotiki	24	28	52	63	0	0	0.29
11	Paeroa	54	64	69	80	0	0	1.05
12	Papamoa and Districts	30	38	55	71	0	0	0.15
13	Rotorua	866	1174	436	574	11	14	1.52
14	South Waikato	84	101	189	217	0	0	0.40
15	Taupo	214	297	178	249	1	1	1.14
20	Tauranga & Western BOP	309	397	593	797	3	4	0.30
16	Te Aroha	50	59	143	190	0	0	1.30
17	Te Awamutu	66	98	103	152	0	0	0.75
18	Thames	76	106	81	115	1	1	1.38
19	Waihi	201	264	139	175	0	0	3.50
21	Whakatane District	148	202	108	137	3	5	0.54
22	Whangamata	205	288	117	162	2	2	7.09

Total (financial + unfinancial members) 51,415

Grey Power Achievements

- 1. Removal of the Surtax
- 2. Asset Testing Legislation being Phased Out
- 3. Lower doctors' Fees
- 4. Lower Pharmacy Fees
- **5.** Removal Over 80's Driving Tests
- 6. Removal Simulated Driving Tests by Occupational Therapists
- 7. Lower Tariff Electricity
- 8. Superannuation Increased to 66% NATOTWW (net after tax ordinary time weekly wage)
- 9. Rate Rebate Scheme revitalised and more recently extended to include retirement village residents
- 10. Independent Superannuation & Income Centres
- 11. Improved Regulations for Rest Homes
- 12. Code of Practice for Rest Homes
- 13. Abolition of Interest on Student Loans
- **14.** The National Superannuation Adjustment for the Tax Cuts in the 2008 Budget is a long awaited recognition by a major political party of the plight of the elderly reliant on NZ Superannuation
- 15. Hearing aid subsidy increased
- **16.** Rates Rebate Scheme indexed to CPI. Amount now \$580 (originally \$500) and threshold now \$23,240 (from 20,000 originally)
- 17. Spot Audits for Rest Homes
- 18. Retention of Graduating Doctors (Student Loan)
- 19. Lowering Electricity Increase for ETS
- 20. Retention of SuperGold Card Off-Peak Travel
- 21. Retention of SuperGold Card Waiheke Island Ferry Travel
- 22. Increased funding for Gloucoma operations
- 23. Annual clothing allowance for grandparents raising grandchildren (In conjunction with Grandparents raising Grandchildren)
- 24. Winter Energy Payment25. Security doors on most Council owned pensioner flats

What do we do?



We advocate (lobby) on behalf of our members.

Lobbying - any attempt by individuals or private interest groups to influence the decisions of government.

- 1. Health Remit to national AGM
- **2.** Cost of living Work in progress (rates payers association)
- **3.** Transportation ← Supporting EBV
- 4. Banking
- **5.** Climate change (environment, energy)
- 6. Water and land resources (Spatial planning)
- 7. Flooding
- 8. ...
- 9. ..

Our Remit

Halt to Further Privatization of Health

That Grey Power lobby to halt the ongoing privatization of our Health System without a sound economic business case for each proposed implementation and corresponding solid evidence of improvements to the health outcomes for New Zealanders.

Explanation

Our present health system is undeniably a two-tier system giving preferential access and superior treatment to those that can most afford it and evidence suggests that it is becoming increasingly privatized [1,2].

- Today, about 35% of New Zealanders have private health insurance [2] enabling the insured to get prompt and premium treatment while the remainder get the waiting list. Many Grey Power members cannot afford private insurance.
- It is well known that the public system subsidizes the private system [3].
- The level of privatization of the system over time is increasing by stealth suggesting that the *for-profit* motive is becoming more entrenched.
- Our primary healthcare providers, General Practitioners, effectively operate private businesses. Many folk struggle to pay the consultation costs.
- Pathology services are almost completely privatized (a virtual monopoly) and other specialist services such as dentistry, radiology, cardiology and urology are either already either partially or fully privatized.
- Your ability to get healthcare in our supposed public universal system depends on your position on the socioeconomic ladder irrespective race, culture, color, religion *etc*.
- Health authorities can show no proof that privatization has led to economic efficiencies or improvements in health outcomes.

If we continue down the present path of increasing privatization, there is a danger that we will end up with a health system that resembles that of the United States which has the highest costs by far of any in the OECD country and the worst outcomes by far [4]. The appalling response of the fully privatized US health system to the COVID pandemic is strong evidence of the failure of fully privatized systems.

The belief that private is better and the market will deliver must be dispelled if better outcomes for Grey Power members and their descendants are to be achieved.

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Dr/Prof. Victor Luca 12-Nov-21



New Zealand's Health System Under the Microscope

Victor Luca

Scientist/District Councilor



4-Mar-22, Grey Power, Zone 3 Meeting

Level of Privatization of Specialist Services?



