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PRESIDENTS REPORT

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PRESIDENTS ANNUAL REPORT

This is my 7th Annual Report and we must all agree these last twelve months have had their ups and downs, and the time has passed very quickly.

During the past year we have completed the name change of our organisation, registered all relevant documents with the Charities Commission and updated the rules. When the rules were first adopted, 20 years ago, it was a mans club and all the references were "he", how thing have changed, so we had to re-write the rule to read -He/She, plus update phraseology.

We are indebted to Gary-Paul Smythe and his tutor friend for guiding us through the paper work necessary for the changes and the rules update.

Basil Cole came into the office one day to pay his annual subscription and landed the job of sorting/re-filing all the paper work relating to items large and small that have been either donated or loaned to this organisation. It is an ongoing task, of course, much more organised now with the paper catalogued accordingly.

Covid has had its effects on us here - visitor numbers down but financial donations, up, and facebook follower are up 50%

New brochures have been delivered around town and beyond, including to Northland Inc. For distribution through their network.

An old saying :The impossible we can do immediately, a miracle takes a little longer."

The mezzanine floor is a dream come true, thanks to a very generous donation from Keith Hansen a long time club member.

Keven Morris, Angelique and Athol Frost have nearly completed the structure and in a few weeks time the displays of artefacts big and small will be in place and order restored in the museum.

The bark garden is having a make over. Hubert's and his part time helpers, are reorganising machinery, clearing the weeds and re-surfacing the bark/chip covering. I know it has taken a long time to do this job. We can blame Covid for one thing, also some days it has been too hot or too cold, wet or windy, but the job is getting done, slowly.

PRESIDENTS REPORT, cont

Maria Higginson has just completed her first twelve months as office administrator. She has brought a wealth of knowledge and experience to the hob helping to keep our wonderful asset afloat.

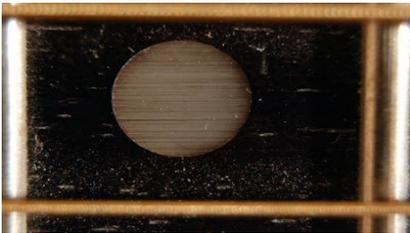
To all the committee members and willing helpers, many thanks for your support during the year, doing so many different jobs, restoring and maintaining machinery large and small. To the local farmers for their donations of wool and scrap metal and a special thanks to Peter Smythe who transports the scrap to Whangarei for sale. Income from these sales helps to keep the old machinery alive for another century or two.

Looking forward, I sincerely hope we have a great year ahead of us,

Your President

Bill Fitness

21st October 2020



GOOD LUCK WITH THIS ONE.

CHRISTMAS PARTY LUNCHEON

Saturday 21st November 2020

By popular request we are having a luncheon this year.

Happy Hour 12 noon onwards

Party Luncheon 1 pm

\$30.00 pp

Bring a friend or two

BYOG

So we know how many peas to put in the pot,

Please phone

Ann 09 439 4614

Maureen 09 434 6511

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND INFORMATION WANTED

Thank you to all members for paying their subscriptions - but I have a query. A direct credit was received end of August from a Mrs E.J. Bell. (Annual Subscription).

Would Mrs Bell please contact the treasurer so I can update her contact details.

Ann Lupton

09 439 4614

MEZZANINE FLOOR

As at Mid September

Building started end of July and it has been all go since then. The construction team of Keven Morris, Angelique and Athol Frost are doing a wonderful job. Keith Hansen comes up most days sits in a chair and enjoys watching progress.

To date materials used:

Timber	300 x	45 LBL	70 x	5 mtrs long	
	300 x	63 Booms	5 x	5 mtrs long	
	200 x	45 LBL	16 x	5 mtrs long	
	240 x	45	12 x	6 mtrs long	
			8 x	4.8 mtrs long	
	125 x	125 Posts	5 x	2.4 mtrs	
	90 x	90 Posts	24 x	2.4 mtrs	
	90 x	90 Posts	45 x	1.5 mtrs	handrails
	90 x	45 Timber		120 mtrs	handrails
Plywood Flooring			60	Sheets	
Joist Hangers			2000		
Holding floor down			2500	screws	
Coach Screws			140		
Bolts		12 ml	100		
Bolts		1.2 ml	50		
Gib Screws			5000		
Balustrades			250		
Screws			550		
Bottom screws		100 ml	120		
Nails		60 ml	2400		to affix nogs under floor

The floor was painted by Angelique - just another job she so diligently completed.

The ramp will be carpeted by Munns matching the carpet on our other ramp.

Having nail guns and battery powered screw drivers does make construction a lot easier.

OBITUARY

CAROL CHAPMAN (nee HANSEN)
24th March 1940 - 20th August 2020

Carol lived all her life around the Dargaville area starting school at Okahu (12 pupils) before her parents moved into Dargaville when her father purchased a carrying business. All her schooling was at Dargaville schools and through-out her working life, Carol was employed locally.

Her father purchased a farm at Rehutai and was milking a pedigree Jersey herd. Along came the herd tester - a tall Englishman - Phil and Carol married in 1964 buying a rundown farm at Te Maire, milking cows, clearing scrub, rogue pine trees and as finances allowed buying up neighbouring properties.

Retiring to suburbia - nearly next door to the Kaipara Heritage Machinery Club - they became members in 2007 and Carol was very involved especially on the Crank-up Days where her main job was 'security', sitting quietly knitting her Peggy Squares to be joined together making blankets for the church mission and keeping an eye on visitors - so many of our exhibits are on open display.

Carol was a gem, she was always cheerful and interested in everybody and how the club was evolving.

Rest in Peace, Carol, we will all miss you.



KAIPARA VINTAGE MACHINER CLUB

PATRON

Bruce Galloway

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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Assistant Treasurer	Peter Williams		

COMMITTEE

John Woods	Kevin Watson
Bob Siegel	Robert Fletcher

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

Project Manager	Peter Smythe	Building Project Manager	Keven Morris
Assets Manager	Bill Fitness	Workshop Manager	Robert Fletcher
Newsletter Scribe	Ann Lupton	Scrap Metal	Peter Smythe
Delegate - Harding Park	Ann Lupton		
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