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Greetings to all members and supporters,

For most the time off for holidays and trips away is over and I hope the New Year has started well. For some there has been too much sun and not enough rain after a wet winter and spring. The Black Caps have had an outstanding run of form and almost seem unbeatable. I'm keeping this intro short to fit this newsletter on one page. Cheers.

Last Function:

On Sat 11th November members gathered at Dudding's Lake halfway between Bulls and Turakina for a BBQ lunch with meat and refreshments supplied by the committee and a yummy range of salads and desserts brought by members attending. The day was fine and sunny after the recent wet spring weather and a steady breeze assisted the kite flying undertaken by my own grandsons. Parking, access and mobility toilet facilities were all more than adequate and the facilities to cook, eat and clean up are such that the committee would recommend this venue as very well appointed for a family or group picnic, function or overnight stay. Being conveniently located to both Palmerston North and Wanganui the committee will consider using this venue again.

Next Function.

Advanced notice was given in the October newsletter of a luncheon function to be held at the Masonic Café located on Queens St East in Levin on Sunday 28th Jan. The entry to the Café is well signposted off Queens St. The committee will be meeting at 10.30am and members are invited to gather for a midday meal with a \$10 meal rebate to be given to members whose memberships are current on the day.

If anyone needs help with transport please let someone know when confirming your intention to attend by Tues 23rd Jan. Please send an email or phone Lis, Lester or myself. This will allow the café to plan for numbers.

Subscriptions Due and possibly overdue:

A good number of subscriptions have been paid for the 2017 year but some remain unpaid. At \$5 for the year keeping your membership hopefully current remains good value. If members have an email address then please email me at jmaher@orcon.net.nz and your newsletters can be sent more easily at significant saving. If the term "Invoice" appears on this newsletter 2017 subs are now overdue. 2018 subs are now due and will be confirmed at the AGM in March. Subs can be paid by internet banking to 02 0719 0142317 00 or sent to Lester or paid at the function on the 28th Jan.

Conference 2018 will be held at the Brentwood Motel in Wellington, 20-22nd April.. The committee applied successfully to Pub Charity for funding and being hosted by a neighbouring society it is hoped a good number of members will look to join in this enjoyable occasion. Funding received will allow payment for 12 members to cover accommodation, meals and travel by car to Wellington. The committee is very appreciative of Pub Charity's support and hope a good group of members will take up on this opportunity. Registration for conference is required by 17th March so the function on Sun 28th Jan or the AGM will be a chance to ask those that have attended previously on the good time to be had. Please let me know if you are interested in attending.

I hope to see as many of you as possible on Sun 28th in Levin and hope that the weather will cooperate.

Kind regards

John Maher