

Wanganui Branch



Annual General Meeting

This meeting is set down to be held at the Wanganui East Club, Wakefield Street Wanganui East on Thursday 24th May 2018 commencing at 11:15 a.m.

Order of Business

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting – these are part of the newsletter.
4. Matters arising from the minutes
5. Annual Report – this has been prepared by the Chairman and is part of this newsletter
6. Election of Officers and the Committee
7. Appointment of Reviewer
8. Speaker – Board liaison representative – Mike Smith
9. General Business

The committee has again arranged to have the meeting and lunch at the Wanganui East Club.

Menu

Choice of two roasts beef or pork or battered fish

A range of hot vegetables and cold salads will be available from the self-service buffet. Tea and coffee will be available free.

The cost to you will be \$10.00 payable at the door. The branch is subsidising the balance of the cost of the meal.

A limited selection of deserts will be available for purchase from the kitchen and at your own cost. Also a range of refreshments purchased at your own cost will be available from the bar immediately after the conclusion of the meeting.

RSVP please to Marian Barclay on 06 343 2789 or to Marian's email address jmbarclay10@gmail.com by Wednesday the 16th May 2018 to inform her that you are coming to the lunch. We would appreciate receiving any apologies.

National Office has continued with the mailing out of our newsletters. This may mean you receive very advanced notice of the AGM so mark the date on your calendars and be prepared to join members of the GSA in another Branch meeting and hopefully gain more information about the workings of the GSA organisation.

If you change your address please advise Datacom. Freephone 0800 654 731 or email gsf@datacom.co.nz

Also contact your Branch secretary Neil Elgar – phone (06) 345 7139 or mail your information to 27 Oakland Avenue, Saint Johns Hill, Wanganui or email wanganui@gsa.org.nz or raglen411@gmail.com

GOVERNMENT SUPERANNUITANTS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON THURSDAY MAY 25th^T 2017 AT THE
WANGANUI EAST CLUB, WAKEFIELD STREET, WANGANUI AT 11:05 AM

The Branch Chairman Neil Elgar welcomed those in attendance especially new members and members of the Railway Superannuitants Association to the Annual General meeting. There were 72 people in attendance.

APOLOGIES

Marian Barclay, Colin and Marjorie Clancy, Alan Lints, Lawrence Sunde, Marianne Malcolm, Eunice Newton, John and Jean Hanna, Mary-Anne Ngahi, Graeme Hirst, Peter and Mary Dickenson, Robin and Marianne Paul, Peter and Evelyn McIntyre.

“That the apologies be accepted.”

T Hall *F Anderson* *Carried*

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the AGM held in 2016 were tabled for members' viewing.

“That the minutes of the 2016 AGM be accepted as a true and correct record.”

B Algar *G Tolley* *Carried*

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.

The Chairman's report was circulated with the posted newsletter and additional copies were tabled.

Neil Elgar indicated that he would like to reinforce some aspects of the report.

- Thanks to the Committee members for their contribution to the management of the Branch.
- Acknowledgement of Robert Lakeland's resignation and his involvement in the Committee.
- Acknowledgement of the work Nola Crawford has done for the Committee and for the Branch. Nola has indicated that she will not be taking on the office of secretary and it has meant the Committee has had to reassign the tasks.
- Finances are sound. Some points will be raised when the Financial Statement is presented.
- Acknowledgement of the support received from the Executive Officer, Head Office and the Board.
- More committee members are required to keep up are succession of Office holders.
- Thanks are extended to the Wanganui East Club for their service when using their facilities.

“That the Chairman's report be adopted.”

N Elgar *A Devonshire* *Carried*

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE REPORT.

The Chairman requested that members sign the petition copies of which are on the tables. The petition wording is complex but it apparently is the accepted language for the Parliament to consider. The petition is a further effort to ensure all GSA members receive the 100% CoLA.

FINANCIAL REPORT

“That the 2017 Financial Performance report be received.”

N Elgar *T Hall* *Carried*

The annual accounts for the year ending 31 March 2017 were presented to the meeting. The Annual Accounts or Financial Performance Report was distributed with the newsletter and extra copies were tabled.

The report has been reviewed by our long time serving reviewer Mr Doug Salter.

“That the reviewed Financial Performance Report be adopted.”

M Mildenhall *C Waite* *Carried*

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE REPORT

Some members of the committee have suggested that the Branch purchase its own computer system. Presently the Branch shares its database on Nola Crawford's computer. By purchasing a laptop computer the Branch is able to enjoy the portability of information, wider access by the committee, less chance of security breaches and would store only GSA dedicated material. The Chairman indicated that he wished this decision to come from the Branch and would appreciate a suitable motion to affirm the proposed purchase.

“That the Branch allocates \$2000 to the purchase of Branch computer hardware and software and accessories.”

B Dean *J Young* *Carried.*

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The committee has carried out some pre election office allocations in an endeavour to maintain the management of the Branch. The allocations form the basis of our office holders and committee for the coming year.

Chair person

“That Trevor Hall be elected as Chairperson.” *N Elgar* *L Power* *Carried*

Vice Chairperson

This is a vacancy and the Chairman called for nominations from the floor.

The position remains vacant.

