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## Newsletter Lake Taupo Branch, October 2022

**2022 End of Year Meeting,  
Xmas Function and Lunch  
Bridge Club Rooms Tauhara Road  
Date Thursday 1 December 2022  
Time: 10.30am  
\$10.00 per person**

### Programme:

- 10.30am: Introduction and Welcome;  
Chairperson's Report on the Annual Council Meeting;
- 11.15am The entertainment will be provided by the The Odd Notes Band who will provide a selection of music.
- 11.45am Social time with a light lunch served at 12.00.

### Branch Activities

Your Branch Committee has met on one occasion since the Annual General Meeting in June 2022 to discuss the 2022 Council Meeting and the 2022 Xmas Function. The Annuity Newsletter discusses any current policy items.

### Chairperson's Report

Welcome to Spring. We have been fortunate not to have all that rain other parts of the country have had this winter, in fact down here in Motuoapa we did not receive as much as Taupo, but we did have flooding on SH1 between Motuoapa and Turangi which wasn't good when vehicles exceeded the 30mph and raced through the water – especially trucks!

Council went well this year with all Branches being able to join together for the first time since 2020. The GSA newsletter will inform you of the meeting, but I will let you know that Alan Peck is once again our Representative from the Board and he hopes to come to our End of Year luncheon on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December.

We have not had much to discuss at Branch meetings this year, COLA is still waiting to be heard by the Government though the Minister of Finance said it is still in the pipeline (must be a long pipe!). Our AGM went well with a very interesting speaker and our Branch Rep letting us know what is happening in Wellington. Our committee of myself, Colin and Alison Crowe, Winston and Marie Grantham, Graeme Downes and Graeme Crowe were all re-elected but we would like more members to put their hands up for committee – not an arduous job – a couple of meetings a year (with delicious afternoon tea provided by Alison and Marie) and the two main Branch meetings. So please consider joining us next year.

Membership is getting lower – we have 189 in Lake Taupo Branch (one more than Gisborne) so if you know of any annuitants or spouses who are not members please get in touch with Colin. One thing that is

**IMPORTANT TO KNOW.** If you (THE ANNUITANT) have a spouse/partner, we can keep in touch if and when the inevitable happens. You would be surprised how many spouses/partners were not aware their partner was receiving an annuity and their entitlement to a surviving spouse annuity of up to 50%. GSF **DO NOT** have this as a record item.

**Christmas Function**

Again, this year the Committee is offering a first prize draw of a \$50 motor trade voucher and a second prize of a \$50 grocery voucher. The draw will be based on the number allocated to you on payment of your \$10 entry fee to the Secretary.

I look forward to seeing many of you on Thursday 1 December 2022 and those who may not be able to make the meeting I wish you and all your family a wonderful Christmas and may the Summer be warm but not as hot as Europe had this year!

**Diana Pye  
Chairperson**

If you wish to pay your \$10.00 per person entry into the GSA Bank Account, the account number is: Westpac **030430-0257922-00**. Remember to provide your names and the number attending.

**Or alternatively**

- Please pay your \$10.00 cash on entry at the door.
- Please advise of your attendance by email to [crowesroost@xtra.co.nz](mailto:crowesroost@xtra.co.nz), or by phoning 378-6627 or return the reply form below by Friday 25 November 2022 to:

Colin Crowe, 6 Uku Way Wharewaka, Taupo 3330.  
This will assist us in advising numbers to the caterer.

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I/We will be attending the social function on Thursday 1 December, 2022 and enclose cash for:  
\$...... (\$10per person)

Name (please print clearly):

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