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This newsletter is being emailed to all our members with email addresses. We are unable to print and dispatch paper copies of the newsletter during the current Government emergency provisions. Please contact any member you know does not have email and let them know information from the emailed version.

Members will find updates on the GSA situation relating to Covid-19 on the GSA website – see the opening page for GSA' COVID-19 IMPACT UPDATE."

A message from the President

The Auckland Branch committee asks YOU to put your hand up and join.

The Branch operating the committee needs new members.

Getting Involved is rewarding.

You help our members to continue having a voice with Government, which the Association has had for 100 years. You personally stay in touch with what's going on and members interests and concerns.

Generational shift will really benefit your branch.

If you are able to get involved please contact Adrienne (Auckland Secretary) prior to 30 June 2020.

Tony Hamilton GSA President

Newsletter

Auckland Branch

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" Your Attention Please.... Your Acting Chairman speaking"

Many years ago, I was posted as Navigating Officer in one of our frigates. I was a fully qualified surveyor but serving aboard a warship in such a role was somewhat unusual. I had not been there very long when, as Officer of the Watch, I received an urgent message advising of a fire in the boiler room. I grabbed the Main Broadcast microphone and made an emergency "pipe". As the Captain burst into the bridge I realised that I had not quite got the wording of the pipe right. I apologised to the Captain who responded, "It is OK Pilot, the note of carefully controlled hysteria in your voice got the message across admirably!"

The National President's message shows no signs of hysteria but does contain a number of important messages which is why it has been placed at the start of this newsletter

At this point, may I offer sincere thanks to Brian Lewis for his willingness to step in as Branch Chairman following the retirement of Mark Leys. Unfortunately, an avalanche of family and health issues lead to his resignation after a short tenure. We wish Brian improving health and circumstance. I have accepted the position of Acting Chairman until our (now postponed!) AGM.

We are entering – indeed are already well into – a difficult age for our Association. (Members will understand the co-joint issues of falling membership in a 'sunset' organisation, and the increasing age and reducing energy of those who have traditionally supported Branch meetings and have been willing to step up for committee work.) It is a time when positive leadership at branch and national level and clear, forward thinking, is required. It also needs YOUR support. Support for branch meetings at all levels, nominations and volunteers for committees and functions.

The National President has canvassed many of these matters in his introductory piece. One of the issues that the Branch Committee – along with sub-group committees – will be addressing as the country slowly gets back to normal following the Covid-19 measures is the organisation of our branch. Attendance at the last branch meeting was disappointing to say the least and the committee will be looking at the overall structure of the branch and sub-groups. Your ideas and thoughts will be helpful. Please feel free to send your ideas to myself or Adrienne, preferably by email.

Some basic changes have already discussed. The Papakura group will need to form a committee at their AGM to organise their meetings and provide delegates to support the Auckland Branch Committee. If this is not possible then Papakura will merge with the Railways Sub-group who meet in Manurewa. The North Shore Group is functioning well, though is heavily reliant on some key people. Please check details of revised meeting frequencies etc in this newsletter noting, however, the uncertainty introduced by the present Covid-19 lockdown at Level 4. The Sub-Groups exist as a vital part of the Auckland Branch but are reliant on your support at meetings and in committees. They are also reliant on overall support by our members for the Auckland Branch AGM and functions. If we cannot form a committee we stand the chance of losing the Branch as we currently know it.

The GSA as a whole, exists to protect the interests of you and your partner/spouse. A lot of this work happens as Branch level with Adrienne fielding numerous calls, emails etc. These are not always from members and some recently have been somewhat abrupt (fortunately not from members). In these difficult times the support of the Branch in particular and GSA in general is at least as important as it has been for the past century.

In closing, and in terms of the centenary, arrangements to mark this milestone – including the publication and launch of a centennial history of the GSA – are presently a little uncertain but will be advised when they are known. At that stage it will be essential for members to respond promptly.

Stay Well. Stay Safe.

LARRY ROBBINS

Your Committee

Larry Robbins	Defence	478 4782
Adrienne Dodge (Secretary)		0800888472
Neil Carey	Railways	625 4058
Rosemary Bell	Defence	838 5575
Eric Bowater	Education	480 5753
Murray McElwain	Railways	266 9959
Ian Ramsay	Companies Office	378 6629
Mark Leys	Police	
Ron Garnett	Post Office	298 7812
Margaret Garnett		298 7812

Life Members

Mr Hugh Dickinson, Mrs Ruth McLay, Mr Mark Leys

Note to members: GSA 2020 Branch & Sub-group AGMs around the country have been postponed indefinitely at this stage. Further information to follow once the Covid-19 social distancing requirements have been lifted.

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

2 June 2020 AGM	8 September 2020
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Committee Meetings Horticultural Hall, 990 Great North Rd Western Springs

28 April 2020	30 June 2020
26 May 2020	28 July 2020

North Shore Sub-Group Meetings Birkenhead RSA, Recreation Drive, Birkenhead (4th Friday March, June & November 10.00am)

26 June 2020 AGM	27 November 2020
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Papakura Sub-Group Meetings

Papakura Anglican Church Hall, opposite the Council Chambers, Coles Crescent, Papakura (Mar, June, Sept 10.00am)

25 June 2020 AGM	24 September 2020
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GSA Celebrating 100 years. Auckland Branch is seeking expressions of interest from any member in attending a function (date to be confirmed) at the end of the year to celebrate 100 years of GSA. If you would be interested please let the Auckland Secretary know before 30 September 2020.

Financial performance 12 months to 31 March 2020

year to 31Mar19	year to 31Mar20
\$	\$
30689.05	29444.13
2377.34	2135.32
1454.24	1248.76
1605.00	1686.50
874.40	1806.41
0.00	25.00
0.00	4203.67
37000.03	40549.79
7553.70	6463.74
6620.84	4765.19
2448.89	1915.44
13796.98	15079.47
0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00
95.15	0.00
0.00	0.00
30515.56	28223.84

6484.47 **12325.95**

31Mar19	31Mar20
\$	\$
74777.82	81262.29
6484.47	12325.95
81262.29	93588.24

130.00	130.00
6184.82	13202.69
8587.72	5724.08
66359.75	74531.47
81262.29	93588.24
2104.82	2998.58

83367.11 **96586.82**

Income

Subscriptions (deducted GSF)
Subscriptions (deducted NPF)
Subscriptions (paid direct)
Functions
Interest
Donations
Other Income

income

Expenditure

Functions
Communications
Organisation
Remuneration
Office function
Review
Income tax
General

expenditure

surplus (deficit) for year

Capital expenditure

Suspensory loan

surplus (deficit)

Financial position as at 31 March 2020

Accumulated funds 1 April 2019

Surplus (deficit)

Represented by

Assets

Petty Cash
Cash account
Savings account
Term deposits

total cash/bank

Accrued interest
Accounts receivable

less liabilities

Accounts payable

Signed:

Secretary

Chairperson

I have reviewed the financial statements above for the year ended 31 March 2020. 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

2020

NB This report is subject to review