



Lake Taupo Branch

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2025 Xmas News letter

Branch Activities

Your Branch Committee has met on one occasion since the Annual General Meeting on 29 May 2025. This meeting was on 14 August 2025, to discuss the 2025 Council Meeting. The National Newsletter discusses any current policy items.

Chairperson's Report

Well Members, this will be my be the last newsletter from me to you as your Chairperson as at the Special General Meeting – which only 6 members plus committee and spouses attended it was voted that we should amalgamate with Waikato/King Country. At Council last month the motion of amalgamation was passed so from 1 April 2026, we will become part of that Branch. Nothing changes in the way of your annuity, only that newsletters and all administration will come from Hamilton. It was so disappointing that so few of you even acknowledged our meetings and because of the poor turnouts lately the outcome was inevitable. A great big thank you to those few who came to the meetings.

So with little of interest on the social side of our Branch we have been unable to host our End of Year function.

At Council this year the new Board was elected.

Sandra Gusscott from Auckland was welcomed as the new President.

Alan Peck(our Board Representative) is now Vice President

The Committee Members are: John Laurenson , Roger Openshaw, Robert Beckham, Anne Gover and Darryl Bellamy.

We wish them well in looking after the GSA. By the way, Alan is still our Board representative until the takeover.

Our own AGM voted in the same committee as last year, and I would like to thank all of them, Colin and Alison Crowe, Winston and Marie Grantham, Graeme Crowe and Eric Duder for all the help they have given over the years.

The only happy note is that we have at last sold our house in Motuoapa and are moving up to Summerset by the Lake. So if you have any queries, please let myself or Colin know. You will all have received your invitations to morning tea at Taupo and afternoon tea at Turangi (please note Turangi is an afternoon tea at 1.30pm. (small typo re timing on the RSVP form for Turangi) on the 29 October with the Waikato/King Country committee to inform you about the hand over. See you at both these events.

So thank you all members for letting Lake Taupo Branch look after your annuities for so many years and I pass you on to the Waikato/King Country who I am sure will look after your interests well. Don't forget we are still here until the end of March 2026 for any of your queries.

I and my committee wish you all the best for the (coming soon) Christmas season and have a wonderful summer – lets hope it isn't as hot as Europe this year!

Best wishes

Diana Pye
Chairperson