



Newsletter
Lake Taupo Branch
5 October 2020

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**2020 End of Year Meeting,
Xmas Function 100 year Celebration Lunch
2020 AGM
Bridge Club Rooms Tauhara Road
Date Thursday 19 November 2020
Time: 10.30am**

Programme:

- 10.30am: Introduction and Welcome;
AGM, Chairperson's Report on the Annual Council Meeting;
- 11.15am The entertainment will be provided by the The Odd Notes Band who will provide a selection of music.
- 11.45am Social time with a Special 100-year Celebration lunch served at 12.00.

Branch Activities

Your Branch Committee has met only once since the last Annual General Meeting to discuss arrangements for the 100 year and Xmas celebrations and the 2020 Council Meeting.

Chairperson's Report

Welcome to the 100th year of the GSA. Well you certainly can say it has been a year to remember. I hope you all managed to stay safe and well and not too stressed with the lockdown. Many of you, including myself, will have been affected by holidays being cancelled; hopefully, you received reimbursement from flights and other expenses. I not only had my holiday ruined but had three bouts in hospital. One of which was in Level 3 though luckily my husband was able to come and stay at Rotorua hospital and visit me.

First of all, let me give my sincere sympathy to all of you who have lost loved ones in the past year. At the time of going to print our Branch lost 8 members since last year. Also, all who have suffered health problems, I hope you are on the mend.

Council this year was supposed to be preceded by the launch of the GSA book at Parliament on the Friday – a shame it couldn't have also launched our COLA petition at the same time! Sadly Covid 19 cancelled the book launch and we had to have it before the dinner on Saturday. The book "Safeguarding Super" will be on view at our AGM/End of Year Function and orders can then be taken for any who wish to purchase a copy.

Our Council Meeting went well – Les and I were the delegates – in fact it went so well that all business was finished by the Saturday evening, so everyone was able to return to their home towns on the Sunday. Most of the items will be found in this month’s Annuity News. One thing of note though is that the subscriptions are rising to \$2.50 per payday. With numbers declining and costs increasing the Council felt it was necessary to increase this.

National Office was very pleased with the amount of members who agreed to receive their last newsletter by email. It is not a permanent thing but if you still wish to have your newsletter posted out please let our Secretary know. You can still access all GSA news on the website. The newsletters are there and other important notes about your annuity.

As you will see from the newsletter we are celebrating 100 years of the founding of the GSA and therefore treating you to lunch. Before that we will have our Annual General Meeting. If any of you wish to join the committee please let our Secretary know – it is always great to have new faces with new ideas. With our last AGM postponed we were unable to have the President of the GSA here in Taupo, but he has promised that he will come to our AGM in May 2021, so let’s make sure we have a good turnout.

Christmas and 100 year Celebration

We look forward to welcoming you at our Christmas meeting. Again, this year the Committee is offering a first prize draw of a \$50 motor trade voucher and a second prize of a \$25 grocery voucher. The draw will be based on the number allocated to you on your acknowledgment of attendance.

Finally, on behalf of the Lake Taupo Branch of the GSA I would like to wish all of you a wonderful Christmas and all the best for the New Year and look forward to your attendance.

So, enjoy your summer and Christmas break wherever you are.

Looking forward to seeing you all on the 19th of November 2020

Diana Pye

Please return the reply form below by Friday 13 November 2020 to:
Colin Crowe, 6 Uku Way, Wharewaka, Taupo 3330 (phone 07-3786627)

Note: There is no charge for the lunch this year but please return the reply section as the Committee need to know the numbers attending for the caterer.

I/We will be attending the social function on 19 November 2020.

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