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**Newsletter
Gisborne Branch
April 2018**

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Gisborne Branch GSA 2018, Annual General Meeting.



The AGM will be held this year on the 23rd May 2018 at 12.00pm at the Gisborne Tatapouri Sport Fishing Club on Esplanade Road. Depending on numbers attending, we will have exclusive use of the conservatory dining room, where we will dine & hold the AGM. Should we have more attending than this dining room will hold, we will be moved to

the Shark bar. Enclosed is a copy of some of the Tatapouri luncheon menu that we thought appropriate. After members have been made welcome they are to order & pay for their lunch at the counter. The committee will be providing wine & orange juice on the tables for the luncheon. The meeting will commence on the completion of the luncheon and our guest speaker will be Rob Brangwin from Hawkes Bay, who is our Liaison Board member. As the caterer requires the number of people attending this meal, it is important that previous notification be sent to the secretary Des Omundsen, domundsen10@gmail.com or phone 06 8688384 or 027 3503058, informing the number of your party attending, by Monday the 20th day of May 2018. Please consider taking some responsibility for the election of your new committee with your attendance & perhaps being prepared to take up a position on the committee, as we need to encourage younger members onto the committee as some present committee members may not be in a position to continue with their existing position for the coming year

Luncheon Menu

<u>Mussel Fritter</u>	Served with salad & fries & roasted garlic aioli.	\$13.00
<u>Chicken Breast</u>	With bacon, tomato salsa, topped with cheese & grilled, with salad & new potatoes .	\$13.00
<u>Minute Steak</u>	Tender ribeye steak grilled with mushrooms or pepper sauce & with salad & fries.	\$13.00
<u>Fish of the Day</u>	Battered, crumbed or pan-fried served with salad & fries.	\$13.00
<u>Paua Fritters</u>	Battered paua fritters served with salad & fries.	\$13.00
<u>Prawn Cutlets</u>	Crumbed prawn cutlets, golden fried & served with salad & fries.	\$13.00
<u>Scallops</u>	Five crumbed scallops served with salad & fries.	\$15.00
<u>Battered Oysters</u>	Six battered oysters served with salad & fries.	\$13.00
<u>Hot Grilled Ham</u>	Hot ham of the bone served with rosemary new potatoes, salad & pineapple rings.	\$13.00
<u>Seafood Chowder</u>	Creamy seafood soup served with grilled garlic bread.	\$13.00
<u>Shrimp Cocktail</u>	Shrimps on a bed of mixed leaves with cocktail sauce.	\$13.00
<u>Nachos</u>	Beef mince, chilli beans, corn chips & cheese.	\$12.00
<u>Seafood Combo</u>	Small mixed bowl of seafood & fries.	\$13.00
<u>Tata Platter</u>	Large mixed platter of fresh fish bites, prawn twisters, crab sticks, squid rings, spring rolls on a bed of chips.	\$28.00
<u>Prawn Twisters</u>	Ten prawn twisters drizzled with hollandaise sauce.	\$12.00
<u>Paua Nuggets</u>	Four battered paua nuggets served with fries.	\$8.00
<u>Baked Potato</u>	With nacho mince, grilled cheese & sour cream.	\$12.00

2017 to 2018, Gisborne Branch GSA committee members

<u>Chairperson</u>	Chesley Birch. 068674214. 27 Bulwer Road	Gisborne .
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Senior Net Gisborne

