



President of Nelson Grey Power Sue Sara, left, with Jean van Ginkel and Kim Harding. Photo Dean Michalak.

Life membership for Jean van Ginkel

In 1999, Kees and Jean van Ginkel retired from paid work and left Auckland for Nelson. They had been members of Grey Power in Howick and contacted Nelson Grey Power, who needed volunteers with computer skills, Jean says she volunteered to try and retain those skills. Kees also volunteered and finished in 2020 after 10 years of doing shifts on the front desk. The Grey Power office at that time had

only an Apple computer but its membership lists were not easily accessible on it. The list was on a lengthy sheet of paper which was sent from the National office in Auckland. Jean helped to modernise this and make the membership easier to manage on a new computer system. The Grey Power office was situated somewhere in the vicinity of the present Post Office/Pharmacy which was the Stoke branch of H&J Smith's shop at that

time. There was a pokey little room by the back entrance to the shop off Strawbridge Square. In that little room behind H&J Smiths we had a table, two chairs and the old Apple. Volunteers sat there filling out forms which were sent to the national office and came back as the kilometre long list. Some things haven't changed; there is still a frantically busy period of March and April as members renew their mem-

bership but no longer queues out to the street thanks to internet banking. Grey Power still has great volunteers and still has a loyal membership. Jean finished volunteering on the front desk in 2022 and was nominated for a Life Membership. This means she doesn't need to pay her subscription fee from now on. Grey Power hosted a morning tea in her honour with other volunteers and at the AGM this will be ratified.

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President's Report

Sue Sara
President



Sue Sara

W e l c o m e everyone and especially our 154 new members. A reminder that membership is for 50+ so join now and enjoy fifteen years of savings before you get the Gold Card. The past few weeks have been very busy.

I was invited along to Stoke Retirement Village for a talk about Grey Power and what we do. If you belong to an organisation and looking for a speaker, please contact us.

A huge thanks to Harcourts for their generous donation enabling Pat Curry and myself to attend the Federation AGM in June. Article further in.

I also had the pleasure of presenting a Life membership to a long-time volunteer which was a first for me.

Plans are underway for guest speaker for this year's local AGM to be held April 26th.

Membership renewal is well under way with a great uptake so far.

We will be available at the Ageing Expo on Saturday 5th April so come and talk to us. We will be accepting membership subscriptions as well. There is a free shuttle service from outside the TDC to help you get there and back.

We recently received a donation of Ensure supplement. There are still some cans available in the office. If you are a member then please call in to obtain some.

Nelson Grey Power needs your support

Pat Curry
Committee Member

Although we have a relatively large membership, our expenses seem to be increasing.

We are very frugal and run on volunteers apart from our office manager Kim Harding. Our expenses include capitation fees to National Federation, office manager's wag-

es, rent, power, telephone, maintenance of website and office equipment, stationery supplies etc

Our discount book is a big draw card for members, and we try to include services which meet our members needs. This book is biennial and is put together by a volunteer who puts in many hours over several months to put out the booklet.

Apart from the discounts Grey Power Nelson volunteer committee members spend a lot of time following up on member issues and advocating for them where necessary.

We meet with the Nelson and Tasman Mayors, Nelson Bays Primary Health, Te Whatu Ora (previously Nelson Marlborough DHB), Vulnerable Housing Trust, the

Positive Ageing Forum and several more.

As a registered charity any donations made directly to us are tax deductible. Individuals can claim a 33.33% tax credit for all donations over \$5 they make to us. Another way in which members can help us is to leave us a small legacy in their will.

Thank you for your continued support as loyal members.

Congratulations to the paying early prize draw winners

DECEMBER/JANUARY

1st Prize - \$50 Woolworths Grocery Voucher

- R Taylor

2nd Prize - Gift Bag

- I Harding

3rd Prize - Grey Power Electricity Gift Set

- D Wilson

FEBRUARY

1st Prize - \$50 Richmond Mall Voucher

- J Collins

2nd Prize - \$25 Richmond Mall Voucher

- R Wells & M Strachan

3rd Prize - Grey Power Electricity Gift Set

- P Parris

All winners have been notified.

There will be a further prize draw for all members who renewed their membership in March. Winners will be shown in the June newsletter. Thank you to Top South Media & Grey Power Electricity, for donating prizes. Don't miss out and good luck!



Office Volunteer Susan Baker giving Raewyn Taylor her \$50 voucher.

