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“Whatever happened to summer?” EDITION

Appointment of new AVERT auditor

At the recent Special General Meeting, Sonali James was appointed as the new auditor for AVERT. She will be well known to many of us as she has been heavily involved in the Upper Hutt Rural Residents' Association for a number of years. We thank her for being willing to accept this role and look forward to meeting her at the next AGM.

Annual General Meeting Advance Notice

The 2014 Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Sunday 24 August at 4pm. The venue will be advised closer to the date.

A number of long-serving committee members have indicated they will be standing down at this year's AGM so now is your opportunity to contribute to the running of AVERT. The duties are not particularly onerous as the committee meets only 5-6 times per year. This year we need to fill two important roles, that of Treasurer and Secretary, as well as some other roles.

2014 Picnic BBQ and the “Akkers” awards

Our social affairs/gossip correspondent and twitterata reports:

Twass another scorching day in the valley as a goodly number of AVERT faithful and friends arrived in Karapoti Park for the feature social event on the calendar. Yes our annual chance to show off our cooking skills whilst remaining upright, wearing our finest picnic attire, enjoying the company of great neighbours, and watching the presentation of the “Akkers” awards - after all it is the Oscar season. (Editor's note: I don't recall this happening

so you may want to take it with a large pinch of salt! And remember they don't get as much into a bottle of wine as they used to!).



Our Top Chef judge this year was Les and he had some tough questions for competitors:

Q: Are you smoking or cooking those sausages?

A: That's a tough question. Judge! In the Carpathia cooking tradition there tends to be a fusion of the two methods when the smoke alarm goes off.



I reckon Joe's doing a truffle with my steak!



The Akker for Family Group: The Bonny family pictured with the Titos and Corbetts,

The Hutt Hospital Handicap Akker for getting around on crutches: shared by Colin and Lawrence

Denis's High Roller Akker for best dive down bank: no starters this year.

The Chainsaw Team Akker for the Firewood Fundraiser went to Bill and Jane Tito for their generous winning bid for the trailer load of firewood. There was spirited bidding for the wood but the Tito's bid just edged the others out by less than \$5.

In the photo below Bill is seen celebrating their win and unashamedly making an attempt to influence the judging of the best Hawaiian shirt competition.



The Dan Carter Akker for 2014 Rural Fashion Icon:



And finally the Wayne Guppy Akker for best Hawaiian shirt was shared by Bill, Jane and Bruce. Unfortunately such was the brilliance of these and many other shirts in the competition that even the sun was outshone and Karen suffered a camera exposure-meter malfunction, so we have no photos. Still you know the standard expected for 2015.

The AVERT committee would like to thank those involved in the organising and setup: Brenda, Karen, Joe, Mark, Colin and everyone else for making it a great event.

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