



PRESIDENTS REPORT - AUGUST 2023

It is 43 years since Dr Pezaro sent out letters requesting information, interest and assistance in forming a Senior Citizen's Club in the Upper Clutha. So we, as a club, are middle-aged and going strong.

This is my last report as President of this Club. In my 11 years it has been a pleasure to serve you and be involved in Governance. I wish the very next President and committee well as they take on responsibility for Prime Timers.

There are a few social issues facing Wanaka now and into the future.

Social housing for many seniors and others. If you have a mortgage it's hard to exist just relying on your Super. There are seniors who can't enter a retirement village in Wanaka because of the cost. With two further retirement villages planned (Brookvale? has started) this problem may ease.

Many seniors can't afford \$1200 a week to rent. Many seniors rely on other people or organisations to do their shopping and it is hard to give up driving.

Approaching my 90th year and election of our parliament I realise how fortunate I am to live in the Upper Clutha in Aotearoa. Who of us would like to live in the United States or the UK?

I would like to mention my late wife Judy. She dragged me to my first meeting of Prime Timers! Judy was a member of Prime Timers since we moved to Wanaka 14 years ago. Judy was also a keen volunteer here, always willing to pour a cup of tea (I made the muffins).

I wish to thank Jacquie Roberts our only volunteer left, Helen Millar our Activities Co-ordinator, Claire Dooney our Administrator and Jenny Armstrong her Assistant for their leadership and service.

All our sponsors also: Central Lakes Trust, Graham & Olive West Trust, Lotteries NZ.

Farewell for now - a pleasure to serve you.

Winton Davies
President