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President of Nelson Grey Power Sue Sara with Jonathan Gough and Amanda Palmer of Harcourts.

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At Harcourts Nelson and Richmond, we believe in supporting our community in meaningful ways. This year, we're proud to help Grey Power representatives from Nelson get to their Annual General Meeting in Wellington.

Grey Power plays a vital role in advocating for the rights and wellbeing of our senior community, ensuring their voices are heard on key issues such as housing, healthcare, and cost of living. Their AGM is an important event where decisions are made to shape policies that impact thousands of New Zealanders.

By lending a hand with their travel costs, we're helping to ensure that our local representatives can be part of these important discussions. Community support is at the heart of what we do, and we're always looking for ways to give back to the people who make our region such a great place to live.

Harcourts - proudly supporting our community, every step of the way.

NELSON GREY POWER

AGM

2PM SATURDAY 26 APRIL 2025
STOKE METHODIST
CHURCH HALL
NEALE AVENUE

Guest Speaker

Nominations for Nelson Grey Power Committee and positions of President, Secretary, and Treasurer need to be in the hands of the Secretary Pam Coltman by 2pm Friday 11th April 2025.

Nomination Forms are available from the Nelson Grey Power office.

Remits must be provided in writing to the Secretary 30 days prior to the meeting.

All members welcome.

Total Mobility free travel

Pat Curry
Committee Member

A free transport option was made available from 1st May 2024 for Total Mobility/Ridewise card holders. It provides free travel for all existing and new Mobility Card/Ridewise card-holders on all Nelson/Tasman ebus services.

In addition to free travel for the card

holder. The Accessibility Concession may provide free transport for their "plus one companion". A "plus one companion" is the support person for card holders who are unable to travel independently by bus. The support does not need a Bee card.

To be able to use this concession you need to link your Total Mobility/Ridewise card (which has photo ID) to your Bee Card. To do this you need to take

both cards into either the Nelson City Council or the Tasman District Council. If you do not have a Bee card, you can buy one at the Service Centre for \$5.

A sticker will be placed on your Bee card, but you must still scan your card as you enter and exit a bus. The bus driver may request to see your Total Mobility/Ridewise card, so it is recommended that you carry this with you.

Device Advice

Devices giving you grief or are you not sure how to use your mobile phone, tablet or laptop - help is at hand.

The Nelson Libraries - Elma Turner offers a drop-in service on Thursdays between 2pm and 3pm & Nightingale Mondays between 2pm & 3pm

Stoke library is currently opening at 1pm with device advice drop-in service not available until normal hours resume.

Richmond Library offer advice via a session with a librarian via their 'book a librarian' service.

Nelson and Stoke libraries also offer a 'book a librarian service'.

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Grey Power Volunteers will be at the following Venues in April so that members have an opportunity to pay their subscriptions somewhere more convenient.
New members will also be welcome to join at these places.

Saturday 5th April	Positive Ageing Expo	10.00am – 2.00pm
Thursday 10th April	Richmond Mall	9.30am – 3.30pm
Saturday 12th April	Grey Power Office	10.00am – 12.00
Tuesday 15th April	Stoke Summerset	10.30pm – 11.30pm

Benefits of joining Nelson Grey Power

* Use of Nelson Grey Power discount book – which gives more than one hundred business discounts and is updated and republished biennially.

* Membership confers automatic free \$2000 accidental death & dismemberment insurance.

* Provides an avenue for bringing concerns and ideas for improving welfare and well-being of older persons.

* Opportunity to meet with other members and socialise and form friendships.

* Access to a wide range of information brochures and education/learning opportunities.

* Opportunities to volunteer in the work of Nelson Grey Power.

To become a member visit
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MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS DUE FOR RENEWAL

The membership year begins 1st April 2025 and goes to 31 March 2026. If your membership card has a yellow label, you are due to renew. You will not be sent an invoice. Consider this your reminder.

The Winners for the Paying early in March prize draw, 1st, 2nd & 3rd will be published in the next newsletter in the first week of June.

Payments for subscriptions of the right money (no eftpos) can be left with Triton Hearing 95 Bridge Street and McGlashen Pharmacy on Oxford Street in Richmond but can also be accessed from the carpark in between Oxford Street and Queen Street. Renewal & New member forms are held at these places if needed. These are cash only drop off points, with your membership cards posted to you once Grey Power have picked these up, usually at least on a weekly basis. These two places are being kind enough to do this for us so please have the right money.

If you pay by internet banking, your card/s will be posted to you with the new discount book.