70% Private



(Diagnostic imaging)

40% Private





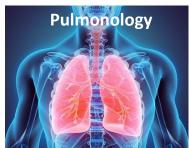


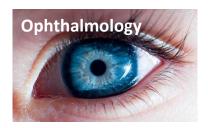


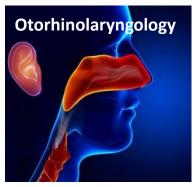






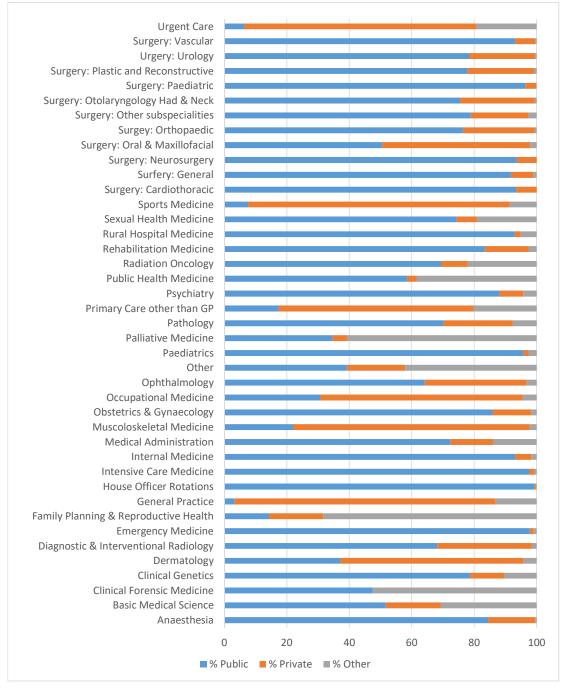












17-May-22Kia ora Dr Luca

Thank you for your Official Information Act request of 15 April 2022 seeking further information about the medical health workforce by employer type, following your earlier request [H202204793].

The Ministry has decided under section 15(a) of the Act to grant your request, however, due to COVID-19 cases and the volume of requests the organisation has received, it requires further time to administratively process your request. The Ministry anticipates the information requested will be provided to you no later than 24 May 2022.

On behalf of the Ministry, I want to apologise for this delay. You have the right, under section 28 of the Act, to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made in response to your request.

Ngā mihi

Antony Paltridge Principal Adviser OIA Services Team

What is Money?









Electrum Carthaginian shekel, c.a. 310-290 BC







Communications

Influencing requires an effective communications strategy

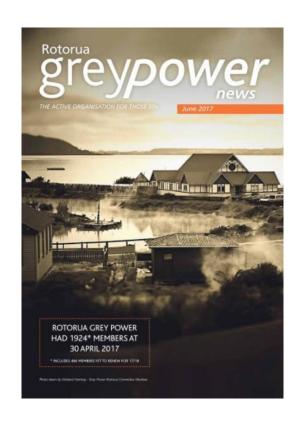
Ours remains a work in progress and we need to adapt to new media if we are to be effective

https://www.yumpu.com/en/browse















President's Message

weight. We advocate on a number of issues which we consider to be of paramount importance to our members and their descendants. For now, we are focusing on health and living costs.

On Friday, 4th March 2022, several committee members travelled to Matamata for the Zone 3 Associations meeting. Zone 3 comprises of 23 Associations ranging from Hamilton to the Coromandel Peninsula and across to Gisborne.

Our main mission for this meeting was to put a remit on the table for Zone endorsement. In the present context a remit is a matter that Grev Power are referring to government for consideration. The remit was entitled 'Halt Privatization

To support the remit, I have conducted extensive research on our health system and spoken with many authoritative people. I am glad and proud to inform Grey Power members that the

I delivered an address to Zone 3 members providing historical context and background to the government's forthcoming health system reforms. Lalso provided compelling evidence

warned of possible adverse consequences for Grey Powers members and their descendants. The idea was to convince each association to support the remit prior to consideration at the national Grey Power Annual General Meeting in Wellington. The presentation, which was well received, can be found here:

https://www.whakatanegreypower.com/post/presentation-ofremit-on-health-at-zone-3-meeting

The final remit wording was as follows:

That Grey Power lobby to halt the ongoing privatization of our Health System without a sound economic business case for each proposed implementation and corresponding solid evidence of improvements to the health outcomes for New

remit was passed unanimously by Zone members and will make its way onto the national AGM in July 2022.

Dr/Prof. Victor Luca, President

SUBS are due by March 31st. \$15 per member, \$25 per couple. Please pay to bank account number 38 9003 0986339 02, Snippet giving your name and membership number as reference, or contact the treasurer June Goodhew. Thank you.

