



Celebrating Waimea Ladies Friendship Club

At its recent meeting, members of the Waimea Ladies Friendship Club celebrated the birthday of the club, exactly 34 years from its opening day in 1992. The meeting room was decorated for the occasion, creating a festive atmosphere as members enjoyed another milestone in the club's history.

Club President Isabelle Jones welcomed 60 club members and visitors to the celebration, thanking both past and present members for their dedication and contribution to the continued success of the club, a place where women can enjoy companionship, and participate in a range of interesting activities throughout the year.

Speaker for the day was member Glennie Dunne, who assuming the characters of narrator and suffragette spoke of the struggle in Britain for women's suffrage.

Thousands of women petitioned, demonstrated, took part in civil disobedience, went to jail and engaged in hunger strikes in a sixty year, ongoing political and social struggle for the right to vote, something which was finally achieved in 1928. An engaging talk, appreciated by all.

Two Foundation Members, Aileen Ross and Shirley Smith were given the traditional honour of cutting the cake, which was enjoyed at morning teatime, along

with sweet and savoury items made by club members. This was a time for members to reminisce sharing stories from across the years. Lots of laughter and conversation could be heard during the 30-minute break.

The finale of the day was a musical interlude with local musician Rob Innes playing guitar and singing several well-known songs which had the members singing along, and tapping their feet.

Appreciative members and visitors left the meeting, happy to have shared the celebration, looking forward to continued friendship for many years to come.



Grey Power NZ Federation turns 40

As Grey Power marks 40 years of advocacy, we celebrate a proud history which began with a grassroots protest and grew into a strong, independent voice for older New Zealanders. The milestone is both a celebration and a reminder that ongoing advocacy remains

vital.

This issue also acknowledges the resignation of national president Gayle Chambers following health complications. We thank Gayle for her dedicated leadership and wish her a full recovery. Following the AGM, David Marshall has been

elected as Grey Power's new National President and is calling for a stronger national voice for older New Zealanders as the country faces major debates around retirement income, healthcare, housing and the cost of living.

Looking ahead, Grey Power remains

focused on the issues which matter most to seniors, including support for the Doors to Dignity campaign, advocating for more affordable and accessible housing, and ensuring older New Zealanders have a strong voice in shaping future retirement and social policy.

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Presidents Report

Sue Sara

WOW... the year is simply flying along. At this rate spring will be here in no time.

I hope everyone is keeping warm and flu free.

Our committee is all in place with a few tweaks to be made to the portfolios at our next meeting.

A list of committee members is located further through.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if there is someone you would like to hear speak or a business you might like to hear from.

Sadly no one from Nelson attended the Federation AGM this year due to sickness and commitments. I am still awaiting feedback on what may be of interest to you, our members.

Membership continues to grow steadily. Currently we are sitting at 5157.

Many thanks to those that have paid.

Don't forget. For those with children turning 50, how about gifting them a membership.

Grey Power Electricity is now quite proactive in reminding people they must be members to get their power rates. With that I must remind you all the Nelson office does not handle anything to do with power. Please make sure you have the right bank details when making payment.

That's all for now



Aged residential care funding boost announced

Aged residential care will receive a four percent funding boost from the Government for 2026/27.

A key focus of the investment is helping older people move more quickly from hospital into the care setting that best meets their needs. This includes supporting weekend admissions into aged residential care. These changes will reduce delays for older patients and also ease pressure on hospital beds.

The increase is also aimed at improving service delivery, strengthening access to care, and helping providers respond to demand as our population ages.



One of the Nelson Grey Power volunteers David Inglis with feet on the ground in Motueka signing up local businesses for our Members Discount Book.

Committee 2026/2027 members

The Nelson Grey Power Committee work is undertaken on a voluntary basis by the organisation's officers and committee members. Portfolio responsibilities will be finalised at the next Committee meeting held in August.

Current Committee members are: -

President – Sue Sara

Vice President – Position Open

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Secretary- Pam Crichton

Committee Member – Greta Lindsay

Committee Member – Gwen Bezett

Committee Member – Sue Gardener

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Dances at the Boathouse – photos wanted

For over 100 years this much-loved building has been part of Nelson's social scene. Friendships have formed, young people have learned about boats and the sea, and many a couple have met and later married there.

