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Newsletter

Wellington Branch

April 2019

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Branch Committee

Janice Campbell, Kevin Duggan, Wilf Haskell, Graham Hill, Colin Macintosh, Kay Monks, Alan Peck, Elizabeth Smaal, Mike Smith, and Ray Woolhouse.

Life Members

Virginia Breen, Marie Byrne, Peter Chambers, Allen Hair, Bruce Kelly, Brian McKeown, Alan McMaster, Gray Nelson, Jack Price, Bill Robertson, Elizabeth Smaal, Mike Smith, Leicester Stewart, Peter Stewart, Terence Stock, Ian Swift, David Thorp, Bryan Whisker, Priscilla Williams, Ray Woolhouse.

Annual General Meeting

All members are cordially invited to the Annual General Meeting to be held at the **Petone Working Men's Club**, 47 Udy Street Petone at **11 am on Wednesday 29 May 2019** followed by a luncheon.

The agenda for this meeting and the minutes from the last meeting will be emailed to those who provide an email address on receipt of your booking to attend the AGM and luncheon. If we have no email address you will be rung to confirm your booking and the papers will be ready to pick up at the meeting.

Members who wish to attend the AGM and luncheon will need to RSVP and pay \$10.

Nominations for Branch official positions close 1 week before the AGM. The nomination form can be obtained via GSA website: <http://www.gsa.org.nz/branch-wellington.html> or contact Secretary at wellington@gsa.org.nz or call 0800 888472 for the form and return by **Wed 22 May 2019**.

Annual Report

I am pleased to present the Annual Report of the Wellington Branch of the Government Superannuation Ass. This is the 98th report for the branch and covers the year ending 31st March 2019. This was my second year as Chair and I am pleased and grateful that our Branch Committee has developed into an excellent team with Branch work carried more and more as a shared responsibility.

Jirayu, Branch Secretary, has been in her new role for 6 months and we are delighted with her enthusiasm and hard work and quick response to the challenges of this role. I particularly wish to thank our Deputy, Peter Chambers, for his assistance and work with the finance committee. Also the social committee who worked hard to ensure our events were well organized and enjoyable. These were the AGM on 23 May at Petone Working Men Clubs and attended by 57 members. The Mid-Winter Luncheon on 25 July at the Pines, South Coast where we were addressed by Fleur Fitzsimmons, newly elected Wellington City Councilor and attended by 66 members. (Contd page 2)

Annual Report contd.

Masterton Club on the 27 September attended by 40 members. Only a small number attended the Light Lunch on 24 June at Anvil House and subsequently it was decided to discontinue this meeting. The Christmas Function was held at Te Marua Golf Club on 22 November and attended by 78 members. We were entertained by Scarlet, the duo singer and guitarist, and the event nicely rounded out the year.



Members enjoyed the Christmas Function at Te Marua Golf Club on 21 November 2018.

A free bus was provided for travel to the AGM, the Pines and to the Christmas Function at Upper Hutt. This left from the Wellington Railway Station on each occasion. We were able to subsidise the buses courtesy of the reserve fund the Branch inherited from SuperTravels when it ceased operating. This reserve fund will fund transport to our events for some time into the future. A priority during this year was the investigation into ways more members could be encouraged to attend Branch events. The committee is very aware that some members face obstacles to their attendance. One solution to overcome the problem is to ensure as many members as possible access the funds held in the Mackenzie Trust. Further details about the Mackenzie Trust appear on page 4. Members are encouraged to apply by using the booking form for events.

The Council was held 1st and 2nd September. Peter Chambers and I represented the Branch with Elizabeth Smaal and Kay Monks as observers. The Council proceedings are reported in the Annuity News. Tony Hamilton was elected President but an interesting issue arose when Council failed to elect a Vice president. This did not eventuate in a constitutional crisis but it did give pause and resulted in legal advice and a resolve to review some definitions in the GSA Constitution.

The following table shows the change in branch numbers in the last 12 months.