Database Secretary/Treasurer

“That Brian Algar be elected to this position.” *F Anderson* *J Power* *Carried*

Minute/Administration Secretary

“That Neil Elgar be elected to this position.” *B Algar* *H Taylor* *Carried*

Committee

“That Leith Power, Rod Davies, Marian Barclay and Nola Crawford be re elected as members of the committee.”

N Elgar *T Hall* *Carried*

The Chairman called for further nominations after each proposal for the committee and Office holders.

The Chairman moved “That the Committee has the authority to co-opt members to the Committee during the year.” The proposal was agreed to.

Financial Reviewer

Doug Salter having served as our financial reviewer for a number of years wishes to retire.

“That we formally write to thank him for his work for the Branch in doing the annual review.”

N Elgar *K Bradshaw* *Carried*

GENERAL BUSINESS

The Chairperson inquired if there was any further business. There was no further business raised from the floor.

SPEAKER

The Chair person introduced Mike Smith who is our branch’s Board liaison representative. Mike is an elected member of the Board and has been involved in a number of the projects enabled by the Board. Mike spoke on these topics.

- * The Parliamentary petition
- * Superable salary
- *The Centenary booklet – interviews being conducted by Professor Openshaw
- * Council meeting in September will be held in a different venue.
- *Election of Board members – Branches encouraged to put up nominees.
- * Datacom letter advising of CoLA should be checked as some errors have been noted.
- * Life membership – new criteria for National award. Branches should look to make their own Life members.

Mike was then thanked by Trevor Hall. In his thanks Trevor acknowledged the work that the Board and its members do on our behalf and for the continuing links it has with the branches.

Neil Elgar provided a quick over view of the Strategic Plan changes as outlined in a paper prepared by Michael Laws of the Waikato King Country Branch. The paper prepared forecasts in terms of membership decline and as a consequence financial decline. While accepting we are a “sunset” organisation it is still important that the GSA remains a strong voice for Annuitants so we will have to manage the downward trends. The paper has evoked so much interest that it will become a major topic of discussion at this year’s Council meeting.

The Chairman then proceeded to introduce the fact that the committee had agreed to confer Branch Life Membership on Nola Crawford. She informed the Branch that she was stepping down after 19 year service as the secretary treasurer. This amazing length of service was acknowledged as was her work on maintaining the membership Database and the links that she had with members.

Leith Power then read out the Certificate citation which outlined her involvement in Branch activities. Neil Elgar then presented Nola with her Certificate of Branch Life Membership the first such award to be made by this Branch.

Nola then gave a brief reply acknowledging the role Branch secretaries play in the administration of GSA.

After a brief summary of the meeting and further acknowledgements of members attending the retiring Chairperson Neil Elgar handed the meeting over to the incoming Chairman Trevor Hall who after some brief closing remarks declared the meeting closed at 11:53 am

Wanganui Branch of the Government Superannuitants Association

Chairman's Annual Report

The affairs of the Wanganui Branch of the Government Supper Annuitants Association have been well managed by the elected committee. Special thanks to Neil Elgar (Secretary), Brian Algar (Treasurer), Leith Power, Rod Davies, Marion Barclay and Nola Crawford for their support and contributions to our meetings. After serving on our committee for many years, Nola is now retiring. Like every organisation, we need to have a fully representative committee in order to continue to support our local members. We would truly value a couple of new faces on the committee. Please give some serious thought and either nominate yourself, or someone else, at the AGM on May 24th. We meet about 5 times a year, with each meeting only taking 1.5 - 2 hours.

If local branches fail to elect a committee, they will have to merge with another nearby branch. I hope that our Wanganui Branch can survive for many years to come!!

During the year, the membership of our branch declined slightly as we acknowledge the passing some of our members. The loss of membership by natural attrition is a factor affecting the long term future of our Association. I ask members to encourage other Govt. superannuitants to join up. Ask a committee member for a form, calls GSA free on 0800 888 472, or go to the website – www.gsa.org.nz for full details.

It is important that our current membership list is correct and up to date. Please let us know if you have changed addresses, (home and/or email), phone numbers or if your personal circumstances have changed i.e. death of a wife/husband/partner etc. This information is important in order that your correct annuity continues to be received on a regular basis. Contact either Datacom, GSA (0800 888472) or a local committee member to update your information.

Both Neil and I attended the annual council meeting in September. The major topic for discussion was a paper on the future of our organisation. As the GSF scheme closed to new members in 1992, it goes without saying that members of the scheme are ageing and eventually will reduce to zero over a period estimated to be about 40 years. In the meantime, our organisation needs to continue to safeguard the provisions of the GSF for all of our members.

At the meeting, our Executive Officer Alan Peck, announced his resignation effective from the end of December. Alan was thanked for the great job he had done during his time in office.

Jenny Barclay started as the new Executive Officer on 22 November. This timing allowed for the valuable opportunity for induction and handover with Alan. Jenny is a GSF annuitant and a member of GSA. She has a background as a senior manager with policy, strategic and operational experience at both national and local levels, in tertiary education, government agencies and the voluntary sector.

The elected Board continues with its monthly meetings and its minutes are shared to the Branches. We also appreciate the liaison visits by a Board Member and we welcome Mike Smith again as he visits us today.

I welcome members to our AGM and I look forward to having a successful meeting.

Trevor Hall
Chairman.