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NEWSLETTER

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Here we are, nearly half of the year gone already - I'm quite convinced they go by quicker the older one gets! As I write this, we're enjoying some great weather but we know only too well how it can suddenly go from one extreme to the other. However, it's a chance to get the garden tidied up before the winter, although dealing with the fallen leaves at this time of the year seems to be a never-ending task.

With this newsletter is the March issue of *Purpose* - though late coming to you I hope that you enjoy it nevertheless, in particular the article on page 8 about two of our younger members, Holly and Anna.

ANUAL GENERAL MEETING

The usual group of stalwarts (what can we do to entice more of you along?!) attended the 71st AGM and dinner at the Otago Bridge Club on Saturday 14th March. Elected to the Committee were: President - Rory McSweeney; Vice President - David Johnston; Coordinator - Yours Truly; Committee - Anna Grimaldi, Tony Horsfall, Simon McMillan, Rod Oakley, Graeme Sayer and Tony Wilson. Thank you to those who donated towards the raffles which raised \$150 towards the evening's expenses. Following the meal, we were entertained by Rory interviewing Holly and Anna - all good fun!

NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to Eugene Ferreira of Alexandra and Tony Cumberbeach of Dunedin.

OBITUARIES

We have recorded with regret the passing of Tony Saunders of Owaka, Alan Greene of Alexandra, Ron Copeland of Cromwell, and Bill Lean of Sawyers Bay.

EVAN MITCHELL CELEBRATORY DINNER

We're off to the Balclutha Town & Country Club on Saturday 20 June to enjoy each other's company and remember Evan who passed on just a year ago. We'll meet at the Club (1 Yarmouth Street) at approximately 6 pm - there's plenty to choose from on an appetising menu and prices are very reasonable. Transport will be provided from Invercargill and Dunedin - ring either David in Invercargill (214-1548) or me in Dunedin (455-6347) by Saturday 13 June.

HERE & THERE

Emailed Newsletters - An increasing number of members now receive their newsletters and *Purpose* by email. If you would like to be included, email me at lrrstan@xtra.co.nz.

Overdue Subs - There are still a few members who haven't paid their sub for 2014. If you have a red dot on your newsletter this applies to you and it would be appreciated if you could bring your subs up to date by paying for 2014 and 2015 as soon as possible.

Our thanks to the Invercargill Licensing Trust for their recent generous grant.

Welfare Grants - Due to a temporary hiccup in cash flow, we won't be making any grants at this time but will do so later in the year when we receive interest from our investments, from which the grants are made.

Golf Cart - A reminder that our golf cart at the 12 Oaks Golf Course in Mosgiel is available to all members. If you wish to use it, please phone Tony Wilson to make arrangements (455-8426).

CONFERENCE 2015

Ten from the deep south (including Give it a Go! participants) attended the recent conference in Wellington; our thanks to the Bendigo Valley Foundation for contributing towards our expenses. Highlights were the opening by the Governor General and our guest speakers - Dirk De Ridder and Ben Lucas.



David Johnston & Vonnie Crawford with the GG



Anna Grimaldi & Holly Robinson received a special mention in the GG's speech

Check out our website www.af.org.nz or our Facebook page for the Governor General's speech and more photos.

OUR VISITORS - Get in touch if you would like a visit or just a chat.

Dunedin and Districts - Lorraine Peacock 455-6347, Tony Horsfall 453-1261, and Rory McSweeney 027 264 0305

Invercargill - David Johnston 214-1548 and Alice Smith 216-4271

Gore - Bill Lee 203-8263

Oamaru - Jan Browne 439-5543

Lakes District - Tetli Carey 409-0484

"Today well lived makes every yesterday a dream of happiness and every tomorrow a vision of hope"

Until next time, take care

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