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## TARANAKI BRANCH GSA NEWSLETTER

### **Government Superannuitants Association: Taranaki Branch Chairman's Report April 2018**

I'm actually writing this in March as I am about to head for the South Island to attend a reunion of former RNZAF Avionics personnel who will be gathering at Christchurch to celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the opening of the Electrical and Wireless School at Wigram. The Base and the School are history, but the dinner on 24<sup>th</sup> March is being held in the aircraft display hall of the RNZAF Museum, which is located in what was the Number 1 hanger, situated just across the road from where the E & W School stood.

Our Christmas function was well attended, and it was good to meet some who were there for the first time. Evan Cottam gave us a very informative talk on the Taranaki Rescue Helicopter Trust and the trials of operating the helicopter. As well as answering quite a few questions, he was able to stay for the meal. It was great for some to have the opportunity for additional interaction with him.

For our AGM in May we have opted to change the venue to the Orangery at the Quality Hotel Plymouth International (The Plymouth to most of us) and our guest speaker will be Rev. Murray Elliot. Murray was until recently, the Chaplain for the Hospice and the Base hospital. I am sure that those who attend will be absorbed by his humour, and what he chooses to tell us of his past work. Our Board representative, Mike Smith will also be attending.

The committee have decided to increase the subsidy for this meeting so that the cost to you will be \$20.00 per attendee.

Alex Fahey, after many years of service to the Railway Superannuitants Association prior to the merger, and since our committee has said that he is standing down. We thank Alex for his long service to both organisations, and Margaret for the support she has given him.

The committee has operated on the minimum number for the past year, so we need another member to take Alex's place and preferably one more. The main commitment for members is three to four committee meetings per year. At most of the meetings over the past year we have only had the minimum of four available, just enough for a quorum. We will also need one member of the committee to join me as our second delegate to the Council meeting in Wellington at the beginning of September. Delegates costs incurred to attend Council meetings are reimbursed by Head Office.

The Board is now looking to what will have to be done with the structure of the Association, and how it will operate in the future as membership decreases to maintain our effectiveness for the longest period possible. Ultimately, this may involve management by another organisation.

I thank Doreen McCaffery for her dedication and assistance in ensuring the smooth running of the Branch.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible at our forthcoming AGM

Les Sharp  
 Chairman

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 23 MAY 2018

**Venue**    **The Orangery, Quality Hotel, New Plymouth**

**Format**    10am    Morning Tea or Coffee and welcome  
                  10.30    AGM  
                  10.50    Mike Smith, update on the Board's activities.  
                  11.05    Reverend Murray Elliot, ex Hospital Chaplain  
                  11.35    Mix and Mingle - drinks  
                  12 noon    Lunch

Members, spouses and friends are invited to this meeting.

The subsidised cost is \$20 per person which includes morning tea and lunch.

If you are paying by cheque, please make cheque payable to Taranaki GSA

**Please note - Change of Venue**

**Please ring:**

**Doreen McCaffrey, 753 3240 or email ([Taranaki@gsa.org.nz](mailto:Taranaki@gsa.org.nz)) by 18th May if you are able to join us on the 24th May.:**

## **AGENDA FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Apologies and a minute's silence for those who have died during the year.

Minutes of 2017 AGM    Matters arising

President's Report    Matters arising

Financial Report    Matters arising

Election of Officers

**President**    Les Sharp

**Vice President**    Ian McKillop (sitting members)

**Executive**    Rosalie Rangi, John Schicker.

At least one more Committee member required.

General

## **Membership**

Our current membership is 549. Sadly 10 of our members have died since our Christmas meeting and we have welcomed 12 new members to our Branch.

## **Change of address**

If you have a change of address would you please let Doreen know in order that we can ensure you receive your newsletters.