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**NEWSLETTER**  
**Auckland Branch**  
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**From your Acting Chairperson**

2020 is certainly a different sort of year (I expect that you have read this statement, or one very much like it, in many other newsletter reports). Fortunately, the year seems to be zipping by!

Unfortunately we have not been able to hold Branch meetings due to Covid restrictions, though there has also been some doubt over the future of the Horticultural Hall as a venue.

The Branch committee has continued to meet, though mainly through the online program 'Zoom'. For those of us who are a little technically challenged the first such meeting was an "interesting" experience (!) though we are all now pretty adept at using this program. The GSA President, Tony Hamilton, is also our Branch Liaison and we are pleased to have him 'Zoom in' to our meetings and provide his excellent counsel. As I write this missive, the Harbour Bridge has been put out of action and there is chaos on the motorways. As I and another committee member live on the North Shore it is perhaps just as well that there is an alternative meetings option available to us.

One of the major considerations in branch committee meetings up to now has been the GSA Council Meeting (a very brief report appears in this newsletter) and our instructions to our delegates. We were again well-represented by our delegates Adrienne Dodge and Mark Leys who are well-experienced in GSA matters and serve us well. We have also put some thought into the end of year functions (see note later in this newsletter) to the north and south of Auckland ... of course, the functions will proceed "Covid permitting" and I very much look forward to being able to meet up with many of you there as we 'put the year to bed'.

Warmly

Larry Robbins, Acting Chairman

**Council 2020**

Auckland Branch was represented at Council 2020 by Committee Members Mark Leys and Adrienne Dodge.

The bad news is that Auckland failed in our attempt to hold subscriptions at \$2.00 per pay day (\$26.00 annually), therefore as of 1 April 2021 they will increase to \$2.50 per pay day (\$32.50 annually).

A detailed report of Council 2020 is contained in The Annuity News.

**Two pleas to our Auckland members**

Please register your spouse/partner with us. If something happens to you and we don't have them on our Database, we are unable to provide assistance.

Please provide us with your current email address and/or telephone number (if no email). Recent attempts to contact all members have shown that a significant number of email addresses are incorrect.

The following are the planned dates for GSA functions over the next six months. These dates are dependent on any restrictions imposed due to Covid19. Up to date information is available on the GSA Auckland Branch website <http://www.gsa.org.nz/branch-auckland.html>

**Auckland Branch Meetings, Horticultural Hall, 990 Great North Road, Western Springs 10.30am**

2 March 2021	1 June 2021 AGM
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**Committee Meetings, Horticultural Hall, 990 Great North Road, Western Springs 10.30am**

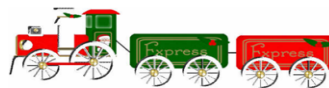
24 November 2020	30 March 2021
26 January 2021	27 April 2021
23 February 2021	

**North Shore Sub-group Meetings, Birkenhead RSA, Recreation Drive, Birkenhead 10.00am**

26 March 2021	25 June 2021 AGM
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**Your Committee**

Larry Robbins	Defence	478 4782
Adrienne Dodge (Secretary)		0800888472
Neil Carey	Railways	625 4058
Rosemary Bell	Defence	838 5575
Eric Bowater	Education	483 0250
Murray McElwain	Railways	266 9959
Ian Ramsay		378 6629
Mark Leys	Police	
Ron Garnett	Post Office	298 7812
Margaret Garnett		298 7812



**Auckland Retired Railways Group**

Invite all Members, Partners, Friends of the GSA to their Christmas Function Thursday 19 November 2020 Manurewa Cosmopolitan Club, Manurewa

Mix and Mingle 11.30am, Lunch 12.30pm \$15.00 per person

RSVP essential by Monday 9 November 2020 to Murray McElwain

Ph 09 266 9959 or [murraymc2018@gmail.com](mailto:murraymc2018@gmail.com)

Payment by correct cash at the door.

NO change will be given  
Cheques will not be accepted

Please enter by Car Park Door  
If a member of RSA or Cosmopolitan Club, enter your name and membership number on sheet with Lynne (Liquor Law Requirement)



**GSA Auckland Branch**

Invite all Members and their Spouses/Partners to their Christmas Function  
Kindly hosted by their North Shore Sub-Group

**Friday 27 November 2019**

**At Birkenhead RSA, Recreation Drive, Birkenhead**

**10.00am**

**Tea & Coffee**

**Auckland AGM**

**North Shore AGM**

**Centennial Book Launch**

**Lunch**

**\$15.00 per person**

**RSVP and payment before Tuesday 17 November 2020**

**RSVP to [auckland@gsa.org.nz](mailto:auckland@gsa.org.nz) giving GSF/NPF Annuity number, address, telephone number and the name/s of those attending**

**Payment by online banking only to Kiwibank Account no. 38-9010-0813532-00 giving your name and GSF/NPF Annuity number as reference**

**No cheques or cash can be accepted**

**RSVP is essential**

**NB This is an GSA Auckland Branch subsidised event**

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