

Presidents Report 2016/2017

Danish Society, Hamilton

With another year behind us, it is time to reflect on the last 12 months and focus on planning ahead for the future of our society.

The activities this year were pretty much like the mix we have had the last few years, the 4-5 activities per year has proven to be a good balance & to attract a satisfactory attendance.

We've also kept the bi-monthly newsletter although I do question the necessity to continue this going forward?

Most of our communication to you, our members, happens via email or Facebook these days and a lot of my scarce spare time is spent writing Newsletters which I sense do not get read anyway?

Also over the recent months we've had problems with the Auckland Newsletter - both receiving hardcopies on time as well as receiving the required number to send out.

This has held up my mail outs which results in not getting our club information out on time & also creates double work for me. I think going forward we need to address the way communication is relayed.

I would as always like to thank our small dedicated team of committee members, who keep the cogs turning. We are all very thankful to modern technology as many matters have been dealt with through email correspondence, hence keeping the need for meetings at a minimum.

Nick Spiers has again this year done an outstanding job as web master, and it may be that going forward this is the way to get more of our information to our members?

If you haven't checked out our website go to <http://hamilton.danish.org.nz/>

As far as I'm aware all present committee members are happy to be re-elected on the same basis for 2017-2018, should no one else volunteer of course!

Our membership numbers have remained pretty stagnant over the past 12 months, going from 28 paying families/individuals to 29.

Our social media following on Facebook has risen from 139 to 148 likes ☺

Thank you to all members for being part of our club for the last 12 months, especially those who participated at our functions and those who shared their homes with us.

Once again both Guy Fawkes/Skt.Hans evening (Nov) and our Scandinavian Christmas Service (Dec) were really well attended. And we are lucky that we can keep securing the services of the Danish Pastor Anja Grønne Mathiassen from Dunedin.

*This year has been booked in for **Saturday 2nd of December 2017** and we have secured Hamilton Cathedral - so mark the date now!*

A big thanks goes to Annette & Keith for once again hosting the AGM at their place, we hope for a great turnout for this special & "hyggelig" evening.

For us as a society with no club rooms it is a great privilege that people will welcome us into their homes, so we thank you for that.

The AGM on Saturday 6 May 2017 at 6pm

Venue: Annette Jensen & Keith Holmes' farm followed by a Potluck dinner.

If you haven't already done so, please RSVP direct to Annette please, on 07 887 6724 or email her on avjensen@xtra.co.nz

We hope to see many of you there

Remember the society cannot exist without members and we as a committee need feedback from our members in order to provide you with functions and activities that suit everybody.

Med venlig hilsen

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