Grey Power Electricity is a partnership with Pulse energy to provide financial members with lower electricity prices and better services. As a Grev Power member, you have access to lowcost energy rates. With no long-term contracts, no mark up on network services and also the opportunity to add discounted broadband and natural gas or LPG to your account. It is worthwhile investigating.

There are further discounts on direct debit, and online billing.

Grey power Electricity also gives a to the grey power federation a levy for every member that becomes an electricity customer.

CHEAP ELECTRICITY FOR GREY POWER MEMBERS

So, you win both ways.

All power companies have different prices. Grey Power Electricity is one of the cheapest. To give you an example:

GREY POWER ELECTRICITY

Fixed daily rate: 15 cents per day Kilowatts used rate: 9.5 cents per kw/h

Fixed daily rate: 35 cents per day Kilowatts used rate: 27 cents per kw/h

The discount is only available to financial Grev Power members and will be cancelled if you resign from Grey Power. You must register to join. Pulse energy will contact your current supplier and organise the transfer of your account which will take between 5 - 10 working days. You will then pay your bill directly to Grey Power Electricity.

If you are interested contact Grev Power Electricity on 0800 473 976 for further information.

Whakatane Grey Power MEMBER PROFILE



ARTHUR & VALERIE CAMPBELL

Arthur and Valerie have been with Whakatane Grev Power for 4 years now. They joined Grev Power for they liked that the organization was lobbying Government on various issues. They have been regular attendees to the Grey Power general meetings and enjoy the social functions

Valerie hails from Oamaru and met Arthur when she was working in Dunedin where Arthur worked as a carpenter/builder. They have been married for nearly 60 years. While Arthur worked during the day, Valerie looked after their 4 boys & the home. Then Arthur

would look after the children while Valerie worked the Twilight hours at a wool factory. It was an arrangement that worked well.

After a visit to Whakatane 48 years ago, Arthur decided that this was the place for them to raise their family. Since retirement, Arthur and Valerie have kept busy with various activities

Arthur was part of U3A Theatre group, the Bulleting editor for the original Lions Club (which has now been closed), walking and pottering about the garden. Valerie also enjoys walking, playing badminton, exercising at Sunny Gym and Tai Chi. You can catch Valerie at the Rose Gardens on Thursday morning teaching Tai Chi, the graceful art of exercise. What a great way to de-stress and it's free.

Say hello the next time you meet Valerie and Arthur at our meetings and functions.

For your Diary

Upcoming meetings:

Next general meeting at Knox Church, April 20th 10 am.

A.G.M. at Knox Church, May 18th at 10am.

ALL MEETINGS SUBJECT TO COVID RESTRICTIONS

Whakatane Grev Power - Contact

INTEREST | ENQUIRIES | MEMBERSHIP

Dr Victor Luca President 027 749 8888

Dr Siva Panadam Vice President/Membership 027 280 7122

Gaye Murphy Secretary 027 441 8666 June Goodhew Treasurer

027 231 3683

Contributions welcomed!

New Website





General Meetings



2021-2022 Meeting Calendar

19-May-21: Whakatāne District Grey Power Association AGM

20-Oct-21: Bevan Gray – 3-Waters Reforms

17-Nov-21: Nigel Clark – Solid Waste

16-Feb-22: Ian Finch – Health Reforms

- **21-Mar-20:** PM announces alert level system.
- **23-Mar-20:** Prime Minister announced country would, effective immediately (1.40pm) enter alert level 3, and that after Wednesday the country would go into alert level 4 for at a minimum 4 weeks
- **23-June-21:** Wellington region moves to Alert Level 2 after Australian traveler returns to Sydney as a positive case.
- **17-Aug-21:** Community case in Auckland is identified. The case is believed to have been infectious since the 12th August and visited several location in Coromandel town. **An alert level four lockdown for all of the Auckland region is subsequently announced**, to commence form midnight.

The vaccination roll-out is paused for two days. This case signals the beginning of a Delta outbreak in New Zealand.

- **31-Aug-21:** The Delta outbreak continues, with all new cases reported in Auckland. Subsequently, all of New Zealand excepting Auckland and Northland move to alert level three.
- **21-Sep-21:** Auckland moves from alert level 4 to 3.
- **2-Sep-21:** Record number of first dose of vaccinations delivered (65,202 doses). Northland changes to alert level three (Auckland remains in four).
- **21-Sep-21:** Auckland alert levels shifts from four to three, until 5th October at least. All other regions stay at level two (excepting the Hauraki local restrictions).
- **3-Oct-21** Community cases in Waikato see localised areas within the region move to alert level 3.
- **9-Nov-21** Auckland moves to alert level 3, step two.

Thank you for your attention

Hasta la vista Arrivederci Hare Ra

