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NIGEL BLAYNEY HAMILTON

Nigel is the youngest son of Gavin and Avis Mary Hamilton and he was born on 27 August 1959 at Waipawa Hospital, Central Hawke's Bay.

He lived with the family at Argyll East, Central Hawke's Bay on his parents farm until the farm was sold in September 1977. The family then moved into Waipukurau township.

School and early years

Nigel went to secondary school (1974 to 1976) at Scots College, Wellington. This was because it was close to Wellington Hospital where he had to go for weekly tests (1974-1975). Nigel was born with 4 kidneys. His health was fine until around the age of 6 when he experienced numerous kidney attacks and ill health. He was not diagnosed as having 4 kidneys until around the age of 10. Nigel spent about 3-4 months each year in Wellington Hospital until around the age of 13 and underwent ten operations to remove two kidneys from his left side. The doctors at the time had not come across this condition and were at a loss as to what to do. His life expectancy was to be around 22 years but he has turned 51!

Work

After leaving school Nigel worked for his father and also on neighbouring farms until 1977. From around October 1977 until January 10 1978 he worked for the Waipawa Hospital Board in Waipukurau as a gardener which he regards as the best job ever! He then started as an apprentice lineman for the Central Hawke's Bay Electric Power Board (now known as Centralines Ltd). Over the years he worked as a linesman, faultman and is now field services co-ordinator.



Nigel & Jan January 2000

Marriage and family

Nigel married Jan Mary Burne on 22 January 1983 at St Andrews Presbyterian Church, Waipukurau. Jan is the Bursar for Central Hawke's Bay College - Waipukurau.

They have three children;

Jessica Mary Anne - born 30 July 1988. Jess is studying for a bachelor of nursing degree should complete at the end of 2011.

Nicholas Ian Blayney - born 9 July 1990. Nicholas is in his last year as an apprentice mechanical engineer which he should complete in 2011.

Emma Elizabeth -born 20 September 1991. Emma is in her first year of leaving school and is 'taking a break'. Mainly due to ill health - Emma doesn't seem to be able to tolerate most antibiotics and has not long had a tonsillectomy which went a little wrong. Two years ago she had a meningitis virus.

Jessica is now living in Hastings, Hawke's Bay and Nick and Emma are currently still living with us at home.

Other interests

Nigel has been a volunteer fireman since August 2000 and has competed in national crash rescue competitions all over NZ for the last 7 years. Nicholas also became a volunteer fireman in July 2009.