Senior Net is a non profit organisation. It is the nation's premier and most respected non-profit organisation specialising in computer and Internet education for adults 55 and over. The organisation was founded in 1986 by Dr Mary Furlong with its headquarters originally located in San Francisco California. In 2005 the headquarters was relocated to Santa Clara California. In 1992 Senior Net went global with a new learning centre opening in Wellington New Zealand. Senior Net mission is to provide older adults education on computer technology enhancing their lives and enabling them to share their knowledge and wisdom. In addition to providing education to older adults Senior Net furnishes computer skills/education to veterans, the disabled and those with impairments. Since 1986 Senior Net has empowered more than 2 million people by providing encouragement, lifelong learning opportunities and new world's to explore via the Internet. Senior Net provides an extensive curriculum over 130 courses, delivered by thousands of volunteer instructors and mentors. In Gisborne The Learning Centre is upstairs, (right at the top of the stairs), at the Cosmopolitan Club, with a well set as a class room with nine computers for students use, their own toilets, kitchen and is well heated. There is also a lift that can be used for those restricted in mobility. Course content booklets and CD are provided along with tea or coffee with biscuits available at no extra cost. The Course content booklet becomes a marvelous reference book while operating your computer at a later date. In retirement one does not have colleagues to ask how something is done when having a senior moment. Courses range from eight weeks for two hours to a one off two hour period course.



Short Summaries of Course Content available in Gisborne.(1). Getting Started. Computer Basics for Beginners. (2). Word Processing Level 1. using MS Word 2007 or 2010. (3). Word Processing Level 2. using MS Word 2007 or 2010. (4). Drawing & Publishing .using MS Word 2007 or 2010. (5). Spreadsheets. using MS Office Excel. (6). Email & Internet. using MS Outlook Express, Windows Mail, Windows Live mail & Internet Explorer. (7). Desk Top Publishing. using MS Publisher 2010. (8). PowerPoint Presentations. using MS Office PowerPoint. (9). iPad Workshop . (10). Fun with graphics. (11). Digital Camera Basics. (12). Image Editing & Photo Enhancement. (13). Laptop users. (14). Email & Internet. (15). Cell Phone users.

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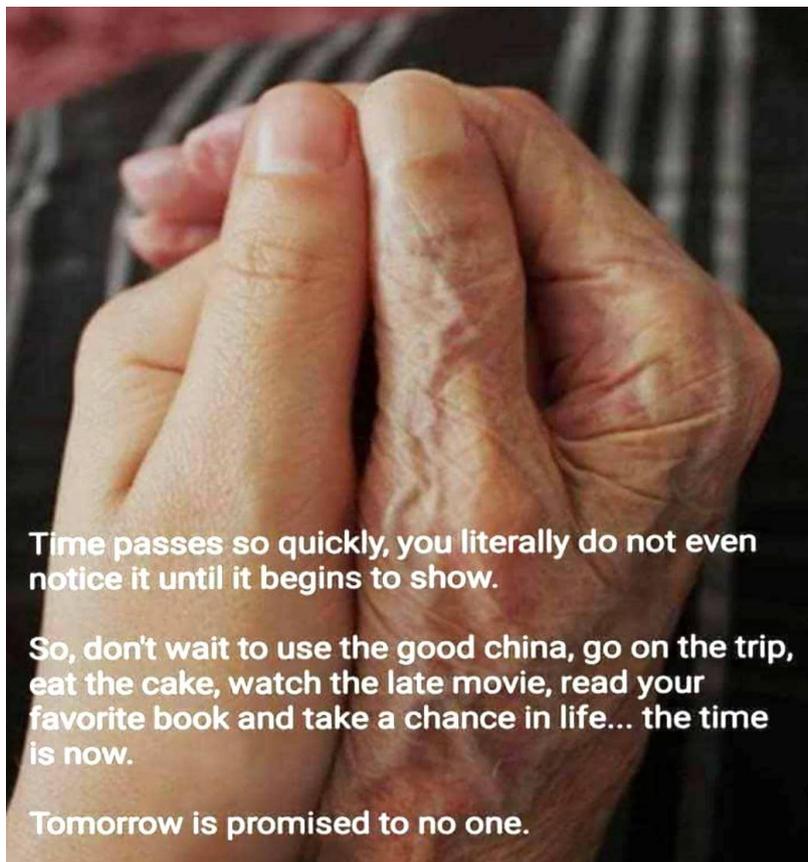
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Hawkes Bay Christmas function 2017.

