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NZTA President Steps Down

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NZTA President Gerald McKay has chosen to step down from the position after 5 1/2 years in the position due to family reasons and other commitments.

NZTA wishes Gerald well in his future endeavours and thank him for his generous contribution to the directional policy of the Association.

Vice President Jim Gray has consented to step up to the position of Acting President through to the elections of office bearers in October at the AGM.

Regional Forums for Charities

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Some strong messages came out of these presentations that should concern every charity. It was pointed out that registration with the Commission does not result in done status, for which separate application has to be made to the IRD. Greater attention is being paid to the ratio between cause related activities and advocacy with a suggestion to split the lobbying part into a separate entity in order to retain charitable status for the deserving aspect.

There will be greater attention to the filing of annual returns within the specified 6 months after balance date. The Commission is promoting the Register as a research tool with comparable data access. Cessation and appointments of Trustees can now be carried out on-line. From here on the Commission will be monitoring and investigating charities.

This will include random spot checks to ascertain that (1) trustees know the Rules and follow them (2) trustees are properly inducted and made aware of their responsibilities; (3) they comply with the Act and on time; (4) are able to give the Commission detailed information on request ; (5) consider giving non-financial information like the number of volunteers and hours worked, outputs versus outcomes and explanation of malfunctions as part of a random review policy.

As an example of non-financial reporting Scottish piping and dancing would require how many performers and performances, social networking, community development, cultural advancement, education of young people. In all what difference is the charity making? The aim of a charity should be to make better connections and better communications with their funders, stakeholders and the wider public.

Submitted by Ralph Penning

Gandhi's Philosophy On Trusteeship

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Leveling Up, Down

Economic equality is the master key to nonviolent independence. Working for economic equality means abolishing the eternal conflict between capital and labour. It means the leveling down of the few rich in whose hands is concentrated the bulk of the nation's wealth on the one hand, and the leveling up of the semi-starved naked millions on the other.

A nonviolent system of government is clearly an impossibility, so long as the wide gulf between the rich and the hungry millions persists. The contrast between the palaces of New Delhi and the miserable hovels of the poor, labouring class nearby cannot last one day in a free India in which the poor will enjoy the same power as the richest in the land. A violent and bloody revolution is a certainty one day unless there is a voluntary abdication of riches and the power that riches give and sharing them for the common good.

I adhere to my doctrine of trusteeship in spite of the ridicule that has been poured upon it. It is true that it is difficult to reach. So is non-violence. But we made up our minds in 1920 to negotiate that steep ascent. We have found it worth the effort.

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Clarifying Volunteer Payments

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Volunteers may be reimbursed for any expenses they have from their volunteer activities and/or receive an honorarium for services where no fixed payment would normally be made. The changes that have been introduced are in respect of the nature of "work" related expenses such as travel, meals, special clothing and own telephone use.

Reimbursement can be made for actual expenditure or based on a reasonable estimate of expenditure likely to be incurred. It may be in a non-cash form such as petrol and meal vouchers, can be made progressively or as a periodic lump sum. Such expenses are treated as tax-free. These provisions also apply to visitors to New Zealand, who are non-residents, as long as they do not any other income while they are here.

Care must be taken that reimbursements are not included with honoraria. Unless there is distinction by way of separate payments, the IRD will assume that it is all honoraria taxable income.

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