



Newsletter

**Manawatu Branch
APRIL 2018**

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Branch Committee

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Ian Knowles: William White. Robert Crawley.

Delegates to Council.

Gordon Batchelar.
Arthur Evans.

Secretary/Treasurer. Meg Vining
Reviewer: Helen Sussmilch.

Annual meeting and luncheon

All members, spouses, and partners are welcome to our meeting and luncheon. *(See details below)*

Date: Wednesday 30TH May 2018

Meeting time: 10.00 am

Meal time: 12.00 Noon.

Venue: Hunterville Room. Hotel Coachman. 140 Fitzherbert Avenue. Palmerston North.

Parking available.

Membership

As of 31 March 2015 membership totaled 1,100
It now totals 1094 (see database)

Member Categories	31st March 2017	29 th March 2018
Annuitant	596	572
Annuitant spouse	304	266
Surviving spouse	171	163
Pre-annuitant	20	15
Pre-annuitant spouse	18	13
Total	1109	1059

<p>I/We will be attending the Luncheon on Wednesday 30th May 2018</p> <p>Names.....</p> <p>Address.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Phone().....</p> <p>Number Attending.</p> <p>Cheque.....</p>
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Chairperson's Report.

This year our Head Office staff has changed with the retirement of Cathy Trewby (Office Manager) and Alan Peck (Executive Officer) who did not renew his contract this year.

On behalf of the Manawatu Branch I would like to welcome and congratulate Jenny Barclay (Executive Officer) and Karen Knobloch (Office Manager) on their recent appointment to our Association and look forward to meeting them both in due course.

This year our membership was down on last year but is still 1059 members as at 29th March 2018. Our committee has been once again working on our membership and finding new members who would be interested in joining our committee. I would like to inform members that being on the committee only entails 5 meetings per year for approx., 2 hours followed by morning tea.

At last years General meeting in November there were 57 members present and during the year 2 Pot Luck Lunches were held which were attended by 20 members. This is the

first time we have had social gatherings outside the usual general and AGM meetings
My thanks to Meg Vining and committee member Gordon Bennett and Shirley for their work in arranging the 2 Pot Luck Lunches.

I would also like to thank Meg for all the work she performs for members above and beyond her contracted duties and the excellent manner in which she carries out the duties of Secretary/Treasurer.

Also it goes without saying I'd like to thank Roger Openshaw (Vice Chairman) for all the work he has done for me this year along with Arthur Evans (co-delegate) and our Reviewer Helen Sussmilch and all other committee members.

In conclusion I look forward to seeing as many members as possible at our AGM on May 30th and wish everyone "all the best for the future"

Secretary/Treasurer's Report.

Hello to all,

First of all I would like to welcome Jenny Barclay (Executive Officer and Karen Knobloch Office Manager) to the Association. I am sure they will settle in just as I have and thoroughly enjoy being part of an amazing organisation. Few members see the work that goes on behind the scenes in Wellington and I am looking forward to working with them as I did with Alan Peck and Cathy Trewby previously.

Hasn't this summer been a stunner. A bit too hot for most of us I think.

The **Pot Luck Lunches** held in September and February were quite successful although it would have been even greater had there been a few more members attend. It is a time for chat with no business, so please think about coming along to the next one, which I think will probably be about September.

Luncheons. I wonder if members know the true cost of the meals. It is **\$35.00pp** of which, your committee pays **\$15.00pp** making the cost to members **\$20.00. pp** and this year we are making things a little easier for those members who wish to pay by **Direct Credit** to be able to do so. You will find the details further down in the newsletter. Of course should you wish to pay by cheque, you will still be able to do that.

There was no support from members for the collection of signatures for the petition in the streets, indeed no support from the supermarkets either although the council were very helpful

Transport. If the lack of transport is preventing you from attending any of the luncheons please contact the Secretary who will arrange someone to collect you and return you to your home.

