



# Northland Newsletter

April / May 2018

## From the Branch Chair

The Northland Branch continues its activities with regular branch meetings and retains close contact with our National office.

The key topic currently remains planning for the future of the GSA which was highlighted at last year's National Council meeting. With slowly dwindling membership, it is imperative that a strategy is put in place to ensure that the organization endures to protect our Annuity well into the future.

Our Treasurer Tony Hamilton, as part of his role on the National Board, has been delegated the job of convening and co-ordinating a subcommittee charged with planning for the future of GSA.

Meanwhile, our Northland branch remains active and is in a sound financial position, with a committed group of members on our committee.

Note that our Annual General meeting is scheduled for 17 May at the Kamo Club. It is with sadness that I report the resignation of Jane Painter from our committee due to ill health. Jane has made an enormous contribution to GSA Northland particularly in recent years as the editor of our Newsletter. Many thanks to Jane for her efforts.

Any members who wish to serve on our committee should allow their names to go forward at the forthcoming AGM.

Also, any Annuity holders or Contributors who have questions or any concerns are encouraged to make contact by phone on 0800 888 472 or at the meeting. We also encourage any prospective new members to join either by a phone call, or on line [www.gsa.org.nz](http://www.gsa.org.nz)

~ Roger Barber, Chairperson

Sheryl Mai, Mayor  
Speaker at the AGM  
Luncheon  
Details on page four

## Your Current Committee

### Chairperson

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### Treasurer

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### Committee

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### Sharing Peanuts

A bus driver was driving a whole tour bus of elderly men and women down a highway. As he was driving one of the little old ladies tapped him on the shoulder to offer him a handful of peanuts that he gratefully accepted.

15 minutes pass and she comes back with another handful of peanuts.

This happens about five more times.

The bus driver finally decides to ask her, "Why don't you eat the peanuts yourself?"

She replied and said, "We have no teeth so we aren't able to chew them." Confused, he asks, "If you can't chew them, why do you buy them?"

She replied "We get them just for the chocolate around them. We love it!"

Contact your Association  
at any time by dialling  
0800 888472

Financial Performance for the year ended 31 March 2018				
Draft Budget		Actual	Budget	Actual
Year to 31.3.19		Year to 31.3.18	Year to 31.3.18	Year to 31.3.17
		\$	\$	\$
	<b>Income</b>			
4225.00	Subscriptions GSF deducted	4251.69	4385.00	4,338.84
212.00	Subscriptions NPF deducted	211.00	266.00	263.04
79.00	Subscriptions direct	78.87	86.00	85.80
1450.00	Functions Received	1605.00	1800.00	2,050.00
332.00	Interest Received	430.32	202.00	266.93
<b>6298.00</b>	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>6576.88</b>	<b>6739.00</b>	<b>7004.61</b>
	<b>Less Expenses</b>			
3775.00	Functions	3775.47	3868.00	3,828.00
923.00	Communications	922.99	1066.00	1,832.20
588.00	Organisation	587.64	740.00	740.08
0.00	Remuneration	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	Office	195.50	240.00	0.00
100.00	Review of accounts	100.00	100.00	0.00
35.00	General	35.00	200.00	200.00
<b>5421.00</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>5616.60</b>	<b>6214.00</b>	<b>6600.28</b>
<b>877.00</b>	<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>960.28</b>	<b>525.00</b>	<b>404.33</b>

Financial position as at 31 March 2018

	Year to 31.3.18	Year to 31.3.17
	\$	\$
Accumulated funds 1 April	16087.75	15683.42
Surplus (deficit)	960.28	404.33
	<b>17048.03</b>	<b>16087.75</b>
Represented by		
<b>Assets</b>		
Cheque Account	5406.02	4778.75
Savings Account	1642.01	1309.00
Term Deposit	10000.00	10000.00
Total assets	<b>17048.03</b>	<b>16087.75</b>
<b>less Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable	0.00	0.00
	<b>17048.03</b>	<b>16087.75</b>

The finances are currently being reviewed.  
The draft budget will be considered for adoption at the AGM

2018 Council Report back meeting

North

Mangonui Memorial Hall

Waterfront Drive (opposite the wharf)

September 19

10:15 Cuppa

10:30 Report back

12:00 finish

No reply needed, just turn up

An email and postal reminder will be sent.

