



# Nelson Branch Newsletter April 2018

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### Current Committee:

Chairman	John Russell
Vice Chairman	John Rogers
Minute Secretary	Nick Farr
Members Secretary	Margaret Palermo
Treasurer	Denis Wastney
Committee	Diane Ward, Lois Valpy, Mick Alder & Bill Hodge

### District Liaison Members

Takaka Nick Farr 027 276 2540  
 Motueka Bill Hodge 526 6795  
 Monty Tawhai 528 7620

A buffet lunch will be served after our AGM. The cost will be \$20.00 per person. Alan Straker, Chairman of the Marlborough Branch, Board Member and liaison person for our region will say a few words.

**Our AGM this year will once again be at The Waimea Club, lower Queen Street, Richmond on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May commencing 11.30am.**

It is a sad moment that we farewell Diane Ward from our committee. As you know, Diane has been a member of the GSA Nelson Branch for 20 years and has served on the committee and the Board. Diane now thinks it's time for her to move on to other things.

We are also saying goodbye to Lois Valpy who also has been on our committee for many years alongside her husband Graeme. To both of you we wish you well. There will now be two vacancies on the committee and we would like to think that another 2 ladies would take Diane and Lois's place. Ladies please think about joining us on the Committee.

Once again Phil has organized another lovely menu for our buffet lunch.

We look forward to seeing you all at our AGM especially our new members to Nelson.

**Buffet Lunch Menu**

Hot pork & hot roast beef – carved to order  
 Chicken and mushroom casserole  
 Steamed Rice  
 Hot Fish Pieces  
 Roast Potatoes  
 3 other veg plus 8 salads,  
 Hot garlic bread.  
 Fruit pudding, pavlova, choc mousse  
 & fresh fruit

**To Pay - please post your cheque for \$20.00pp to Denis Wastney, 13 Essex Terrace, Stoke by 7<sup>th</sup> May.** Unfortunately, we cannot accept cancellations after 7<sup>th</sup> May. To pay by direct debit instead – GSA Nelson Branch account 03-1354-0027969-00 and add your name as reference. With both cheque or direct debit payments please also complete and send the slip below to Denis at above address.

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NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

PHONE..... EMAIL .....

FORMER DEPT.....

Special Diet meals required    YES/NO.....

Detail.....

Cheques to be made out to GOVERNMENT SUPERANNUITANTS ASSN. (see above for address)

## AGM Agenda:

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|----------------------------|---|
| 1. Welcome                 | 6 Chairman's Report                                 |
| 2. Apologies               | 7 Treasurer's Report                                |
| 3. In Memoriam             | 8 Appointment of Reviewer                           |
| 4. Minutes of the 2017 AGM | 9 Election Of Officers                              |
| 5. Matters Arising         | 10 General Business (Discussion of Future Policies) |

## Chairman's Report

Our Christmas luncheon was a great success with over a hundred members attending. The room was livened up by the Ukulele band, strumming and singing before our meal.

Our membership has leveled out to 880 members at time of writing this report. We have had 14 transfers from other branches to Nelson and 5 new members join our branch since last AGM. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Nelson and hope you will join in our activities.

By now you should all notice a small increase in your subscriptions to the GSA. This is the beginning of the changes to the Association which I have discussed with you at the last AGM. At last year's Council meeting, a remit was passed to relieve all branches (19) of their financial reserves and invest them by the Board. Nelson council delegates voted against this remit, but the remit passed by a substantial vote. Three Nelson Committee members also wrote to the Financial Committee suggesting ideas to deal with the reserves and setting up a trust to handle the large amount of money, about a million dollars. The Board is doing this to cover the reduction of the national membership.

Finally, I hope we have another good attendance at this year's AGM. Now is the time to direct your committee as to which way the organisation will go forward and take an interest in your organisation.  
John Russell, Branch Chairman

## Motueka Visit:

The Committee would like to thank all of you who attended the Motueka RSA for a get together and lunch. We would also like to thank the staff of the RSA for a lovely lunch which was enjoyed by all. We were delighted with the number who attended, and it was great to meet members from other areas. Also, thanks to Bill Hodge who organized the lunch. Next year we plan to have another get together but more will be revealed in our next newsletter.

