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HAWKES BAY BRANCH NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2020

Welcome to the October edition of the HB Branch. We hope you have all adjusted to the new Covid-19 normal as best as you can.

We begin this edition with a three of committee retirements.



First, as advised in the April newsletter Ray Green has retired from the committee, Ray was involved with the Railways Superannuitants Association, (RSA) for many years and represented them on the Hawke's Bay GSA Committee. After amalgamation of the RSA into the GSA, he served as a full member of the GSA Committee for seven years, including time as Chairman.

The photo to the left shows our Vice-Chair Marjorie Thomas presenting Ray with a token of the committee's appreciation for all his years of commitment and hard work.



Our second committee retirement was Yvonne Whittle. Yvonne was our Secretary/Treasurer from 2003 to 2016, and has, up until now, remained a member of the Committee. In recognition of her 17 years of dedicated service the Committee agreed to award Yvonne Life Membership of the Hawke's Bay Branch of GSA.

The photo to the left shows our Vice-Chair Marjorie Thomas presenting Yvonne with the committee's token of appreciation for all the time and effort she put into this branch over the years.

The committee are very thankful for the contribution Ray and Yvonne have made to the HB Branch. The committee's June meeting was the last meeting attended by both Ray and Yvonne.

The third retirement is our Secretary/Treasurer for the last four or five years, Deborah Renton-Green. Deborah did not seek to be re-appointed as Secretary/Treasurer at the end of her contract. Prior to taking on the Secretary/Treasurer's role Deborah served on the committee from 2008. The committee is very appreciative of all the hard work and dedication Deborah has put in over the last 12 years.

Deborah's replacement as Secretary/Treasurer is Desmond Sullivan. Desmond served over 20 years in the Royal New Zealand Air Force as an Armament Technician. He retired from the Air Force in 1995 and since then has managed a small local retail & service business, been a full-time student, been Practice Manager for an Insurance & Investment broker and spent 10 years as an administrator for a aircraft maintenance organisation at Bridge Pa. Since April last year he has been a self-employed bookkeeper and small business administrator.

GSA Centennial

2020 is the GSA's centennial year. To celebrate this achievement the GSA commissioned Professor Emeritus Roger Openshaw to author a book detailing the 100 year history of the GSA. The book is titled: Safeguarding Super, The Government Superannuitants Association, A Centennial History 1920-2020. This book is available to purchase from the GSA National Office at a cost of only \$40. An order form is included in this newsletter. To make this even more attractive, Roger Openshaw will be the guest speaker at our Christmas Function and will be available to sign your copy of the book.

Annual General Meeting & Christmas Function

Our branch AGM, postponed due to the Covid-19 lockdown, will now be held immediately prior to our Christmas function on 3 December at the Havelock North Function Centre. See details below. The Chairman's Report and Financial Report and minutes of the previous AGM were all contained in the April Newsletter.

Annual General Meeting and Christmas Function

Venue: Magdalinos Room, Havelock North Function Centre, Te Mata Road.
Date: Thursday 3 December 2020
Timing: AGM: 10:30am
Christmas Function: 11:00am Refreshments and socialising.
Glass of wine or juice on arrival
11:30am Guest speaker and entertainment followed by lunch
Cost: \$20 per person. (This is the cost after the branch subsidy has been applied)

Who is welcome: Members, spouses, partners and friends

Guest Speaker: Roger Openshaw – Author of the book Safeguarding Super.

To confirm your attendance please contact our Secretary/Treasurer Desmond Sullivan:

Email: hawbay@gsa.org.nz

Phone: 0800 888 472

Payment: Unfortunately, cheques cannot be accepted because our bank, Kiwibank, no longer accepts these.

Therefore, please pay at the door with cash or via internet banking prior to the day as follows: Account Name: HB Government Superannuitants

Account Number: 38-9009-0663063-01

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Branch Committee Membership

We are looking for members to ‘volunteer’ to join our committee. The commitment is not big. Normally there would be only four to six meetings a year with each meeting taking up to a couple hours. Please consider helping your branch by putting your name forward. If you are interested in joining the committee contact Desmond on 0800 888 472 or by email at hawbay@gsa.org.nz .

We currently have the following nominations for the 2020/21 committee:

Chair: John Swinburn

Vice-Chair: Marjorie Thomas

Committee: Rob Brangwin, Dave Halliday & Desmond Sullivan

Email Address

If you have recently acquired new skills on the computer and now have a email address or you have recently changed your email address, please advise our Secretary/Treasurer of your address so he can update the members database. Just email your name to hawbay@gsa.org.nz . from your email address.

Congratulations

To Police Superintendent Tania Kura, Eastern District Commander and GSA member on her recent appointment to the position of Deputy Commissioner: Leadership and Capability. Those of you who attended last years Christmas Function will remember that Tania was our guest speaker. I’m sure you will join us in wishing Tania all the best in her new role

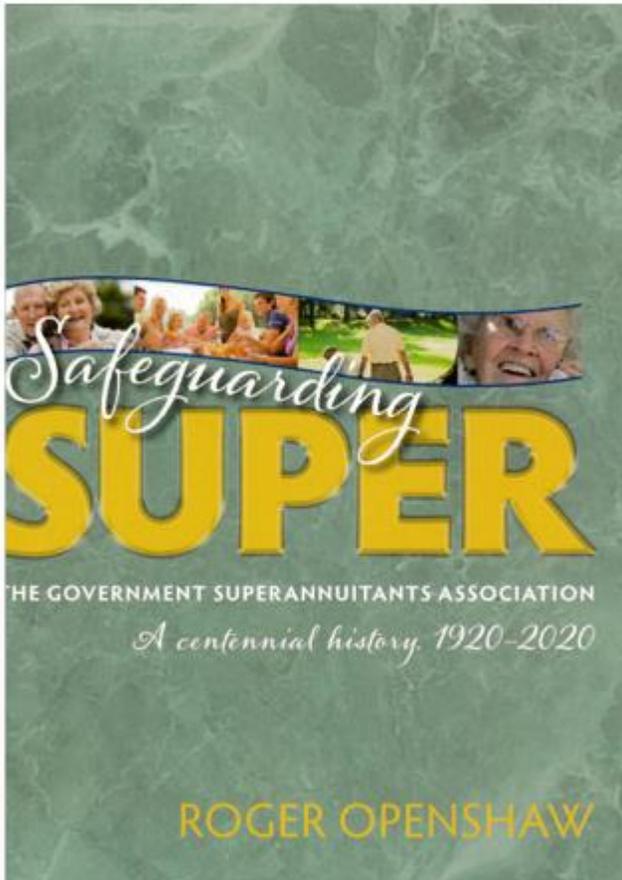


**A MERRY NZ CHRISTMAS
And ALL THE BEST FOR A
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FROM YOUR COMMITTEE:**



Chair: John Swinburn
Vice-chair: Margorie Thomas
Committee: Rob Brangwin, Dave Halliday & Desmond Sullivan





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