



TARANAKI BRANCH GSA NEWSLETTER

Government Superannuitants Association, Taranaki Branch

Chairman's Report October 2022

Firstly, I thank all of you who attended our AGM on 18th May. It was the best attendance for any of our meetings for a number of years. A significant contribution to that was the work done by our Secretary Denyse Salisbury, who now has a much better database of emails and mobile numbers that was used to provide reminders to the members. I also thank those members who have provided their information. We save on postage cost when we can deliver newsletters electronically, and it gives us the ability to send out other information if required outside of the regular newsletter cycle.

Our President, Tony Hamilton, gave a really good address covering the work the Board are doing to maintain the aims of the Association into the future, and of the ongoing saga of the 100% COLA issue.



Tony Hamilton: President



Tony Hamilton Aerobics Instructor



Our guest speaker was Pauline Julian from Age Concern Taranaki. She gave us an overview of the work they do, and invited any of us to join them if we are interested in any of their activities, which are wide ranging and targeted at the wellbeing of those in the senior age group.



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From Age Concern Taranaki Inc

Age concern Taranaki Incorporated is a not-for-profit organisation that works for the rights and well-being of older people and serves the needs of older people. Along with a network of 35 Age Concern offices across New Zealand, and a national office in Wellington, we inform and advocate, and provide services and organize different events for older people.

SEPTEMBER COUNCIL WELLINGTON

On the first weekend in September, Denyse Salisbury and I attended the Annual Council Meeting in Wellington. As last year's meeting wasn't held due to Covid considerations, the first part of the business was to ratify the minutes from the 2020 meeting. In the 2022 agenda, the most significant business was changes to the Constitution to formalise the use of electronic means for meetings. This had become a necessity due to Covid, and also only having one Board member who resides in the greater Wellington area. The saving on airfares is already showing in the Main Office budget. In the Board elections, Tony Hamilton was unopposed for the office of President and so commences his fifth year in the role. Alan Peck was re-elected and has again been selected to be our Branch representative.

Alan is hopeful that he can get Board consent to attend our December Branch meeting. Guest speakers at Council were Simon Tyler, retiring CEO of the Government Superannuation Fund Authority, and Greg O'Connor, MP for the Ohariu Electorate.

The guest speaker for our December meeting is Grant Carter from the Taranaki Health Foundation, who are currently working to raise funding to complete aspects of the Base Hospital extension that are underfunded. He comes with a strong recommendation from Graeme Orr who attended a meeting where Grant was the guest speaker.

At our AGM in May we welcomed Graeme Orr onto the committee, however, with the unfortunate death of Dennis Salisbury at the end of July, we are again at the minimum number allowed in the Constitution. To meet the minimum quorum requirement of four, we cannot run meetings if more than one isn't available. If anyone is able to commit to joining us, we can appoint them for the remainder of the current year, and it is an opportunity to learn how we function before the next AGM.

We look forward to seeing as many as possible of you at our Pre-Christmas meeting on 7th December.

Les Sharp
Chairman;
Taranaki Branch.



Christmas Meeting and Lunch

GSA 2022

Wednesday 7th December 2022

Venue	THE PLYMOUTH INTERNATIONAL HOTEL Courtney Street Blenheim Room	
Format	10.30 am	Mix and Mingle Morning Tea Welcome - Tea or Coffee Devonshire Scones served with cream & jam
	11am	Guest Speaker - Grant Carter Taranaki Health Foundation
	12 noon	Lunch served to the table.

Members, spouses and friends are invited to this meeting
The subsidised cost is \$25 per person which includes morning tea and lunch
If you only wish to attend for the morning tea the subsidised cost is \$5.00 per person.

Payment to Taranaki GSA
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or cash on the day

Please ring Denyse Salisbury, phone 753 4998 or 021 0428268 or email taranaki@gsa.org.nz

by 29th November if you are able to join us. We look forward to seeing you there.

Change of address

If you have a change of address, or phone number please let Denyse know so that she can ensure our records are correct.

If you have an email address, please also let Denyse know so that it can be added to our records and the database.

We encourage members to add their spouses to their member page if they have not already done so. Your spouse or partner can join the GSA for FREE and receive full membership rights with our compliments. Should you pre-decease your spouse or partner, they will then be able to join the GSA in their own right on payment of the membership subscription.

The newsletter is published twice a year if you have an email address or cell phone number, we can let you know of any news and upcoming events/functions. Thank you.