



## MAY EDITION

Welcome to the May edition of the Grey Power Wanganui newsletter.

As winter is fast approaching, now is the time to think about staying safe in your homes over the long, cold winter months.

A great free service is provided by your local fire station, whose staff are here to help at no cost to you. They are more than happy to visit your home to check that your existing smoke alarms are working and are installed in the right places. If you have smoke alarms that require replaceable batteries, they can also assist with replacing them — you will need 9-volt batteries.

Another important service they can help with is creating an escape plan, so you can get out of your house quickly and safely in the event of a fire.

### Facts

- When fully ablaze, a house can reach temperatures of 1,100°C. The human body begins to shut down at around 70°C.

- The majority of fatal house fires occur while people are asleep in their homes.

### Electric Blanket Safety

- Replace your electric blanket every five years.
- Always roll your electric blanket rather than folding it when storing.

- Always switch off your electric blanket before going to bed.

### Kitchen Fire Safety

- Never leave cooking unattended.
- Avoid drinking alcohol while cooking.
- Regularly clean your stove, rangehood, and filters.
- Never throw water onto a frying pan fire.

**Fact:** Alcohol is a contributing factor in many fatal house fires. Don't drink and fry.

With the rising cost of electricity and winter approaching, if you are struggling with your power bills, please contact your electricity provider and have a conversation about what assistance may be available. Most electricity providers are willing to listen and suggest ways they may be able to help.

### Grey Power Wanganui AGM

The Grey Power Wanganui AGM will be held on Tuesday, 23 June, at St Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Glasgow Street, starting at 1.00pm.

Doors will open from 12.30pm, with hot drinks and biscuits available. Join us for fellowship and conversation before the AGM begins.

Please come along and have your voice heard. We want to know what matters most to you as a Grey Power member and what priorities you would like the club to focus on in the future.

The committee is here to represent you, and your ideas and input to help shape our direction.

Have you considered putting your name forward for the committee? Several members are retiring, and we will soon need to fill a number of positions. Could you be our next Treasurer, Communications Officer, or Membership Officer? This is a great time to support your local association, and experienced committee members will be available to help you settle into the role.

### Membership Subscriptions

A reminder that your 2026 subscriptions are now due and can be paid either online or at the office.

Our office remains open every Tuesday and Thursday at Equippers Church, (formerly Club Metro) from midday until 2.00pm.

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- Double membership — \$40

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### Monthly Café Catch-Up

Our monthly café catch-up takes place at Columbus Coffee, Mitre 10 MEGA Whanganui on the second Friday of each month, starting at 2.00pm.

It is always a wonderful opportunity to socialise, connect, and enjoy fellowship time together. You are all warmly welcome to join us whenever you can.



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