Comparison	2018 31 March	2019 31 March	Change
Annuitant	2,828	2,722	-106 (-3.74%)
Annuitant spouse	1,522	1,476	-46 (-3.02%)
Surviving spouse	794	770	-24 (-3.02%)
Pre-annuitant	132	157	+25 (+18.9%)
Pre-annuitant spouse	99	120	+21 (+21.21%)
Total	5,375	5,245	-130 (-2.42%)

The finances of the Branch continue to strengthen and as at 31 March 2019, a significant surplus was recorded for the year. The two main contributors to this were; the centralization of printing and mailout of the two newsletters saving the branch over \$3000, and that, combined with a rise in the return from member subscription, meant the Branch's surplus rose above that recorded in the previous year. As a result it was decided to subsidise the meals for the 2019 AGM and the Wairarapa function, our two business meetings in the year.



Members at the Christmas function at Te Marua Golf Club on 21 November 2018

We farewell two long standing committee members, Colin Macintosh and Janice Campbell, and acknowledge their wonderful service and dedication to the Association. They will be missed.

Finally, please note the call for nominations for the 2019/2020 Wellington Branch committee, Deputy Chair, and Chair in this newsletter.

Ian Clunies-Ross, Chair.

Wellington Branch Railway Social Club Mid- Year Luncheon

This is an informal group of former employees of Railways and any GSA members wishing to attend our functions will be most welcome.

Our mid-year luncheon will be held at **Petone Workingmen's Club on Wednesday 12th. June 2019 at 12.15pm. Cost \$20.00 per person.**

For bookings please contact Leicester Stewart, Wellington (ph. 04 567 2484 or mob. 027 345 5030). A booking is essential and must be made at least two days before the function– late bookings are not accepted.

The Mackenzie Trust

How it may help you ☺

The MacKenzie Trust was established in 2017 as a legacy of Supertours that operated from 1988 for the benefit of Wellington Branch members. The Trust has been established thanks to the tireless and generous efforts of those who operated Supertours for some 23 years until 2011 with Tom Mackenzie and Virginia Breen as Conveners and Flo Duncan and Dorrie Coffey as the main tour guides.

As part of its objectives the Trust may provide assistance with travel to enable those who now find it difficult to attend GSA Wellington Branch functions because of lack of support, declining health, reduced mobility or other like reasons, to do so.

If you, or someone you know, would like to attend any GSA function, but need extra help with transport, please complete the booking form at the end of this newsletter paying particular attention to tick the box "MacKenzie Trust Extra Help Request" and you will be contacted. If you have any questions regarding any matters raised above, please contact Virginia Breen, phone 04 385 2188 or Elizabeth Smaal, phone 04 479 8516.

Are you a UK residence?

There is useful information on the UK Government website that will help you with your tax situation. Refer <https://www.gov.uk/tax-foreign-income/taxed-twice>. or check in Annuity News, page 7 for more information.

Contacts for annuity matters

GSF enquiries

GSF Administrator, Datacom Employer Services Ltd,
PO Box 3614, Wellington 6140

Phones: 04 470 6348
0800 654 731

Email: gsf@datacom.co.nz.

Website: www.datacomgsf.co.nz.

NPF enquiries

NPF Administrator, Datacom Employer Services Ltd,
PO Box 1036, Wellington 6140

Phones: 04 381 0650
0800 628 776

Email: npfenquiries@datacom.co.nz

Website: www.datacomnfp.co.nz.

The Annuity News and this Branch Newsletter are sent to you together. If you are missing it contact the Branch secretary. If you require further clarification you may contact the GSA Executive Officer, Jenny Barclay.

Change of address

Please let the Secretary know if there are any changes to your personal details to Jirayu 0800 888472. You can update these yourself at www.gsa.org.nz. From the homepage select "Update Details" and enter your annuity number and last name, then select the 'update details' box. Note that while your changes will be recorded, they will not be updated immediately as they will be checked for consistency before being implemented.

It is very important to advise Datacom immediately of any changes to your address and/or bank account details. Where mail is returned "gone no address", or bank accounts are closed, Datacom will make reasonable efforts to try to locate you. If you cannot be located, your annuity may be suspended until contact is re-established.

Did you know? Each time you pay by cheque, the bank charge us \$1 presentation fee. The branch decided not to include this fee when members pay for events by cheque.

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Manner Street, Wellington 6142

Wairarapa Rep. needed.

The Wellington Branch Committee invites nomination(s) from the Wairarapa to representative the area on the committee. This would involve travel to committee meetings at Anvil House, Wakefield Street, Wellington held every second month. Travel expenses are provided.

