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Editorial

It must have been the wettest January on record and certainly the wettest most of us can remember, and nobody could have imagined the degree of flooding in Auckland. Lots of happy summer holidays ruined. The North Island in monsoon while the South is in drought!

And, in the midst of this the political scene was like a speeded-up newsreel with the sudden change in Labour leadership, which makes the future election even more of a hot topic.

Similarly, there will be some changes in the committee this year. We will be looking for a new Chairman and one or two new committee members. Maureen and I will both stand down for health reasons, although I will continue to edit the Newsletter. Gordon will step down as Chair, but remain on committee, and continue with one-on-one sessions. So, please consider offering your services for the committee- this would not be too onerous, with only one committee meeting per month, and perhaps some assistance with our Social Meetings. Please consider helping our club.

Malcolm

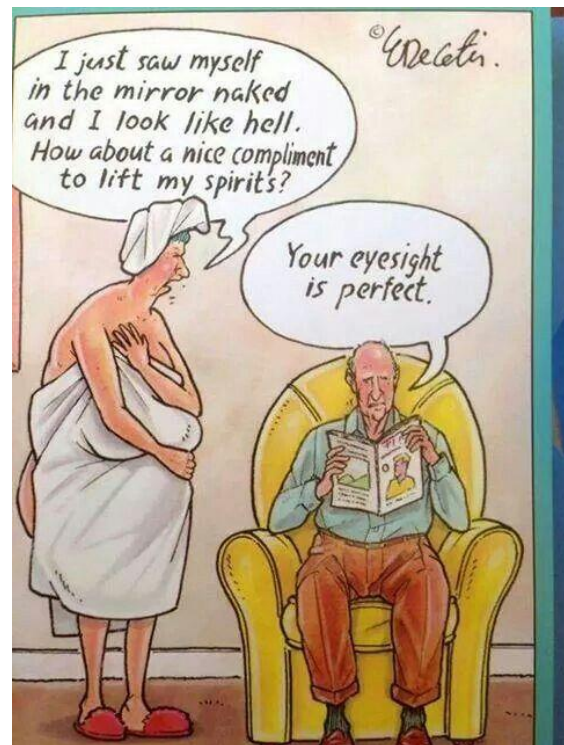
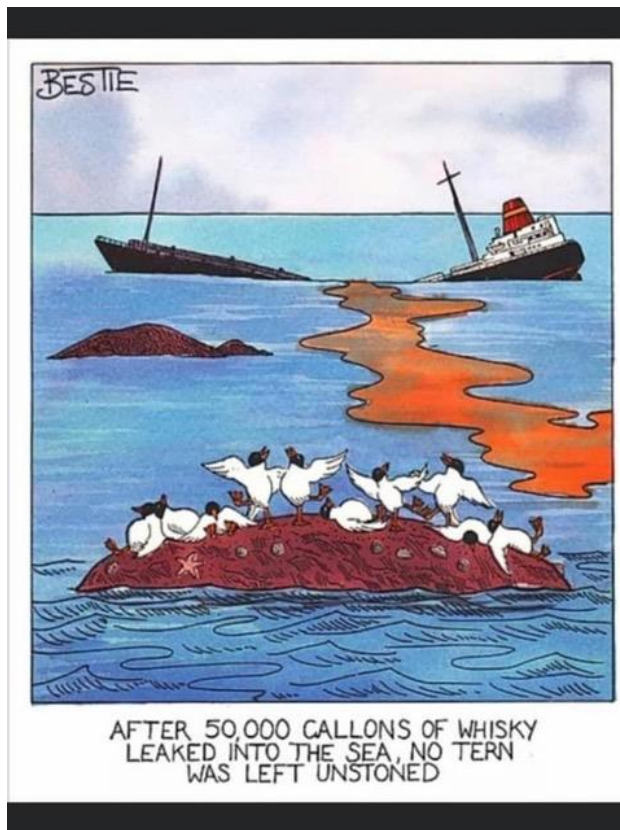
Alternative Wisdom:

It's weird being the same age as old people.

When I was a kid I wanted to be older....this is not what I expected.

Life is like a helicopter. I don't know how to operate a helicopter.

Chocolate is God's way of telling us he likes us a little bit chubby.



DO NOT BE THE VICTIM OF A SCAM

Scammers are using a very sophisticated form of trickery to gain access to your money, using "Spoofing".

So, what is spoofing? Spoofing is where software is used by scammers to copy the phone number or sender ID of a legitimate business or bank. These scams are a form of phishing and are designed to trick victims into contacting the scammers. As the "send ID" is spoofed the communication **looks** legitimate and people think they are dealing with their bank and will call the telephone number, or click the link contained in the SMS, message or email.

These scams are becoming more common and look very professional.

Remember – a bank will **NEVER** ask a customer to confirm, update or disclose personal or banking information via a link in a text message or email. You need to know that your bank will never ask you to transfer money to another account to keep it safe. Your money is safe if it is in your account. Once you move it to another account you lose control of it and it can be difficult for your bank to recover it for you.

If ever you are unsure or are contacted suddenly like this, hang up and call your bank on the number found on the back of your card. Or contact the

bank on the registered number. In the case of an email or SMS message, simply delete it and contact your bank using the registered number. **Never use the link in an email or message to contact your bank.**

Stay safe, think carefully when contacted out of the blue, too many people are losing their hard-earned money - **don't be a victim.**

Muriel

A lesson from history?

A young boy who was living on remote farmland in the U.S. had to use an outhouse for a toilet. The boy hated it because it was hot in the summer, cold in the winter and it smelled all the time. The dunny sat on the edge of a creek and the boy decided he would push it into the water' So, one day after spring rain, the creek had risen. Today was the day! So he got a large stick and pushed. The outhouse fell in the creek and floated away. That night his Dad told him they were going to the woodshed after supper. Knowing that this meant a spanking, the little boy asked why. Dad replied "Someone pushed the outhouse into the creek today. It was you, wasn't it, son" The boy answered "yes". Then he thought a moment and said "Dad, I read in school today that George Washington cut down a tree and didn't get into trouble because he told the truth".

Dad's reply "Well sure, son, but George Washington's father wasn't in the tree at the time.

Important Dates for the new year:

Tuesday 7th Feb: Open afternoon at Learning Centre- book course or pay sub.

Tuesday 14th Feb: Classes commence

Monday 20th: Nominations for committee close. Social Meeting

Monday 27th: pre AGM newsletter

Monday 20th March: AG



Some Federation support partners



