

OLD GREASE



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PRESIDENTS REPORT

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PRESIDENTS ANNUAL REPORT

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Please note this is my 8th Annual Report for the Kaipara Heritage Machinery (Dargaville) Inc.

This year has been challenging both here and nationwide with the Covid restrictions.

With our small team of volunteers we have pressed on with our restorations, large and small.

Even though the borders are closed to overseas visitors, we have been visited by a few New Zealanders who would normally travel overseas, but do not forget that museums like ours are world class displays.

With the recent addition of the Suckling/Searle Marine collection we are hoping this will attract more visitors. In many cases while the men are interested in machinery, the wives/partners may well be attracted to the Marine display.

A gentleman by the name of Alan Bycroft has donated his lifetime hobby collection of 23 scale model sailing ships. Some of them are encased in impressive glass stands and some are ships in bottles. They include Captain Cook's 'Endeavour', the 'Bounty', the 'Cutty Sark' and the 'Huia'.

The 'Huia' was built at Aratapu and was a part of the Kaipara history, transporting kauri timber around the world. They are a welcome extension to the Marine display. Behind the scenes are our very capable office administrators who quietly chip away at applying for funds and keeping tabs on costs, which are never ending.

With the level of Covid restrictions we were unable to hold our 20 year celebration. It is 20 years since this club was formed. Hopefully this will come to fruition in the coming year - it will be a 21st birthday party.

The completion of the Mezzanine floor which has been named the 'Keith Hansen Gallery' and built by Keven Morris and his team, Angelique and friends plus Athol Frost and others. This has eased some of the display floor and of course now houses the Marine collection.

A mention and thank you must go to volunteer Ron Morfett for his many hours of sand blasting machinery. To Gas & Tyre many of you may not know that John Miller has supported our club for 20 years, and all know many of our members support his company.

As mentioned in previous notes, our in-house keen gardener, Hubert Smith, works away quietly spraying, trimming and weeding these areas, and Annie Fletcher has made those gardens light up with colourful machinery changes.

Credit also to Kevin Watson who keeps the showroom ticking over and keeps us in contact with Keith Hansen and our other older members.

Presidents Report, cont:

To the local farmers for the wool clips and the trades people for their support. The farmers for donating their scrap metal plus all the other people who donate bits and pieces to go into our collections.

To wrap up this years report. Many thanks to the committee members for their input on our museum issues.

But please remember we do need more younger members in all departments to follow in the footsteps of our existing members to keep our organisation going for many years to come.

Take care out there.

I thank you. Bill Fitness

WHAT DIDN'T HAPPEN!

On 28th August we would have held our 20th Anniversary of the founding of our Club.

The Birthday Cake was made and its in the freezer. The invitations were out and contact made with all of the wonderful people who have supported us from day ONE - 30/08/2001.

We were onto the final touches, like serviettes and numbers coming and the excitement was mounting. Andy Bryerton printed an article in the Lifestyler as part of our countdown.

And then Covid.....and Lockdown.....

We have looked at our calendar from when we get to level 1 until Xmas. We have had our vaccinations and done all of the things we have been asked to do. But we can still only hold a party for 50 people. 50 PEOPLE! That's not a party!

So, reluctantly, we have decided to hold a 21st Birthday party...next year...2022.

We are sorry about that because we will all be a year older. But hey.. A 21st is O.K.

Remember when you were 21??? Happy memories, and more to come!

Look after yourselves, we want you to be there.

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Many thanks to all members who have paid their annual subscriptions and thanks in anticipation to those families who have yet to do the job.

But please remember when paying by Eftpos/Direct Debit, PLEASE put your surname initials on the payment. I have a couple of entries on the bank statement that are a mystery.

Direct Deposit

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Prefix: Surname and initials

Ann Lupton

Treasurer

THE XMAS PARTY - LUNCHEON

(If we are allowed to have one)

Last year we had a Xmas Luncheon - very popular.

This year we have set the date

27th November 2021

Happy hour 12 noon

Luncheon 12.30 pm

Bring a friend or two

\$30 pp

RSVP by 20th November

Maureen 09 434 6511

Ann 09 439 4614

Just so we know how many peas to put in the pot!!

COVID

We the cooks and slaves in the kitchen hope you have all had your Covid Vax and are able to join us for an enjoyable day out with a leisurely wander through our show rooms and see the new displays at the Xmas Luncheon.

Time marches on. In and out of Lockdown. Farm life continues at the usual pace.

Little extra jobs around the house and gardens get attended to but we must not get complacent. Get your jab, just like on TV, it doesn't hurt.

KAIPARA VINTAGE MACHINERY CLUB

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SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

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Newsletter Scribe	Ann Lupton	Scrap Metal	Peter Smythe
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A Police officer stopped at a farm in Tangowahine, and talked to the old farmer.
He told the farmer, "I need to inspect your farm for illegally grown drugs."
The farmer said, "Okay , but don't go in that paddock over there.", as he pointed out the location.
The officer verbally exploded saying, " Mister, I have the authority of the Government with me !" Reaching into his rear pocket, he removed his badge and proudly displayed it to the farmer. "See this badge?! This badge means I am allowed to go wherever I wish.... On any land! No questions asked! Do you understand ?!!" The farmer nodded politely, apologized, and went about his chores. A short time later, the old rancher heard loud screams, looked up, and saw the officer running for his life, being chased by the farmers big bull..... With every step the bull was gaining ground on the officer, and it seemed likely that he'd sure enough get gored before he reached safety. The officer was clearly terrified. The rancher threw down his tools, ran to the fence and yelled at the top of his lungs..... "Your badge, show him your BADGE!!"