

Agenda 9.05: Member Survey 2024

7c. What issues would you like Grey Power Federation to concentrate on

The Federation should be an activist for policy changes on matters that impact on people aged 50+. Its aim should be to protect and enhance the wellbeing of people in this demographic.
Health care access and options for smaller communities
Investigating the seven or more elder abuse actions of at least one male Nurse Maude Support Worker since April 2024.
Cost of power
Health care
License renewals
The cost of heating a home.
The in-home care of elderly
Lack of higher level care beds especially in the future, and affordable homes for working older people
Age Friendly Communities
Increasing superannuation to a liveable level
Becoming a political party should be a top priority
No longer local newspaper (Kapiti News) how essential information can reach and is available for people who don't use the computer or even have a mobile or phone.
National Superannuation needs a realistic increase each year
If you concentrate on local issues it gives a benefit of around \$50 per member. If you concentrate on the larger national issues, or local issues managed at a national level, e.g. rates, it gives a potential benefit of \$5000-\$10000 per member. It is truly absurd that councils are permitted to charge superannuants annual rates that are such a high proportion of their annual superannuation than it is unaffordable. It should not be allowable for councils to do this in the first place. Similarly for other changes in the superannuation as its real spending value keeps reducing relative to the cost of living. Previous governments gave undertakings that the pension was to be enough to live on and charged taxes by way of PAYE based on this undertaking. ...Lest we forget - there is an obligation that was given by previous governments around this. Its bizarre that successive govts can just waive their responsibilities around this. Great if grey power looks back at the undertakings given and holds the government accountable to deliver on those undertakings. Similarly for the way NZ has signed up to international conventions and agreements about the right to health, and just ignored these responsibilities. The funding may not be there but the responsibilities and undertakings are still there.
Lower fixed electricity and broadband services

Respecting people's freedoms and ensuring democracy is upheld by ensuring individual rights.
Health issues
We need to gather in the "children" of the aged. So it is not so easy to think their parents are "sorted". The younger ones need to look hard at whether mum and dad really are happy, and not just hiding their secret fears from the young. They will be old one day too!
Access to health, whether hospital, GP or dental charges.
Just keeping in touch
Housing
Practically, it is not easy to find reliable tradesperson, and those listed in Grey Power do not help much
Local body rates and tax free Superannuation
Hospital waiting lists
Scams - so easy to fool an unsuspecting person these days.
You're doing an excellent job. I enjoy the morning tea presentations
Coping with disasters e.g. flooding, earthquakes etc
Cost of Living e.g. food prices, an increase in superannuation benefit
Housing for older people
Accessible tracks in the bush
Protecting what benefits we already get from Gold Cards The privatisation of the necessity, electricity, has condemned low income people to permanent hardship and/or poverty
Cost of medical visits - way higher in some areas.
Rates rises.
Younger retirees and movement activities - sport
Do Parents' Rights exist? i.e. Elderly Parents Rights. Can a parent act on behalf of their adult child without applying (such as to MSD) to become a delegated agent?
Health access for elderly and adequate 24/7 medical facilities in the local area.
Keep at government departments
The driving test for seniors should be same across the country.
Lobbying the government on things that have an impact on not just us but also our children and grandchildren. Older people are often supporting their whanau.
Wheelibins being cheaper for those over 65. On a single pension it is a cost that is hard to meet for some.

It's harder financially for elderly singles than it is for married elderly
Medical costs and delay in medical appointments and services
Housing.
Homelessness of seniors
Cost of car warrants & being ripped off on car repairs because your old & stupid
Retirement villages
Kapiti Grey Power should secede from the Federation. Grey Power Federation is completely, totally, painfully and utterly useless. It is beyond fixing.
Improved facilities for disabled people.
Driver relicensing cognitive tests and excessive medical fees (Government should cap these)
Maori and non Maori should all get the same benefits.
Need to promote "Gold Card accepted here".
The cut-off for help with housing (\$8k is too low)
Housing