



# Heretaunga Building Society

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## IN SAFE HANDS

I've worked with some wonderful teams of Directors over my forty years with the Heretaunga Building Society, but none better than the present team.

Jim Harvey has brought a new dimension to the role of chairman with his marketing and social approach. He's been the driving force behind Heretaunga's sponsorship of the Cornwall Cricket Club and the Ramblers Cycling Club both of which have the potential to lift the Society's profile. He's also added a nice social touch with his "Kinloch Retreats" and end-of-year functions which have helped to bind the Directors into a very close and happy team.

Jim is ably supported by Mark Morgan and Trevor Webb, and with the recent appointment of Hastings lawyer, Jeremy Gresson, we have a well-balanced and very capable team. George Speedy has proved to be an outstanding General Manager with knowledge of the building society movement second to none, and the technical know-how to safeguard Heretaunga through today's challenging environment. Yes – Heretaunga is in safe hands!

## MORE CHANCES TO WIN

With today's very high petrol prices, we have decided to continue with our monthly "prize" of \$100 towards the cost of filling your tank. Best of luck!

## HIGHLIGHTS

I was asked if there were any memorable highlights during my years as a Director. Many – but I'll mention just two. 1976 was, up till then, a record year for the Society, and instead of celebrating with a Director's Dinner, Chairman Piet van Asch said "I'll fly you to Queenstown in Aerial Mapping's new Aero Commander, and we'll have the dinner there". I'll never forget circling Mount Cook – Piet flew so close it felt as if we could reach out and touch the mountain – and the landing at Queenstown's then quite small airport was equally exciting.

The other highlight was having Neville Norwell as a fellow Director for twenty-one years. Thank you Neville, for your friendship and support over all those years.

## MY SWAN SONG

Fifteen years ago, I suggested to my fellow Directors that it would be a good idea to send members a quarterly newsletter keeping them informed of current happenings at the Heretaunga. They agreed – and I got the job! In that first issue, apart from other news, we offered a monthly computer-drawn "Lucky Customer" prize. These "prizes" have ranged from restaurant dinners to what has proved the most popular – a fill-up at a member's favourite petrol station.

Editing the Newsletter hasn't been a chore – I've loved it – and I hope it has fulfilled its purpose.

Edited for the final time by: Bryce Jones.