2018 Council Report back meeting

Whangarei

Please note the date now: no further postal reminder will be sent

September 11

Anglican Church Hall

Deveron Street, Regent

10:15 Cuppa

10:30 Report back

12:00 finish

No reply needed, just turn up

An email reminder will be sent, but no posted notice (to economise)

The Personal Data booklet is designed to record a wide range of information and a completed copy of this kept in a file with your statements from Datacom will be extremely useful for a surviving spouse. It will also be very helpful for a surviving spouse if your GSA six digit number is written on the front of the file. If you don't have a booklet, or can't find it, contact your Branch Secretary at **0800 888 472**.



Hurupaki School students performing at the Kamo Club 11 / 2017

*A little girl asked an elderly gentleman for a contribution to a religious organization – “money for the Lord” as she put it. How old are you, young lady? Ten years old she replied. “Well I’m eighty” he said. “I’m bound to see the lord before you and I’ll give him the money myself.”*

**Please encourage any person you know who is receiving an annuity from the Government Superannuation Fund or the National Provident Fund Super to join and support the GSA.**

# AGM

Annual General Meeting

New committee members welcome (and needed please)

**May 17**

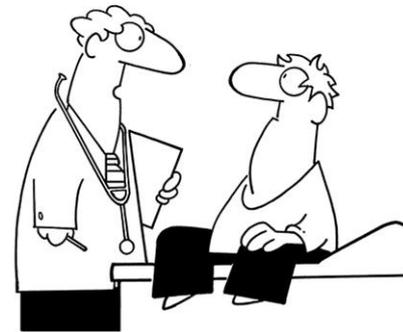
Your Committee meets just  
four times a year  
for approx. 100 minutes.

The committee keeps up with current issues relating to our Annuity, appoints the two reps to the Annual Council meeting, oversees the Branch finances and works for the benefit of local members.

Please give earnest and serious consideration to joining this happy group. Speak to any Committee Member about it.

Be ready to be nominated or nominate yourself

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“Yes, garlic and herbs can improve your cholesterol...but not garlic and herb potato chips.”

**From GSF Booklet GS2, p4.**

## **5. Residence overseas**

If a contributor intends to reside overseas permanently the retiring allowance can be paid to an overseas bank account. The Schemes Administrator must be notified of any change of address as a certificate requiring confirmation of the contributor’s whereabouts is sent annually. Failure to return the certificate may result in suspension of the retiring allowance.

*Note - a fee of \$5.00 each four weekly payment is charged where the annuity is paid to an Australian bank account and \$15.00 each four weekly payment where the annuity is paid to another country.*

# Mid Year Luncheon

will be held on

**Thursday 17 May 2018**

at the Kamo Club (Meldrum Street)



11.00 Gather and socialise

11:30 Chairman's Chat

11.45 AGM

12.00 Guest Speaker

Cheryl Mai, Whangarei Mayor

12.30 Luncheon

Juice provided

Other drinks at own expense

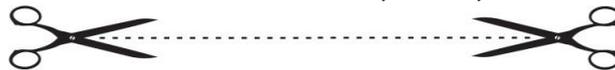
Please complete and return the form below if you intend to be present for this event.

*Note: \$15 per person*

*Superannuitant non-members welcome too*

Please return to  
Tony Hamilton  
PO Box 3286, Onerahi  
Whangarei 0142

no later than Friday 11 May



Northland Branch G.S.A  
Mid-Year Luncheon

Enclosed is \$..... for Luncheon Booking/s  
(\$15 per person – our Branch will provide a subsidy also)

Cheques should be made payable to  
'Government Superannuitants Assoc - Northland' (NOT Kamo Club.)

Or pay to online bank account:  
GSA Northland, 11-5000-0724650-11  
(Please include your name/s in the details, or email the information to  
[tah@ubernet.co.nz](mailto:tah@ubernet.co.nz) )

**NAMES FOR LABELS PLEASE**  
**First and last names**