This year the committee for the Gisborne branch of the GSA were invited to attend the Hawkes Bay GSA Christmas function. This was held on the 7th of December 2017 at the Havelock North function centre Te Mata road at 11 a.m. The cost for the luncheon was \$20 per person. Due to ill-health and other Christmas functions around Gisborne only Des Omundsen was able to attend from the Gisborne branch. He drove down to Havelock North in his private car arriving just prior to 11 o'clock to be made welcome by the Hawkes Bay branch. There were over 100 members attending their Christmas function and we're most welcoming. The entertainment started just after 11 o'clock when members were seated with a welcoming speech by Margarie Thomas, one of the two board members that the Hawkes Branch has. She gave an account on the activity that the board had been active in during that year. This was followed by Rob Brangwin the other board member giving a description of the activities that he had been involved in as a volunteer with the Rotary Club for the renovation of the Charlie Goddin hospital on the island of Ambae Vanuatu. He has at present made two working visits there involved in the hospitals developments. His presentation was very informative, interesting and supported by overhead illustrations. On this completion much to Des Omundsen surprise and enjoyment a large school choir from the Havelock primary school from behind the function centre presented themselves on stage and sung numerous Christmas carols and other popular music, conducted by their dedicated music teacher. They were a very focused choir with a diverse repertoire of music. The food for the luncheon was of a very high standard and presented elegantly. The members Des found to be extremely friendly and welcoming. The function wound up around 3 p.m. when Des made his way back to Gisborne after an enjoyable experience. Next year if invited again, we hope more of our committee can manage to attend.

A consideration of life as we age.



Time passes so quickly, you literally do not even notice it until it begins to show.

So, don't wait to use the good china, go on the trip, eat the cake, watch the late movie, read your favorite book and take a chance in life... the time is now.

Tomorrow is promised to no one.

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Joint GSA meeting between Wairoa members, Gisborne and the Hawkes Bay branch.



On the 20 February 2018, a hot sunny Tuesday in Gisborne, Wairoa and the Hawkes Bay, while the rest of the country were in preparation for the approaching storm Gita, the Gisborne GSA committee met at 9 o'clock ready to travel by car to Wairoa for a joint meeting between Gisborne Wairoa and Hawkes Bay. The venue for this meeting was the drop in centre at the Wairoa Catholic Church. This was a very convenient venue due to been Central in Wairoa and easy to find. The meeting commenced on time at 11 o'clock when everyone introduced themselves and a Wairoa GSA member gave

all a very welcoming speech. We had previously received apologies for six Wairoa members who unfortunately could not make the meeting. In attendance there were eleven GSA members from Wairoa, five Gisborne GSA branch committee members and four Hawkes Bay GSA branch committee members which included two current board members. After the welcoming introduction the two board members spoke about their involvement with the board along with the boards aspirations and intentions for the coming year. They spoke about the on going petition that will be presented to Parliament later this year, concerning the cost of Living Allowance that our older members have been denied by previous governments. The previous petition over the 30% taxation that was mothballed at the Council Meeting two years ago was raised by members and the board members present questioned that under the new government could this be reinstated. It was thought that after the next Council meeting in September that there was a great possibility of this happening. There was a general discussion from members present about the procedure of when a spouse member died and the splitting of the annuity 50/50 between the annuitant and the spouse.

Prior to arrival all members attending were asked to bring a plate of finger food with them to be shared at lunchtime. At about 1.15pm with discussions dwindling it was considered to be lunchtime and the spread that was laid in front of us was more than generous and the variety impressive. There was no chance of those attending consuming all of the spread that lay in front of them. At approximately 2.15pm we wound the meeting up, had a clean up around the hall, agreed to hold another meeting next year and departed for our respective home. Of those spoken to at the completion of the meeting all thought the effort for this meeting and future meetings worthwhile.

