



ALL BLACK AND WHITE

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From the President's Desk

I am pleased to contribute to this newsletter as I want to inform members of the Board's hard work as we ready ourselves for the next election.

I have had the opportunity to consult with our Leader, the Rt Hon Winston Peters and we agree that we are tracking well – however we must not rest on our laurels - your continued support is essential.

The Board is acutely aware of the need for electorates to have quality candidates in the next election. To this end the Board has completed the necessary manuals and guidelines that will support and assist electorates with this most important task.

Within the last few weeks a revamped flyer has been printed and an initial lot of 100 have been issued to electorates. Our gratitude must go to the Board members responsible for this much needed resource. In future these flyers will be available, for a small cost, through the secretary.

The team at the helm- Anne Martin (Secretary), Rene Peach(Treasurer), Tracey Martin (Membership Secretary) are constantly working at a pace that never ceases to amaze me and they, along with members of the Board, are meeting on a regular basis to move the Party forward..

In the Wairarapa we have been busy lately with an Easter raffle and actively supporting the enthusiastic, invigorated members in Dannevirke with their fund raising raffle as well.

Our website is proving to be of value and I hope that you have time to read the speeches given by Rt Hon Winston Peters, as they are uploaded within 24 hours of being delivered. You will be aware that this is only one way to communicate so we must avail ourselves of every opportunity to spread the word whenever we are talking to friends and acquaintances.

New Zealand First is well on the way to being a potent force once again and you and I can assist this process by being positive in all we say and do.

As your President I am proud of all of you, who have seen us through this difficult time, not of our making, but we will survive the fires of political intrigue.

We now need to concentrate on the work in front of us – increasing our membership and committing to taking an active role in the running of this proud organization.

Business matters for Electorates

A) Electorates need to be arranging their AGM before the Convention in Christchurch, October 30th and 31st. An elected committee is a requirement to appoint delegates to the convention as it is for the processes leading to the selection of a candidate. Any remits to be submitted to the annual Convention need to have been approved by your electorate through the AGM process.

B) Electorates are reminded to complete the Electorate Update Report for March as soon as possible and return it to the President. My thanks to those electorates that have sent back their report already



George Groombridge, Q.S.M., J.P, President New Zealand First.



Words from Winston

We are on the eve of the present Government's second budget which will give a clearer picture of its immediate economic and social objectives. This budget is critical for a country that is losing ground with Australia as each month goes by. This comparative decline can be arrested but the policy fundamentals must be right. This budget will reveal whether the government is aware of that or whether it has fallen into the trap of thinking that if only it carries on with the reforms of the 80's and 90's, that it supported then, things will come right.

It is of course these same reforms which saw the massive gap open up between NZ and Australia's economic performance where Australia's economy in real terms, in just over 2 decades, grew 37% larger than ours. So budget night in May is critical for New Zealanders who are so dependent on an export led economy.

Continuing with an over inflated dollar and a volatile currency under the Reserve Bank Act and pitching our hopes on globalization, in the way that no other economy does, will continue to bring the same results; further destruction of our manufacturing base and worsening trade figures. Second, failing to understand New Zealand's level of indebtedness and the parallel of the importance of a savings strategy will see more and more of our economy owned overseas. Already, in a resource hungry world, the international vultures are circling to gain a share of our primary production industries. The recent policies of high immigration, as some sort of panacea for a failing economy, have subjected New Zealanders to falling living standards, lower incomes and higher costs for essentials. There is an emerging mood of pessimism. GST at 15% will be both inflationary and impact harshly on the lower and averaged income who have little discretionary income after paying for essentials such as rates, insurance, energy and basic household items.

Only one party in New Zealand has understood these outcomes for the last two decades and has been proven to be right.

On the Party front there are a number of encouraging signs. Interest in NZ First is growing and recent public meeting numbers have been significant. Over 325 at a Public Meeting in Tauranga at 9.30am on Saturday morning, with standing room only is extraordinarily encouraging and with wise planning in other cities we can expect to do as well. A Fund Raising Dinner in Manukau has seen an interest beyond our current expectations. Time is a great teacher and the recent exposure of Government MP's misuse of public funds gives an insight into its true character and will help the public to understand just how hypocritical the country's leadership has been. There is no doubt that the greatest beneficiary rorts in this country have been in the financial institution sector and no surprise as to what little has been done to correct this. Not when you see Cabinet Ministers blatantly feasting on entitlements which their predecessors never contemplated as being fair. Bill English and Phil Heatley have to be New Zealand's biggest housing beneficiaries and David Carter has got to be in the top 1% of NZ's Legal Aid recipients. He took \$114,000 of tax payers money to fight a defamation case which he brought entirely on himself with allegations he was never prepared to back up in court. That John Key has condoned all this and approved it just shows you how perverse the standards of a currency / bond trader really are.

Meanwhile we must press on with strengthening NZ First all around the country and prepare for a most successful AGM later in the year.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Winston Peters'.