



February / March 2020

Hello Young Lifetimers!!

We've been having a bit of a strange summer but I think we can all be grateful for our relatively minor weather fluctuations when compared with the extreme conditions in Australia over the past month or so. It's definitely time to count our blessings.

Lifetimers started the year with the traditional free summertime Big Walk. Of course it was one of those days when the weather wasn't great but a willing group met at Paremata station then walked along the beach of Pauatahanui inlet with Lynda before heading into Ngati Toa domain to look at the remains of the Paremata Barracks that were completed in 1847 (and then destroyed by an earthquake a year later). The walkers then headed along the track to Plimmerton where they located some of the plaques that told them about Plimmerton's early history. I think lunch at Palmer's Backyard café was well deserved. The next scheduled event in February is the "Picnic in the Park" at Mackays Crossing in Queen Elizabeth Park. But sorry, no report on this as we need to get this newsletter out to you this week.

We've got some great events coming up so take a look at what's happening and make your bookings as soon as possible. The big news is that the first event is our **BIG** full day trip for the year. This year it's a **Wairarapa Big Day Out** on Wednesday 26th February. We'll be travelling by comfy coach and will be stopping off in Featherston and Greytown. In Featherston we will visit the Fell Locomotive Museum where you can find out all about the early trains over the Rimutakas and take a look at some old film about them. While we're in Featherston it will be a great opportunity to visit the famous "C'est Cheese" shop (a "deli delight") that specialises in all sorts of delicious New Zealand cheeses as well as chutneys, salamis, local olive oil and other specialty goods. Note that if you'd like to buy some cheese while we're there we will have a chilly bin on the bus so you can keep your purchase cool while we continue our excursion.



Once we arrive in Greytown we'll let you loose to browse around the interesting variety of shops and to select one of the cafés for your lunch. Then we'll regroup and head to the lovely rural Kahikatea Gardens. Our hosts Neil and Greg will show us around the property and tell us all about their little piece of paradise. There's a stand of ancient totara, their 900 year old kahikatea and their rambling garden full of interest and colour. There's also the resident animals to meet and greet us – pet sheep, alpaca, donkeys and deer. It's a delightful place to visit. Once we leave Greytown to head for home I'm hoping that there'll be time for a brief stop at the Messines layby where there is a memorial marking the site of the Featherston Camp. Thousands of New Zealand men spent time at this camp before being sent to the front during WW1, while during WW2 it was used to hold Japanese prisoners of war. This is shaping up to be a great day out so register as soon as possible. If you have any questions about the day you can ring or email Lynda.

Warning - we will be departing from Te Rauparaha Arena at 9am sharp on the 26th so if you are late you will get left behind!

After our Wairarapa excursion the next event will be a **Tribute to Glen Miller** on Friday 20th March. This will be another excellent concert from the talented performers from Operatunity. This concert celebrates Glen Miller and the "big band" era and there'll be lots of familiar numbers from the 30s and 40s. There's a wonderful line-up of singers as well as a brass ensemble. Don't forget that lunch is included at these concerts.



Then, looking even further ahead, it will be time for another punt at the **Races at Otaki** on Thursday 9th April. The Otaki-Maori Racing Club has a great course and their week-day meets are enjoyable relaxed events. There's free admission to the members' stand and a couple of different options for casual food and drink, or you can bring along your own food and snacks.

Remember that to register for any of these events all you need to do is to ring Te Rauparaha Arena (number below) and ask to put your name down for the Lifetimers' events of your choice. Payment can be made later. We also suggest that you should register for an event as soon as possible just in case places are limited. If you are told that an event is full then ask for your name to be put on the wait-list.

Meanwhile, keep smiling and enjoy the sunshine

Pat

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"Live your life and
forget your age."

<p>Wairarapa Big Day Out Featherston & Greytown Wednesday 26th February 9am to 5pm*</p> <p>In Featherston we'll visit the Fell Locomotive Museum and the <i>C'est Cheese</i> shop. In Greytown we'll take a tour around the lovely rural Kahikatea gardens and meet the friendly resident animals. There'll be free time for you to browse the Greytown shops and to select a café for your choice of lunch.</p>	<p>Lifetimer Member: \$68.00 Non-member: \$73.00</p> <p><i>Cost covers transport, entry fees and guided tours.</i></p> <p>Itinerary: 8.45am Pick up Titahi Bay 9.00am Pick up TRA 5.00pm Drop off TRA* 5.15pm Drop off Titahi Bay*</p> <p>* Drop-off time is approximate</p>
<p>Tribute to Glen Miller Operatunity in Lower Hutt Friday 20th March 10am to 2pm</p> <p>Let's swing along in a salute to Glen Miller and the "big band" era. We'll hear such hits as <i>In the Mood</i>, <i>Moonlight Serenade</i> and <i>Chattanooga Choo</i> along with other hits from the 30s and 40s. Starring "Bonny" Allan-Moetaua, Rebecca Wright, Sharon Emirali and Cameron McArthur with a brass ensemble.</p>	<p>Lifetimer Member: \$49.00 Non-member: \$54.00</p> <p><i>Cost covers transport, concert and lunch*</i></p> <p>Itinerary: 9.45am Pick up Titahi Bay 10.00am Pick up TRA 2.00pm Drop off TRA 2.15pm Drop off Titahi Bay</p> <p>* Lunch is provided after the concert</p>
<p>Races at Otaki Otaki Thursday 9th April 10.30am to 6pm*</p> <p>Come along for an afternoon of fun at the Otaki-Maori Racing Club. There's no gate fee and we have free admission to the members' stand. We'll provide you with race books on the day. A relaxing and entertaining way to spend an afternoon!</p>	<p>Lifetimer Member: \$40.00 Non-member: \$45.00</p> <p><i>Cost covers transport only</i></p> <p>Itinerary: 10.15am Pick up Titahi Bay 10.30am Pick up TRA 12.30pm First race * 6.00pm Drop off TRA * 6.15pm Drop off Titahi Bay</p> <p>* drop off time is approximate</p>



Te Rauparaha Arena Lifetimers Club Booking Form

Name:			
Name:			
Address:			
Suburb:			
Phone:		Lifetimers Member?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>

<i>Upcoming Activities:</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Non-Member</i>
Wairarapa Big Day [Wed 26th February]	\$68.00	\$73.00
Tribute to Glen Miller [Friday 20th March]	\$49.00	\$54.00
Races at Otaki [Thursday 9th April]	\$40.00	\$45.00

12 Month Membership \$18

6 Month Membership \$10

	Total	\$
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I will meet the bus at Te Rauparaha Arena Whitehouse Rd shops

For all Events

For the following event(s):

Method of Payment

	AMOUNT PAID \$
<input type="checkbox"/> Cash	
<input type="checkbox"/> Eftpos	Receipt #
<input type="checkbox"/> Cheque (made out to PCC)	Date:
<input type="checkbox"/> VISA/MasterCard/Bankcard	Received By: