Newcomers to FMD
Do not be afraid of approaching the Daleks in the FMD courtyard, the only thing they exterminate is organic waste.
Move forward slowly, keeping your eyes to the front (no sudden movements), carefully extend your hand towards the bin, lifting the lid.
Feed them any food scraps, fruit, citrus, paper, tea bags, coffee grinds, hair, vacuum cleaner dust, and fur (should you be unfortunate enough to have any on your body).

Rachael Goddard

FMD Social Club
Sausage Sizzle Lunch - Wed 16th November
There will be another social club sausage sizzle lunch in the FMD courtyard, commencing at 12noon - hope to see you all there.

Christmas Function - 7pm Fri 2nd December
Venue: Vilagrad Vineyard & Winery
Price:
- FMD Staff who are NOT in Social Club (i.e. don't support raffles/lotto) is $59 per person (same price for partners)
- FMD Social Club Members is $35 per person (same price for partners)
  - plus Buy Your Own drinks
Names and money are needed by 16th November as the Social Club is required to confirm numbers by this date.

Social Club Raffles
Apart from the usual $2 raffles, Tom has made a Rimu Coffee Table, which he has put up for raffle, with the proceeds going to the Social Club. Tickets are limited to 100 and cost $5.00 each. They are being sold on a first come, first served basis.
Please contact Faye if you want to participate. Below is a picture of the table.

The Social Club will also be running (closer to the time) the usual Christmas Hamper raffle.

Don’t forget to email through any articles of interest for inclusion in this in-house Facilities Management staff newsletter.

These come out at the end of each month
My Trip To Australia

Tuesday 14th September I boarded a plane in Auckland and headed for Brisbane. I was going over to see my Mum and Dad, and as Dad is now in a high-care rest home, and things had not been going too well for him, it was to be no holiday.

The weather really took me by surprise, 31° the first three days of my stay, takes some getting used to, and it is only Spring. The Gold Coast is a very nice place but the Australians, a different story, almost everyone has a Ute or 4-wheel drive and these clog up the roads and motorways and make finding parking awkward.

The shopping malls have interesting covers to protect cars from the sun while shoppers spend all their money (see pic above right).

Australians are a funny lot, irony their specialty. At the nurse’s station on Dad’s wing was a calendar, judge for yourselves.

After two weeks it was time to head back to Hamilton, collect the dog from the kennels and unpack, ready for work. Australia, a nice place to visit but much better to be home.

Blair McDonnell

Report suspicious activity on campus

As vehicle crime on campus continues on campus, and with the security staff calling for vigilance when driving through the campus car parks, there is also a move to go more high tech.

There are currently close to 100 cameras on campus however more or less all these cameras are inside the various buildings.

In September a contract was issued to install a number of car park cameras around the traditional areas of vehicle theft on campus. The security staff, for a number of years now, have recorded in IRIS (Incident Recording Information System) the detailed location of each break-in and this information has assisted us in deciding where on campus these camera’s will be located.

The equipment being used is off the shelf Panasonic gear utilising the University network or wireless technology to send the images back to a series on NVR’s (Network Video Recorders) positioned in strategic blocks. This camera network will be a great start to covering the vulnerable spaces on campus, assisting us in making the campus a safer place for all, but when it comes to theft of, or theft from vehicles parked on campus, the best result for us is to catch these thieves in the act. Although a camera network can provide vital information there is still no better aid to us in security than the vigilance of those on campus in these areas on a daily basis.

The camera project is due for completion in November this year, and over the next month you will see a number of small towers being installed to house these cameras. Other cameras have been installed on the outside of buildings, however we here at security will still continue to appeal to all campus users to call us if you spot any unusual activity in the car parks.

Gates 2B, 1 and 10 are the areas where we currently have concerns and we would appreciate your help in deterring crime in these areas. However, we are not alone with this very frustrating crime occurring all over the Hamilton.

Ray Hayward

Interesting websites – Submitted by John Badham

Gigapixel panorama photography
http://www.gigapixel.com/image/gigapan-canucks-g7.html
This is the technology that was needed during the recent riots in Canada and England. The camera takes a series of images of a crowd in such high quality that identifying one face out of a million is a simple task. What a great help to the police!

What’s the most epic photo ever taken?
This website will probably take a while to load for those on slow connections. However, it may well be worth the wait. It’s a collection of some of the most amazing photos ever taken with lots of information about each one. Many familiar, but certainly not all. Many are disturbing, but each is important and thought-provoking in its own way.

Unsolved philosophical problems
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philosophical_problem
This is Wikipedia’s list of some of the major unsolved problems in philosophy. There sure are quite a few, arranged into categories such as Aesthetics, Epistemology, Morality, Language etc. Most of the time the concepts and problems are explained in easily digestible language... most of the time.

Amazing electron microscope shots
http://melodymaker.posterous.com/amazing-electron-microscope-shots
Bacteria on the surface of the human tongue and lots of other surrealistic close-up shots feature in this sample from the book Microcosmos by Brandon Brinl. “This book includes many scanning electron microscope (SEM) images of insects, human body parts and household items. These are the most amazing images of what is too small to see with the naked eye.”