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Well once again we reach the end of another year which seemed to go even faster than last year, something to do with age probably! It's been a year of ups and downs and a year in which many people within the division have shone brightly.

The ups have included:

- a Horticultural Award for Leigh Harrison
- a Green Star building rating for the Student Centre which was largely the work of Tony Dicks
- for me – confirmation of my position after a year of some doubt
- consolidation of some new roles and new structures within the division after a rather difficult 2009
- a welcoming of some new staff, including Gary Mitchell, Paul Marsh and Sarah George (and of course the departure of Peter Burrows, Bill Liddle, Ub Van Jaarsveld, Mike Davies and Katie Laurence).



I don't want to dwell on the lows but I am aware that some have lost loved ones through the course of the year, and of course we had the death early in the year of Laurie Drummond from Security.

Overall I feel pretty upbeat about the way the University's moving forward and the Division in particular. I think as an organisation the University is now moving into a maturing phase and whilst there will still be lots of hassles and inconsistencies nevertheless I do think we are getting our structures and organisational processes addressed.

As a Division, I think we have done exceptionally well and I wish to congratulate everybody for their part in that. I know I say this most years but it is a fact that this Division delivers a superb campus environment in all the meanings of that phrase, for the users of this campus. We get many credits for the grounds which are warranted, but over and above that we also have a very high standard of general maintenance and of the quality of the facilities throughout the campus.

Also this year I was made formally responsible for the Academy, so we can all take collective pride in the brilliant venue, and the amazing range of events it hosts. Once again, this only occurs with the expertise and dedication of the staff involved.

We were fortunate late in the year to have some funds released so we were able to do some things which we would not have otherwise given a high priority to, such as re-staining the exterior fence, and surprise-surprise, window cleaning of almost every building on campus.

Whilst you are sunning yourselves in what according to a recent paper will be a wet, but warm summer, I am going to the extremely chilly temperatures of Amsterdam to spend Christmas with my son, amongst the snow and ice. It will be a different experience but one which some people in the Division have experienced before and I am heartened by comments that indicate that it can be quite a magical experience, if somewhat cold.

All the best for Christmas and the New Year and I look forward to us doing some of the same things again next year, but also hopefully encountering some new and exciting challenges and developments as well, both on the work and on the personal front.

All the best, John Cameron

FMD Social Club

Friday 17th December: Just another reminder that we have a BBQ lunch on Friday in the FMD courtyard. If you want to take part in the Secret Santa you need to put a present, up to the value of \$5, into the box in the FMD reception area.

Thanks again to everyone who has supported our raffles/lotto throughout the year. It is the proceeds from these that help subsidise the sausage sizzles, bus trips and socials.

Have a good Christmas/New Year everyone!

More Irish quotations

"Humanity is the only biological species where the upper classes contain the lowest forms of life."

Sinead Murphy, Irish writer (b. 1959)

"I can resist everything except temptation."

Oscar Wilde, Poet and Dramatist (1854-1900)

"I blew hundreds of thousands of pounds on women and drinking – the rest I just squandered."

George Best, Footballer (b. 1946)

"Trousers may be worn by lady members on the course, but must be removed when entering the clubhouse."

Sign at a well known Irish golf club

FMD End of Year Function 3rd December

Below are some of the photos Tony Dicks took during the function held at the Don Llewellyn Pavilion on Friday 3rd December. The rest of the photos are currently available for FMD staff in the shared drive under FMD All. There is a folder called "Photos – 3 Dec 2010 party".

Thanks to all concerned for organising a great function, in particular thanks to the FMD people involved in entertaining us with their great music.



Above: Trevor & Hugh's band – 1st band of the night



Charlie's band – 2nd band of the evening



Above: James band – the 3rd band



Bill Liddle and others

The fourth act on the night was Tom Reidy who played that guitar like a professional; unfortunately the photographer had gone home at that time so we were unable to get a photo. Things got a bit sticky at the end with a jam session!!

Settlements of the Waikato: A Brief Bibliography

In case you are short on reading material over the holidays, listed below are a few books on the early Waikato. They mainly relate to European settlement from the 1860's, but also include some history of Maori pa and kainga prior to the land confiscations.

A few items of interest: Ngaruawahia was briefly called Queenstown, then Newcastle, a reference to its nearby coal fields. Pirongia was briefly named Alexandra by the military settlers. Similarly, Cambridge was initially Camp Cambridge. Hamilton West settlement was established at the Maori river pa site of Kirikiriroa, the northern boundary of which is marked by a plaque on the Public Trust Office, Victoria Street. Hamilton East was established as a separate settlement south of the river pa of Miropiko, Claudelands. Hamilton Borough was proclaimed in 1877, with the Union toll bridge opening in 1879. Huntly was founded at Rahuipokeka, Raglan was previously known as Whaingaroa, and the genesis of Te Awamutu was the Mission Station at Otawhao.

The railway from Auckland began in 1865, and reached Frankton Junction in 1877. Prior to that, the various rivers in the region provided the primary transport routes, although there were also regular horse coaches from Auckland.

The first creamery (dairy factory) in the North Island (and the second in New Zealand) was established at Pukekura, near Cambridge, by Henry Reynold in 1886. Henry, and his brother Richard, are notable for establishing the Anchor butter brand. My great-grandfather, Charles Farley, was the appointed the first manager at Pukekura, and he later established Anchor factories at Newstead and Frankton.

--- John Badham

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The University of Waikato Library and Hamilton City Library hold copies of these books.