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PRESIDENTS REPORT

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A good supportive gathering at the Annual General Meeting in October. We welcomed a new member onto our committee, Annie Fletcher, who is versatile in both the workshop and the kitchen.

Looking back through the year - the 135 Fergie belonging to Peter Williams restoration and repairs are almost completed with some modifications like power steering and painted by Basil Cole assisted by Robert Fletcher.

The Fergie 28, diesel, is almost ready to leave the workshop and put on display with the other Ferguson tractors and implements.

The D6 is up and running - There have been a few issues/holdups that we can blame Covid for. The engine is running. Terry Tremain and his team are all smiling.

Max Brittain is in full swing making up a safety frame for the Chaff-cutter, to enable him to replace some rotten bearers in the chassis of this old machine.

We are on the lookout for a Ford Dexter nose cone. If anyone has a spare or you know of one in reasonable condition please get in touch. Roy Harper (retired panel beater) is making slow progress on the original nose cone, but it is pretty rusty.

The container fit our/tidy up is well on the way although it is a never ending job with more parts appearing almost every week.

With the near completion of the Mezzanine floor this has added extra floor space for the Rotary Hoes, lawn mowers, cultivators etc. Part of the floor has been allocated to the wonderful collection from Warren Suckling of the Kumara Shed, and Barry Searle's sea life and archaeological collections. The team had a finite time to pack up and transport the artefacts and have spent many more hours unpacking and displaying all the item.

The cream can gardens in front of the workshop have bloomed extremely well this year. Keith Hansen faithfully keeps them watered but if you feel they need extra water this weather the tap and bucket are handy.

Our museum will be open more days through the holiday period, so spread the word and if any member would be able to assist in manning the complex please contact Ann Lupton or myself. We need a minimum of two persons on duty when open.

Behind the scenes there has been many hours gone into rearranging machinery in the

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Display areas. This has been attended to by Peter Smythe, Bob Siegel, Hubert Smith and Bobby.

Office and administration has to be completed on time no matter what ever else is on the agenda.

There have been some long hours worked over the past few weeks by a devoted small group of members. We are so grateful for their support.

With all the above in mind I hope everybody has a Happy Christmas with family and friends and the New Year is Healthy and Prosperous for all.

Bill Fitness



Merry Christmas
and a
Safe and prosperous
New Year to everyone.
From the Sparkplug family.

CHRISTMAS MID-DAY DINNER

Saturday 21st November was the day of our Christmas Dinner. We held it at mid-day this year in response to a request from some members to avoid driving home in the dark. It was a popular change as we had the biggest Christmas party yet. Another advantage was the extra time to mix and chat with old and new members.

Ann and the kitchen team came up with a delicious selection of meats, salads and vegetables, followed by fruit salads, jellies and an old fashioned Christmas steamed pudding made by Pamela Parkinson.

Pamela also performed an interlude between courses of her original poems and songs. Well done Pamela.

A presentation was made to Keven Morris's fiancée, Angelique, for the awesome effort she put in helping with the building of the Keith Hansen Gallery. She cut timber, she sanded balustrades, she put in 100s and 100s of nails and screws, and then she cleaned up the mess before painting all of the new surfaces twice. Well done Angelique!

Lee Perry was acknowledged for her special ability in helping with the Ramsey tractor and the Marine collection relocation and Huberts Smith and John Woods were commended for their dedication and reliability.

Peter Smythe presented flowers to Ann and Maureen for their work for the Club and for their birthdays.....both in November.

Keven Morris unveiled a plaque in Keith Hansens honour. Ketih donated the money that made the Gallery possible, realising our Big Wish for a mezzanine floor. But that's another story.....more to come!
Maureen

OBITUARY

Clyde Thomas McKenzie

On 15th November we lost our good mate, Clyde McKenzie, and we were privileged to hold his funeral on our premises on 23 November. Clyde had been with us since he joined in 2007 and he brought with him his good friend, Kevin Watson. Both of them have contributed hugely to KVMC over the years. Clyde spent 4 years restoring the Ghel Harvester, with help from Kevin only when he needed an extra pair of hands. That particular machine is 1 of only 3 left in the world and it is a lasting tribute to Clydes ability.

