

Wanganui Branch GSA Newsletter October 2025

Chairpersons Report

John Granville and I attended the annual Council meeting in Wellington. Delegates from all 19 branches attend this important event. John also attended some discussions relating to Secretaries duties.

The main topics for discussion were the 2025-2027 strategic plan, amalgamation of Branches, subscription levels, transfer of the management of overseas members from Wellington branch to the National office.

The GSA holds the view that it is the responsibility of the Association's current leadership to plan strategically to ensure we remain viable for the benefit of annuitants. To achieve this goal there are three priorities:

- To prudently manage the Association's finances;
- To maintain an effective Branch structure – active local branches ensure better contact with members and protect their interests;
- to keep building membership, to avoid using the Associations' reserve funds.

This final goal can be progressed through the recruitment leaflet sent via GSF/Datacom and National Office to non-GSA and through Branches encouraging surviving spouses to become members.

Member's GSF Annuities are a contract between the employee and the Crown, the employer, to provide an annuity, protected by the 1956 Government Superannuation Act. The Govt Super. Assn role is to protect the annuities and promote to successive Governments maintenance of the "deferred employer contribution from the Crown".

National Council states;

"Let Vigilance be our Watchword"

Our local Branch continues to function very well, thanks to the work of our committee and the support of members. We have 275 members, although there are more in the area not (yet) affiliated to GSA. Members from outside Whanganui as follows:

Bulls – 8, Hawera -2, Marton -19, Ohakune – 3, Patea – 1, Ohakune – 3, Raetihi – 2. The committee is planning a coffee morning visit to Marton to meet members and interested non-member annuitants. Your continued support is vital.

- Please support our meetings and lunches;
- Recruit new members – forms available from the Secretary and Committee;
- Support the committee – volunteer for committee or as a helper at meetings.
- The committee meets 4 times a year to plan functions and member events
- Update your address with the Secretary – an email address means when you change your home address you will remain contactable.

Thanks to John Granville, Marian Barclay, Deborah Hipango, Jan Katene and Robin Paul for the work they do on our local committee.

Season's greetings to you all

Trevor Hall

G	government
S	superannuitants
A	association



WANGANUI BRANCH

End of Year – Xmas Meeting 2025

The Christmas meeting will be held at the Whanganui East Club, Wakefield Street Thursday 20th November as usual starting at 11:15 a.m.

This meeting will include a report on the National Council meeting highlights, held in September, a guest Speaker followed by a subsidised meal.

As usual the meal will be a special Christmas meal with ham and fish for the main and a super dessert.

Tea and coffee will be freely available, and refreshments will be available at the bar, at your cost, following the announcements and during the meal.

The total cost per person will be \$25 payable at the door. As usual the Branch subsidises the meeting cost from funds provided by the GSA National Office, as a result of your GSA membership fees. Noting the two special meetings – the AGM and the Xmas meeting are subsidised – attendees gain a significant return from the GSA membership fees from ALL Members.

Our guest speaker will be NICKY PEARCE from HOME SWEET HOME CARE who will tell of her role and give some interesting information about care and services for the elderly.

RSVP to John Granville Phone 0211440702 or email John at wanganui@gsa.org.nz

before 16 November to ensure the numbers for the meal can be established for the caterer.

Leave a message on the answerphone if no answer – all emails and phone messages will be acknowledged; Apologies from members welcome also.

If you know members who normally do not attend or annuitants who have not yet joined the GSA, invite them along too and inform John.

PS – The Wanganui Branch normally has the 2nd highest proportion of members attending meetings among the branches, at about 13% – can we improve this time?

