

Pavitt Cottage Press

2013/2014

The trustees have pleasure in bringing you another edition of the Pavitt Cottage Press...

COTTAGE NEWS

We're pleased to report mostly good news this past year!

After over a year of being closed due to earthquake disruption of our water supply, we are now hooked up and running on a neighbour (Eric Ryder's) new borehole. We are going to contribute to the initial costs of this and will pay Eric at a metered rate. Hopefully ongoing water woes are now history. As are earthquakes.

So the cottage is OPEN and available. We encourage you to please use it and/or suggest other family members do too. This summer/autumn we are offering you all a 'three nights for the cost of two' deal. Stay three nights and just pay for two. We must get the occupancy rate up to pre-quake levels and more—this income is needed to ensure the future of the cottage. Also important is the Friends income—more on this later in the newsletter

One improvement we would like to see this year (which would we feel really enhance a stay at the cottage) is adding a new and separate toilet/hand basin. In the form of a traditional outside dunny but with modern plumbing and light! The current situation of a toilet in with the bath/shower makes it a little difficult for families or when groups of adults are in residence. We have been talking to the council about this and it is in theory an 'allowable addition'. We've had the existing septic tank cleaned out and tested—it passed. Getting quotes for building the new structure, plumbing and drain-laying and the two council plumbing inspections required along the way.

THE REAL OIL

Our near neighbours—Annette and Chris Moore, The Olive Grove—have taken top honours again in the NZ

Extra Virgin Olive Oil Awards. For the second year in a row they've won the Supreme Award! An outstanding result and our congratulations go out to them. If you're staying at the cottage or in the area—be sure to call in (top of the road past the cottage) to taste and buy the best olive oil in NZ.

FROM OUR TREASURER (DICK FERNYHOUGH)

This past year the Trust received another generous grant of \$10,000 from the Athena Charitable Trust, a trust set up by the late John Fernyhough, the benefactor of the Pavitt Cottage Trust. In addition, Trustees were delighted to receive a donation of \$1,000 from Ruth Lauchlan, a Pavitt descendant. These and other donations will be used for ongoing maintenance and improvements. The Trust's current financial position is reasonably healthy thanks to the generous donations noted above. However, now that the water problems have been fixed, it is essential the cottage is used by family members and their friends to ensure its ongoing viability. Annual fixed costs alone are close to \$5,000 and maintenance costs are steadily increasing as the cottage ages e.g. roof maintenance and exterior painting. The Trust's financial statements to 30 September 2013 are on the website: www.pavitt.co.nz

FRIENDS OF THE PAVITT COTTAGE

Sending us \$20 buys you a year's subscription and if you wanted to add a donation who are we to stop you! We've been remiss in sending our reminders this summer—just too much going on in the secretary

and treasurer's lives! Some of you have been kind enough to remember to send your subs. You can check your 2013 status at: <http://www.pavitt.co.nz/Friends13.html>

So PLEASE send your sub to:

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Cheques payable to:
Pavitt Cottage Trust.

Online: Bank account details are :
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TRUST - # 020832 0002076 83

Would you kindly let Bryan know:
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when you've transferred the funds and how much. It being a trust, we don't have online access to the account and have to wait for sporadic hard copy statements.

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