## Change of Address

We would very much appreciate it if you have a change of address, phone number, email address, it is very important that you contact our Secretary and even more importantly that you contact Datacom. If they cannot contact you, they will stop your annuity until they hear from you. Also, if there is a death, a relative or friend should contact the Secretary and Datacom. Datacom for GSF members please ring 0800 654 761, NPF members ring 0800 628 776 and branch Secretary 0800 888 472. Thank you in anticipation.

## EX Cyclone GITA visits Golden Bay:

On the 20<sup>th</sup> February this year Ex Cyclone GITA visited the top of the South Island with devastating effect on the Riwaka end of the Takaka Hill road.

As Welfare Manager for Golden Bay's Civil Defence I had monitored developments during the day, very much aware that the Tasman District Council hydrologists were forecasting that heavy rain was still coming. Our Welfare Centre was set up at 5pm in our new Rec Park Centre and we soon had twenty-five

people evacuated from the Takaka River area. With my 6 volunteers we began providing food and comfort to our evacuees and were overwhelmed when our Nelson/Tasman Civil Defence called an evacuation of the lower section of Takaka's main street and evacuee numbers increased to two hundred

and fifty by 8pm. The main concern was the rapidly rising Takaka River that had 25 years before in 1983 breached the stop banks and flooded the town in metre deep water. Very fortunately for us the expected flood did not happen and by 10.30pm all, except fourteen who stayed the night, went back home.

Unbeknown to us, huge amounts of rain dumped on the Takaka Hill above Riwaka which resulted in gigantic washouts of the Takaka Hill Road. Large sections of a 2km stretch the Takaka Hill Road simply disappeared and new roading had to be built with bigger drainage pipes. This took time, but soon one-way convoys were moving through the affected area. Even now, a month later, the convoys are still operating 6-9am and 5-9pm each day while the contractors tidy up their excellent repairs. It is hoped that by Easter the traffic on the road will be finally open one-way at a time all day.

**Nick Farr, GSA Rep Golden Bay.**

### **My Swan Song:**

I would like to thank John Russell chairman and Margaret Palermo secretary, for the huge amount of work that they do for this organisation. We are very lucky to have dedicated people such as these and the rest of the committee.

Despite the fact that I am coming off the committee this year, I shall still be around and attending our GSA socials. It is the members who make this organisation and over the years I have been privileged to meet many interesting and friendly people.

**DIANE WARD.**

**WE DO HOPE TO SEE AS MANY OF YOU AS POSSIBLE AT OUR AGM/LUNCHEON**

## Annual Financial Report Nelson Branch

### Financial Performance 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018

Year to	Year to	Note	Explanatory Notes
31 Mar 17	31 Mar 18	Note	Explanatory Notes
\$	\$	<u>Income</u>	
4,834	4,617	Subscriptions (deducted GSF)	Amount received 4 weekly
352	314	Subscriptions (deducted NPF)	Amount received 4 weekly
103	96	Subscriptions (paid direct)	Received annually
2,684	3,342	Functions	Total amount paid by members
69	67	Interest	Gross interest received
0	0	<u>Donations</u>	Donations/sponsorship
<u>8,042</u>	<u>8,436</u>	<u>Total Income</u>	
		<u>Expenditure</u>	
3,754	5,345	Functions	Social functions part paid by members
1,269	538	Communications	Telephone, Postage, Laptop maintenance etc
1,211	366	Organisation	Committee meetings, travel etc
2,160	2,160	Office function	Rent paid for office functions
50	60	Review of accounts	
0	0	General	Sundry items not classified
<u>8,444</u>	<u>8,469</u>	<u>Total Expenditure</u>	
<u>(402)</u>	<u>(33)</u>	<u>Surplus (Deficit)</u>	
31 Mar 17	31 Mar 18	<b>Financial position as at 31 March 2018</b>	
16,900	16,836	Accumulated funds 2016/2017	
(402)	(33)	Add surplus or deduct deficit	
338	285	Investment interest	<b>Secretary</b>
<u>16,836</u>	<u>17,088</u>		
		<u>Represented by assets</u>	
6,482	6,449	Cash account	
10,354	10,639	Term deposit /Investment	
<u>16,836</u>	<u>17,088</u>	<u>Total cash/bank</u>	
		Accrued Interest	Where over \$100
0	0	Accounts receivable	Any amounts due at year's end
	0	<u>Less Liabilities</u>	
0	0	Accounts payable	
<u>16,836</u>	<u>17,088</u>		<b>Chairman</b>

**Subject to Review**