

## Our Mission Statement:

To provide safe, economical motoring in assisting members in their pastoral mission



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## From the General Manager's Desk



Since our last newsletter members will be interested to learn of recent profitable progress in the promotion of the Diocesan Car Fund Trust to the wider Christian Church community throughout New Zealand. Certainly, on the evidence of the warm welcome and attentive reception I received when delivering an address to the Manawatu synod of the Uniting Churches, I would have to say that interest in the Car Fund has never been greater. Car Fund promotional material was also in great

demand from attendees to the mid-May synod of the Anglican Church which was held in Gisborne. As a consequence of this, several new accounts have been generated with the likelihood of more to follow. It is my intention to increase the momentum of promotional activities into the second-half of this year and beyond.

Further good news to report is that the Diocesan Car Fund Trust has recently been selected by Ford (NZ) to conduct a six-month trial of the new-model Ford Mondeo 2-Litre Diesel. To have been chosen is a real feather in the cap and clear recognition of the high regard the New Zealand Motor Industry as a whole has for the Car Fund.

Thank you also to our members for their patience over recent months as our office grappled with some administrative 'hiccups' resulting from upgrades and enhancements to our computing and accounting systems. Regrettably, even the best plan and expectation for a smooth integration of upgrades is not always the outcome. Please continue to bear with us as we progress matters to completion. In the long-term, upgrading of office systems will enable us to provide an even better service to Fund members.

Speaking of office enhancements, it is a pleasure to introduce to you Robyn Snyders as our new office staff member. Robyn's administrative skills will certainly stand the Diocesan Car Fund in good stead.

Wishing you safe motoring

# Treat your car well and it will treat you well in return.

Regrettably, the problem of poorly-presented Car Fund vehicles appears a continuing issue if the condition of cars our staff encounter at time of vehicle change-over is anything to go by. Consequently, we have to conclude that some of our driver-members are simply not giving sufficient regard to the very basics in vehicle maintenance and cleanliness. To compromise in this area (albeit, unintentionally) is simply to invite a compromise on safety and economy. The Car Fund is ever mindful of your safety when behind the wheel of your vehicle and this is why it is important we make comment when we believe comment is warranted to the common good. We would be failing in our duty should we remain silent in respect of the following persistent 'problem' areas: -

- Vehicles with interior loose clutter (hard braking can result in otherwise harmless objects becoming lethal weapons)
- Tyres that indicate/show failure to regularly check tyre pressures (under-inflated tyres can lead to excessive and uneven wear and increased fuel consumption)
- Dirty windscreens and side windows (will impede a driver's clear view of the road and traffic)

With winter fast approaching, we would all do well to check that our vehicle is ready for safe travel during the colder wetter months of the year when driving is potentially more hazardous.

## Please remember: -

- keep a note of when your vehicle is due for its annual (or six-monthly warrant of fitness) and mechanical servicing. As a general rule, your vehicle should be serviced at every 15,000kms travelled or by date - 12-monthly - whichever comes first.
- Wherever possible, keep your vehicle under cover/garaged as a protection from the effects of the elements.
- Periodic washing of your car's bodywork and vacuuming of the interior will help protect the life of vehicle whilst making for more pleasant driving.



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