



Newsletter

Wellington Branch

October 2022

Chair

Michael Smith

Deputy Chair

Ian Clunies-Ross

Wellington Branch Committee

Kevin Duggan, Suzanne Holgate, Kay Monks, Elizabeth Smaal, Bryan Whisker, and Ray Woolhouse.

Wellington Life Members

Virginia Breen, Marie Byrne, Peter Chambers, Ian Clunies-Ross, Dallas Elvy, Bruce Kelly, Gray Nelson, Bill Robertson, Elizabeth Smaal, Mike Smith, Leicester Stewart, Peter Stewart, Terence Stock, Ian Swift, David Thorp, Bryan Whisker, Priscilla Williams and Ray Woolhouse.

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2022 AGM and Luncheon

Our AGM this year was held on 15 June at Petone Workingmen's Club and following receipt of nominations the following were appointed:

Chair: Michael Smith

Deputy Chair: Ian Clunies-Ross

Committee Members: Kevin Duggan, Suzanne Holgate, Kay Monks, Elizabeth Smaal, Edgar Spark, Bryan Whisker and Ray Woolhouse.

Our Secretary/Treasurer continues to be Catherine Chang who since joining us in March has proven to be very capable and forward thinking.

The Wellington Branch continues to work closely with the Horowhenua/Kapiti Branch by providing some secretarial and administrative services. The decision was taken to invite and accept a nomination from the Horowhenua/Kapiti branch for a member of that branch to join the Wellington Branch committee as ex-officio member. This offer was accepted, and we were pleased to appoint Edgar Spark in this capacity.

2023 Annual General Meeting:

Please note in your diaries that our 2023 AGM will be held **on Tuesday 13 June 2023**. The venue has yet to be confirmed. Further details will be advised in our April 2023 Branch Newsletter.

Life Membership Awards

This year Council has awarded GSA Life Membership to two members of the Wellington Branch: Ian Clunies-Ross and Dallas Elvy for their exceptionally meritorious contributions to this organisation.

Ian has been part of our committee since 2012 and involved himself with Super Tours and Super Travel (both now disbanded), was later Deputy Chair and Branch Chair, instigated initiatives in membership recruitment, became involved with policy, finance and was Branch Delegate for several Council meetings. In 2020 Ian was elected a Board member.

Dallas for four years was the paid Secretary/Treasurer for this Branch and was elected

to the Branch Committee in 2015. He was elected to the Board the following year and involved himself with several sub committees also assisting National Office to improve computer systems and financial reporting. He became Vice President in 2019.

Our sincere congratulations to both on attaining this award.

Mid-Winter Luncheon

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we were forced to make a last-minute change of location from the James Cook Hotel Wellington to the Angus Hotel in Lower Hutt for this event. This is a venue new to us and it proved to be very satisfactory with good facilities and ample parking.



Guest speaker Murray Edridge and Wellington branch chair Mike Smith.

Our guest speaker for the event was Murray Edridge, the Wellington City Missioner.

Murray gave a very enlightening address on recent and ongoing changes being made to the Mission's infrastructure and methods of operation enabling it to seek to achieve fullness of life for those who are at risk or struggling in the Greater Wellington region.



Guest speaker Murray Edridge and Wellington branch committee member Suzanne Holgate.

The modernisation of the City Mission together with development of a \$40m purpose-built Community Hub now enables it to treat clients with dignity and respect including supported transitional housing, rest home and hospital-level residential care in modern purpose-built facilities. The Mission also provides a community lounge where clients can enjoy the company and community of others. Food support is provided through the Mission's own Social Supermarket with support from New World. Budget advice and financial mentoring are also given and 1 to 1 support and advocacy.

Wairarapa Luncheon

Our annual lunch and branch update was held on 22 September 2022 at the Masterton Club. The main purpose of this meeting is to inform members living in the Wairarapa on GSA matters discussed at the national Council meeting.

Difficulties associated with not being able to hold the Council meeting last year due to COVID highlighted some deficiencies with our constitution and consequently these areas were tidied up by the Council this year.

For example, the constitution has been amended to allow for proxy voting and the holding of Council meetings electronically in certain circumstances.

Bryan Whisker has for many years been a knowledgeable committee spokesperson for Wairarapa members and has now expressed a view that we need to look for an alternate who can take up this role and members present were asked to consider taking up the challenge of assisting Bryan with this task.

The Wairarapa function was attended by 30 members who enjoyed the usual high standard of Wairarapa hospitality.

Christmas Function 2022

We are again holding this end-of-year luncheon at the **Te Marua Golf Club, State HW 2, Upper Hutt on Thursday 24 November 2022** from midday to 2pm. The price is \$30 per person. There is parking available at the Club. If you are driving, the golf club is clearly sign posted on the left of the main road (SH2 to the Wairarapa) 3.5 km north of the turn off to Waikanae via Akatarawa Road. We hope you will be able to join us for this Christmas function. Please note that you are welcome to bring a friend to the luncheon; it is not restricted to members. The price for non-members will be \$35 pp.

Booking is essential. Please return the booking form (page 5 of this newsletter) or email the Secretary at wellington@gsa.org.nz by Tuesday, 8th November 2022.

A free return trip bus will be provided to and from the venue departing from platform 9 Wellington Railway Station at 10.30am. If you intend to use the free bus, please indicate this when you register.

If you, or someone you know, would like to attend the Christmas Luncheon, but need help with transport, please indicate this by ticking the box 'MacKenzie Trust extra help request' and returning the completed booking form to the Secretary who will contact you.

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It is a good idea to have your annuity number handy when you make any enquiries. It can be found on any Datacom letter addressed to the annuitant.

Wellington Branch Railway Social Club Christmas Luncheon

This is an informal group of former employees of Railways and any GSA members wishing to attend our functions will be most welcome.

Christmas luncheon will be held on Wednesday 16th November 2022 at the Petone Workingmen's Club. Cost \$25 per person. Cash only payable at the door. Please be seated by 12 noon.

For bookings, please contact Ray Woolhouse, Wellington (ph. 04 973 8158).

A booking is essential and must be made at least two days before the function. Late bookings will not be accepted.

The MacKenzie Trust How it may help you

The MacKenzie Trust was established in 2017 as a legacy of Supertours that operated from 1988 for the benefit of Wellington Branch members.

The Trust may provide assistance with travel to enable those who now find it difficult to attend GSA Wellington Branch functions because of lack of support, declining health, reduced mobility or other similar reasons.



*The GSA Wellington Branch Committee
wishes you and your
family a very Happy Christmas and
a wonderful New Year to follow*

BOOKING FORM

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Christmas Luncheon – 12noon on Thursday 24 November 2022

I/We shall be attending the Christmas luncheon at **Te Marua Golf Club**, 675 Main Road (SH2), Te Marua, Upper Hutt.

Name(s) _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Email _____

Number attending _____ Cost will be \$30.00 per person (\$35 per 'non-member' guest) Please pay \$ _____ by either:

Direct credit account 38 9014 0085421 00 by Tuesday, 8 November. Quote name, annuity number and the reference XMAS, or:

I will bring \$ _____ to the luncheon in an envelope with name(s), annuity number and XMAS marked on it.

Please tick for MacKenzie Trust Extra Help Request

A free bus will depart from Platform 9, Wellington Railway Station at 10.30am

It will stop at Waterloo Station at 10.50am and Upper Hutt Station at 11.10am

Please Tick **ONE** box to indicate the station where you wish to join the bus.

From **Wgtn Station Platform 9** **Waterloo Station** **Upper Hutt Station**

