

Wellington Provincial Fire Brigades Gold Star Association (INC)

Presidents Report 2017/2018

It is a great pleasure and honour to present this report to you as your 53rd president.

Thank you to all of you for your support while I have been on the executive and especially during this year in my term as president.

Pauline and I have been made most welcome and have enjoyed the Gold Star functions we have attended, thank you to all of those Brigades.

To date there have been a total of Twenty One gold stars and four 50 year medal presented with 1 more 50 year in early April 2018

Thank you to those people who were good enough to stand in for me when there were 2 functions in one night.

Congratulations to the following member who were awarded Royal Honours during this year: - Paul Baxter QSO, Phillip Ian Smith QSM.

It is with deep regret that we note the passing of the following members, which I will ask Ian Gilchrist to read out.

Trevor Hicks - Carterton, Mike Heaphy - Wellington, Peter Davies - Pahiatua, Malcolm Francis - Wellington, Joe Pinder - Levin, Warren Buckeridge - Carterton, Jack Sheahan QSM - Silverstream, Gordon Clode - Carterton, Peter Stairmand - Wairoa, Maurice Reynolds - Lower Hutt, Angus Duthie - Lower Hutt, PP and Ex Patron: Mike Watson - Napier (Ex Bulls and Wairoa), Jim Watson - Lower Hutt (Ex Wainuiomata and Eastbourne), Colin Brown - Stokes Valley, Alan Curtis - Lower Hutt, Kelvin Raxworthy - Stokes Valley, Hamish Rankine - Hutt Valley, Murray Morris - Masterton and Alan Jackson - Point Howard.

My special thanks to John May for the great job he has done as Secretary/Treasurer. Thank you John!

Thanks once again to everyone who has assisted me this year, especially Pauline.

To President elect Denis Bristow and Estelle I wish you the best for your year - I am sure you will have an enjoyable and interesting time as we have had.

Ray Huxford QSM

President