We still plead for more committee members. Please think about coming on to help run your Branch. 7 meetings (2 of which are Luncheon) are not too onerous and it would make just a little less for each person when there are events to facilitate.

We are having the Secretaries training again this year. It will be held on May 2nd at Hancock House. King Street.

Financially we made a surplus this year which is pleasing, (See the report at the end of this newsletter). Your Treasurer continues to source materials at the best possible cost and will continue to do so. Thanks must go to all the committee for their unfailing support during the year. It is a pleasure to work with them.

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A reminder to members with spouses who are not yet members to please register your spouse on the GSA website or call your branch secretary? There is no extra cost for a spouse to join.

MEETING AND LUNCHEON.

AGENDA

10-00 a.m. Welcome and Apologies.

Presidents Report.

Previous AGM meeting minutes.

Secretary's Report.

Guest Speakers

A Board Representative.

Peter Giles. Optometrist

Sandy Stevens. St John's Life Link.

12-00 Noon Luncheon.

MENU

Bread Rolls

Mixed Leafy Greens Salad with toasted seed and citrus dressing.

Moroccan couscous salad

Roasted lemon and thyme Chicken breast

Roast Gourmet potatoes

Steamed seasonal vegetables

Raspberry and White chocolate cheesecake

Fruit salad.

Tea/Coffee.

Your meal has been subsidized by the Manawatu Branch. PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM ON PAGE 1 (ONE) AND RETURN TO THE SECRETARY BY SATURDAY 26th MAY 2018. Remember the mail is only delivered to me on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday.

Make cheques payable to "GSA Manawatu Branch" Endorsed "Account Payee Only" No cash via post please. Cost \$20.00 per person. To reach the Secretary by SATURDAY 26th May 2018. If you wish to pay via Internet Banking. The Bank A/c No is 030726057895200 Make sure you put your name in the Reference. Please do this by FRIDAY 25th May 2018.

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Martin had just received his brand new driver license. The family troops out to the driveway, and climbs in the car, where he is going to take them for a drive for the first time. Dad immediately heads for the back seat, directly behind the newly minted driver.

"I'll bet you're back there to get a change of scenery after all those months of sitting in the front passenger seat teaching me how to drive" says the beaming boy to his father.

"Nope" comes Dad's reply " I'm gonna sit here and kick the back of your seat as you drive, just like you've been doing to me all these years.

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Government Superannuitants Association Manawatu Branch.

Annual Financial Report.
Statement of Financial Performance
Year Ended 31st March 2018

<u>2017</u>	<u>Income.</u>	<u>2018</u>
5804	Subscriptions (deducted) GSF	5623
445	“ (deducted) NPF	392
206	“ (deducted) paid direct	180
2135	Functions	2353
110	Interest Received	108
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8700		8656
	<u>Expenses.</u>	
3206	Functions	3991
214	Printing & Stationery	272
150	Telecommunications	----
1267	Furniture	----
3000	Secretary's remuneration	3000
254	Postage	----
495	Committee Expenses	247
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		7689
8765	Surplus	<u>967</u>
<u>(-65)</u>		8656
8700		

Financial Position as at 31st March 2018.

8650	Accumulated Funds	8585
<u>(-65) deficit</u>	Surplus	<u>967</u>
8585		9552

Represented by
Assets

1911	Cash Account	2650
1350	Savings	1471
<u>5324</u>	Term Deposit	<u>5431</u>
8585		9552

Signed  Meg Vining. Treasurer.

Signed  Batchelar. Chairman.

Signed  Helen Sussmilch. Reviewer.

The Bank Statements for March 2018 had not been received at the time the accounts were reviewed.

I have reviewed the financial statements above for the year ended 31st March 2018.

A review is limited primarily to enquiries of branch personnel and an analytical review of compliance with policy and procedures as applied to the financial data. I have not performed an audit and accordingly I do not express an audit opinion. On the basis of my review nothing has come to my attention that causes me to believe that the above financial statements do not give a true and fair view.