



Horowhenua/Kapiti Branch

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*Our **Waikanae** End of Year Function
is a Luncheon, and is on*

Thursday, 17 November 2022

commencing at 11:00am at
Plateau Function Centre,
Pukeko Street, Parkwood Village
off Ngarara Road, Waikanae

Guest speaker:

Ricardo Palma, Honorary Research
Assistant, Museum of NZ
Partners welcome.

Registration details at bottom of next page

*Our **Levin** End of Year Function
is a Luncheon, and is on*

Thursday, 24 November 2022

commencing at 11:00 am
Levin Cosmopolitan Club
47/51 Oxford Street,
Levin

Guest speaker:

Deborah Campbell
Horowhenua Neighbourhood Support
Partners welcome.

Registration details at bottom of next page

Message from the Branch Chairperson

Hopefully the easing of the Covid measures will see life returning to some normality. As a Branch, our regular committee meetings have been conducted by Zoom, however, we managed to hold a successful AGM in June. The committee has transferred some of the Branch's financial work to the office of the Wellington Branch, which already undertakes our membership activities. These arrangements are aimed at improving the level of service to our members. We have also agreed with the Wellington Branch that a member of our committee attends their regular committee meetings. This year, Edgar Spark has undertaken this on our behalf.

Over the coming year we will be looking at other ways of improving the committee's engagement with members. As part of this initiative, I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming end of year functions in Waikanae and Levin.

At a national level, the GSA Council met in early September, following a two-year covid enforced break. It was my pleasure to represent the Branch at Council.

Jeff Taylor
Branch Chairperson

Annuity News National Newsletter

The latest national newsletter *Annuity News* is enclosed. It includes items of specific interest to GSA members. It has been prepared for your benefit so please take the time to read it.

Life After Olives

Thank you for inviting me to your Christmas function in Waikanae last year. After 18 years we sold Kapiti Olives as a going concern, and we were delighted to hand over a thriving and viable business to new keen owners.

The transition to so-called retirement is "interesting", so we will pause before fully engaging in something new. Meanwhile, I continue my business mentoring with Business Mentors NZ, a very interesting and rewarding voluntary role. Then there is catching up on all the delayed "jobs" and on the near horizon is travel and with luck more travel! Best wishes to you all in your "retirements"!

David Walshaw

2022/23 Branch Committee

The committee was elected at the Branch AGM at Otaki in June 2022:

Jeffrey Taylor (Chair), John Laurenson (Secretary)
Paul Gardner, Roger Pitchforth,
Edgar Spark, Patrick Thomas.

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Branch Newsletter

The Branch produces two newsletters per year, in April and October. Like many other things, the cost of producing and mailing the newsletters is increasing, and much of this cost is incurred by the branch. To offset these costs, we are encouraging members to opt to receive their newsletters by email. To date, 228 of our members have taken up this option, and we would like to encourage other members to do likewise. Not only does email save costs, which in turn allows us to keep the membership fee low, it also helps us save trees, thereby protecting the environment for future generations. If you would like to receive your newsletter by email instead, please email your name or your annuity number to our secretary at wellington@gsa.org.nz and we will add you to our special whānau. We appreciate you taking a few minutes of your time to help us create a better future for our tamariki and we look forward to hearing from you.

A Brief Outline of the GSA Organisation

Branches: The GSA is structured to be a collaboration of members grouped into Branches with geographical boundaries covering all of New Zealand (overseas resident members have connection through the Wellington Branch). Some branches are divided into sub branches.

Each branch has an annually elected committee and appoints a secretary. The branch provides the primary point of contact for members.

GSA Board: The annually elected Board is responsible for governing the GSA. The Board has a president, vice president and five Council elected members and up to two appointees. The board is required to meet no fewer than four times per year.

Council: Council is the annual general meeting of the GSA at national level. Each branch may send two delegates to this meeting to represent its views. The Council sets the guidelines by which the Board is to operate until the next Council. Traditionally Council is held in Wellington and lasts two days.

National Office: At the national level the GSA has employees responsible for interaction with Datacom which administers the pension scheme under contract to the Government Superannuation Fund Authority (GSFA). National Office also services the Board.

Many important administrative tasks have over recent years migrated from branch level to National Office including newsletter production and distribution and financial management systems.

Horowhenua/Kapiti Branch Membership Statistics at 30 September 2022

Annuitants	Spouses of Annuitants	Surviving Spouses	Pre Annuitants	Spouses of PreAnnuitants
546	311	184	17	13

Total 1071

Booking and Paying for End of Year Functions

Please ensure you register your intention to attend either luncheon before 11 November 2022.

Option 1. (Internet users)

Pay the entry fee of \$17.50 per person by internet banking (Bank account 38-9014-0275903-01) THEN Send a confirming email to horowhenua@gsa.org.nz. Please confirm which Luncheon you are attending – Waikanae or Levin.

Option 2. (No internet access).

Contact Branch Chairperson by phone (021 135 3230) and Pay the entry fee of \$17.50 per person on arrival at the Luncheon.

Please ensure you register your intention to attend the luncheon before 11 November 2022