



**Horowhenua/Kapiti Branch**  
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*Our Next Members Meeting is the*  
**Annual General Meeting**

All GSA 2020 branch 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.

**WHO IS GETTING THIS NEWSLETTER**  
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.

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**AGM Business**  
The business normally conducted at the branch AGM is continuing on schedule where possible. The Chairperson's Annual report is included in this newsletter. The Annual financial statements are finalised and awaiting their review. Obviously the presentation and ratification of those documents at a meeting of our members is not possible until later. Also having to wait is the election of a branch committee.

**Branch Secretary**

Due to various factors our branch does not currently have a secretary in employment but we are able to cope. In this Covid-19 environment it is very difficult for many of us and we need to understand this can seriously impinge on personal circumstances. The tolerance of members who need access to the secretary is requested. The branch committee is hopeful that a secretary will be able to take on the role in the near future.

**National Newsletter**  
The latest national newsletter *Annuity News* is enclosed. It includes items of specific interest to GSA members. It has been prepared for your benefit so please take the time to read it.

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Exactly what format the AGM will have when it takes place is still to be decided. It may be that we will have a luncheon as in the past or a morning/afternoon tea only. Also possible is a meeting only scenario.

***IF WE HAVE A LUNCHEON THEN THE ISSUE OF HOW MEMBERS WILL PAY FOR IT ARISES.***  
*Many attendees pay by internet banking and this is most convenient to everyone. Cheques will not be accepted by our bank so that is not an option. Is this the incentive for members to become part of the internet community and enjoy the convenience and comfort that being so connected brings. The massive benefits to the nation of having an internet connected society have been demonstrated by the Covid-19 outbreak.*

# Government Superannuitants Association Horowhenua/Kapiti Branch

## Branch Annual Report for the Y/E 31 March 2020

The Horowhenua/Kapiti branch of the GSA has continued to support members' interests both in the district and at national level.

At a national level GSA safeguards the provision of the schemes and the removal of anomalies and deficiencies. It also advocates to the Government on principal issues affecting members. It presented the petition on CoLA and we have now received a response of the 1.9% increase which will be applied in the next financial year commencing from 16 April pay date.

At the annual Council Meeting it was noted that this branch was in a strong position in relation to many other branches. This reflects careful management of the branch's affairs over time and the accumulation of expertise concerning the issues that can face individuals who encounter difficulties.

Information of a general nature about GSA affairs can be found in the *Annuity News* which is regularly distributed. We continue to welcome those who arrive in our area and to assist those who are involved in obtaining their entitlements. Our condolences to those who have suffered a loss of a family member and we hope that you have found us supportive.

My thanks to the branch committee for their work over the year and their combined wisdom in dealing with policy, legal and other issues that are regularly considered.

The branches membership make-up at 31 March and a summary of the branch financial performance for the year are given below.

Roger Pitchforth  
Branch Chairperson

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### Financial Report to 31 March 2020

The full branch financial report for 2020 will be available at the AGM.

Key items are listed below.

Subscriptions	\$8663	Cost of Functions	\$2923
Functions	\$1572	Remuneration	\$2103
Interest	\$1704	Postage & Other	\$1223
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$11939</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$6249</b>

Increase in branch funds \$5690

Total accumulated funds \$71420

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### Horowhenua/Kapiti Branch Membership Statistics at 31 March 2020

The total membership for Horowhenua/Kapiti branch is 1217 made up of

Annuitants	Spouses of Annuitants	Surviving Spouses	Pre Annuitant	Spouses of Pre Annuitants
<b>624</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>16</b>