In the later years Clydes health deteriorated due to Parkinsons disease, and we were privileged to work with Clydes son, Morgan, who kept him in touch with us on our special days.

Kevin and Morgan have kept us in contact with him over the last year and we will miss him. He was a good bloke with a heart of gold.

RIP Clyde.

B: 28 December 1943

D: 15 November 2020

OBITUARY

ERIC BURGESS

Eric was a foundation member of the KVMC. Three surviving foundation members attended his funeral service.

Basil Cole Spoke at the service telling us that he asked Eric why he had come to the inaugural meeting - the reply with a touch of Eric's humour - "I only came to see who else was interested"

In his younger days, Eric farmed sheep and cattle in the Tikinui Area so didn't have much spare time to spend at the club. He retired to Te Kopuru.

He was a good committee member and could tune his talents to so many jobs that needed doing.

Another Parkinsons patient, he spent the last 8 years in a local rest home.

Eric was always cheerful, a good conversationalist with a great sense of humour.

He had a large group of friends and we will all miss him.

RIP Eric

B: 15 June 1929

D: 20 November 2020

Here's the hot news!

The Kumara Box has been sold and the Barry Searle Marine Collection has been re-sited at Kaipara Heritage Machinery Inc. in our new Keith Hansen Gallery. It represents a lifetime of Marine collecting along the wild West Coast. Barry Searle, QSM, is highly regarded in academic circles for his extensive knowledge and he has kaumatua kaitiaki status among the Kaipara Maori whenua. Ernie's Kumara Box was a huge drawcard for visitors from near and far and will be missed, but the Searle and Suckling families remain connected to our display. Barry Searle is available for tour groups and school visits. The collection included everything from ship wrecks, shells, fish and seabirds to the local geography, and even a mounted skeleton of a sea leopard, the only one in the world!! Its a must see! Maureen

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We have a nonagenarian in our club.

Jim Poyner will be 90 years old end of January (he is our oldest member) so we in the kitchen have decided to have a shared luncheon on Saturday 23 January 2021 to celebrate the milestone.

Happy hour 12 noon, Luncheon 12.30. A food contribution everybody please.

So come and join Jim and friends for a relaxing day, view the new displays on the Gallery and the Museum floor.

SOME FACTS YOU MIGHT NEED TO KNOW

If you are aged between
90 - 99 years you are Nonagenarian
80 - 89 years you are Octogenarian
70 - 79 years you are Septuagenarian
60 - 69 years you are Sexagenarian

BRILLIANT IRISH TEXT MESSAGE

'Mary, I'm just having one more pint with the lads. If I'm not home in 20 minutes read this text again.'

NEW LOCKS

New locks have been installed to the 3 Auditorium doors.

Over the years many keys have been circulating amongst members and other people.

With the valuable collections now on display it has been decided to change the locks for security reasons.

The Auditorium and Museum will be manned at all times when open, also we envisage being open more days especially over the summer months.

If you can spare a few hours to volunteer at our museum please contact either Ann 09 439 4614 or Maureen 09 434 6511 to put your name on the roster.

**SUGGESTED OPENING DAYS
DATES TO BE CONFIRMED.**

	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
DECEMBER	29.12.20	30.12.20	31.12.20	Closed	2.01.21
JANUARY	5.01.21	6.01.21	7.01.21	8.01.21	9.01.21
	12.01.21	13.01.21	14.01.21	15.01.21	16.01.21
	19.01.21	20.01.21	21.01.21	22.10.21	23.01.21

KAIPARA VINTAGE MACHINER CLUB

PATRON Bruce Galloway

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SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

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