Reminder: Nomination for the Wellington Branch Committee close on **22 May**. Please contact the secretary for nomination forms and your queries at (04) 472 7116 or email wellington@gsa.org.nz

G	government
S	superannuitants
A	association

Wellington	Branch	Financial Report	
Financial Performance Year ending 31/3/2019			
2018	2019		
\$	\$	Income	
28,359	33,197	Subscriptions (deducted GSF)	
1,303	1,835	Subscriptions (deducted NPF)	
1,215	1,870	Subscriptions (paid direct)	
8,668	7,102	Functions	
915	1,040	Interest	
0	0	Donations	
40,460	45,044	income	
Expenditure			
9,972	8,688	Functions	
184	1,050	Communications	stationery, recruitment, postage.
1,581	2,380	Organisation	
14,432	14,203	Remuneration	
3,227	3,324	Office function	Rent, power, cleaning, security (shared cost).
500	500	Review	
1,585	3,493	Recruitment Agency	
1,231	0	Computer	
1,231	409	General	
32,712	34,047	expenditure	
7,748	10,997	surplus (deficit) for year	
2019 Financial position as at 31 March 2019			
2018	2019		
\$	\$		
43,804	51,552	Accumulated funds 1 April 2018	
20,023	19,055	ST Funds	
7,748	10,997	Surplus (deficit)	
71,575	81,604		
Represented by Assets			
41,241	36,386	Cash account	
30,000	45,000	Term deposits	
71,241	81,386	total cash/bank	
619	718	Accrued interest	
0	0	Computer	
215	0	Accounts receivable	
72,075	82,104	Total Assets	
less liabilities			
500	500	Accounts payable	
71,575	81,604	Net Assets	

Signed:

Secretary


J Brennan

April 2019

Chairperson


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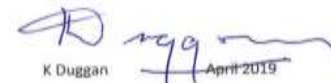
April 2019

I have reviewed the financial statements above for the year ended 31 March 2019.

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.

Reviewer


K Duggan

April 2019

Annual General Meeting and Lunch* – Wednesday 29 May

I/We shall be attending the AGM lunch at the Petone Working Men's Club, 47 Udy Street, Petone.

The AGM will begin at 11.00 am

Names _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Email _____

Please tick if using free bus. Bus will depart from **platform 9 at 10.30am.**

Please tick for MacKenzie Trust Extra Help Request. You will be contacted.

Number attending _____ Cost will be \$10.00 per person. Please pay \$ _____ by either:

Direct credit account 38 9014 0085421 00. Quote name, annuity number and the reference **AGM**, or:

Enclose a cheque payable to GSA Wellington with this slip and return it to the Secretary, GSA Wellington Branch, PO Box 11993, Manners Street, Wellington 6142 by **22 May 2019**

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Mid- Winter Lunch – Wednesday 24 July

Guest Speaker from Super Senior, Ministry of Social Development.

I/We shall be attending the lunch at The Pines, 50 The Esplanade, Houghton Bay.

Names _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Email _____

Please tick if using free bus. Bus will leave **Platform 9 at 11.15am**

Please tick for MacKenzie Trust Extra Help Request. You will be contacted.

Number attending _____ Cost will be \$29.00 per person. Please pay \$ _____ by either:

Direct credit account 38 9014 0085421 00. Quote name, annuity number and the reference **MIDY**, or:

Enclose a cheque payable to GSA Wellington with this slip and return it to the Secretary, GSA Wellington Branch, PO Box 11993, Manners Street, Wellington 6142 by **17 July 2019**

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Wairarapa Lunch* – Thursday 26 September

I/We shall be attending the lunch at the South Wairarapa Working Men's Club, Main Street, Greytown

Names _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Email _____

Please tick for MacKenzie Trust Extra Help Request. You will be contacted.

Number attending _____ Cost will be \$10.00 per person. Please pay \$ _____ by either:

Direct credit account 38 9014 0085421 00. Quote name, annuity number and the reference **GTOWN**, or:

Enclose a cheque payable to GSA Wellington with this slip and return it to the Secretary, GSA Wellington Branch, PO Box 11993, Manners Street, Wellington 6142 by **20 September 2019**

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* Please note a smorgerboard meal will be provided as before with cost subsidised by the Branch.