It all began with the Nelson Rowing Club and the early obsession with rowing. Outgrowing its original clubrooms, new premises were built by the club on Wakefield Quay in 1906.

Between the 1940s and 1960s the club held regular dances there as fundraisers. The building became one of Nelson's main dance venues with a band playing to a packed dance hall most

Saturday nights. With rowing skiffs slung from the ceiling and walls strung with coloured lights, the atmosphere was nautical. There were wonderful suppers of oysters and crayfish. Talcum powder was scattered on the floor to aid dancing, but in high tides the boards still got damp.

By the 1960s, dancing was out and television was in. Without the crowds the dances stopped, ending the club's main source of income. However, the bills kept mounting. The slipway needed major repairs and piles needed replacing. When the Harbour Board offered a site at Akersten Street, it was a deal too good to refuse.



The club moved out and the property went up for sale.

Fearing the building could be washed away in the next storm, 25 Nelson residents

raised the \$25,000 needed for its purchase. They formed a Society and set about the building's restoration. Following a multi-year project,

Nelson's Boathouse was born, allowing it to continue operating as a popular venue for entertainment, weddings and socialising.

In 2027, a book detailing the life of The Boathouse and its place in Nelson's social history will be published.

The book will detail the building's origins, its restoration and its repurposing to the building we know today. For this history the production team are looking for photos of the boats hanging inside the shed, the dances and events held there. If you have any such images which can be copied for use, please contact Karen 027 238 1819.

Best value at the fuel pump

Self Serve fuel - How does it work and how to save?

Recently, NPD Lower Queen Street and NPD Waimea have converted to 24/7 Self-Serve sites. This means in-store payments and previously available fuel discounts, including SuperGold, are no longer available at these locations.

So, what does Self-Serve mean for the price you pay at the pump? Let's dive in and take a look.

Competitive pricing

24/7 Self-Serve means access to competitive Self-Serve pricing plus regular Discount

Day promotions, any time of day or night. Consistent savings are usually found here because the operating model allows for competitive pricing.

Quick and easy fuelling

Filling up yourself takes just a few simple steps, and NPD makes it easy to see exactly how before you even arrive at the fuel site. Visit npd.co.nz/operate-video for a short how-to video on how to use an outdoor payment terminal, start to finish.

People often find that after filling up once, it is super easy the next time.

You need to keep an ear out for Discount Promotions

NPD consistently offer special Discount Promotions and the best way to hear about these is by signing up to receive email notifications.

To make sure you never miss a Discount Day, sign up at npd.co.nz/sign-up, or call 0800 544 6162 and NPD will add you to the mailing list for you.

Find pricing near you

Download Gaspy, New Zealand's crowdsourced fuel price app. Everyday drivers report prices as they fill up, so Gaspy shows you which nearby stations are cheapest



Serge Artemiev being shown how to use the Self Serve outdoor payment terminal at NPD.

for petrol or diesel, updated throughout the day. It's free on the App Store and Google Play – open it, allow location access, and it lists fuel sites nearby. It's worth noting this is an independent app and isn't an official fuel pricing app.

Easy ways to save on fuel

Self-Serve pricing and NPD's Discount Promotions and a quick check of Gaspy are easy ways to make sure you're always getting a great price at the pump.

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Why do smart people fall for scams?

Every week, New Zealanders lose millions of dollars to scams. Many victims feel embarrassed afterwards because they believe they should have known better. The truth is that scams do not work because people are foolish. They work because criminals under-

stand human behaviour. Scammers create urgency, fear, trust, and confusion. They pretend to be from banks, government departments, internet providers, or other trusted organisations. Their goal is to stop you thinking clearly and pressure you into acting quickly.

Doctors, lawyers, business owners, and technology professionals have all been scammed. Intelligence is not the issue. Being caught off guard at the wrong moment is. Many older New Zealanders were raised to be polite and helpful. Unfortunately, criminals exploit these qualities.

They know people are often reluctant to hang up or challenge someone who appears to be in authority. The moment somebody pressures you to act immediately is the moment you should SLOW DOWN. Remember: only a criminal will ask you to do things on your computer.

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