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Greetings Members

It is with pleasure that I write this newsletter in these extraordinary times. I hope that you all survived lockdown in your respective 'bubbles' and are now enjoying some of the greater freedoms that life is offering us.

Most of our interest groups are meeting in some shape or form, or have plans to reopen early this month.

Towards these ends, we are now able to use the pre-booked rooms at South Library as from Tuesday 2 June.

- Monthly Meetings: These will resume next month and our first meeting will be on July 1st at St Martins Church. Please note that there is no June monthly meeting due to Covid 19 Guidelines. The speaker for July will be Mark Johnson, an educator at the Wigram Airforce Museum, and his topic will be 'Sir Henry Wigram'. We are currently organizing the next few months' speakers and will let you know via the website when these are confirmed. Tui Hollamby is our committee speaker organizer, assisted by Naida Murray. If you have suggestions for future speakers, could you please feed them through to Tui at the July meeting for future consideration.
- The annual fee of \$30 is now outstanding. Could members who haven't paid please address this ASAP. Graeme prefers direct bank transfer and the number is at the top of the page. Please remember that cheques are no longer valid, so the alternative is to settle in cash at the July meeting. The committee has decided that there will be no discounted fees or refunds due to Covid 19. The reason behind this is we are still paying full rental for our premises and there are other expenses that we continue to incur, eg, website and auditing fees. We hope you understand this decision and will support it.
- The committee has started to explore the possibility of a mid-year function following the August meeting. We will keep you posted on this via the website.
- We are now operating in post Covid times. We will all be aware that as a result of Covid 19, many in our community have lost employment and are suffering worry and loss. With this in mind, could I please remind members of our donation to Foodbank Aotearoa.(City Harvest) If you can, please be generous at our collection in July. One can of any product is welcomed by the foodbank and is hardly missed by most of us.
- Most of you are aware that Jo Lord collects donations at monthly meetings for recycling. She has kindly supplied a list of some of the donation items welcomed or unwelcomed by the recycling outlet. I have attached the list to this communication.

Finally, I have asked Graeme Ell to send out the newsletter as he is able to send out the information to all members in one go. Please send any enquires to me, not Graeme, if responding to this communication.

Best wishes to all

Wendy Gallagher (President Port Hills U3A)