



NELSON BRANCH

APRIL 2020 NEWSLETTER

***Greetings to all members in our
Nelson Branch***

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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 newsletters during the current Government emergency provisions. Please contact any members you know who have not an email and let them know. 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 VERY IMPORTANT
MESSAGE TO YOU ALL***

GSA 2020 Branch AGM'S around the country have been postponed indefinitely at this stage. Further information to follow once the Covid-19 social distancing requirements have been lifted.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN – John Russell.

Greetings to all our Nelson GSA branch members. Well the lockdown is now underway and we should be getting used to hanging around home and using the internet for communications and if you do not have the internet I presume many are catching up with your reading.

I would like to thank Denis and Margaret who both were able to attend our combined meeting with the Marlborough Branch. This year was held in Blenheim. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend. On reading their report of the meeting we were well represented by these two capable Nelson members.

A special thanks goes to Margaret Palermo our Branch Secretary; Margaret still works most days on branch matters and keeps in contact with National Office and the requirements from the Executive Officer Jenny Barclay. Also thanks goes to our efficient Treasurer Denis Wastney who keeps a good eye on our expenses and income.

Well you can imagine our AGM is in the great unknown. Hopefully when normality returns, we will sort out a date and have an election of officers. We have co-opted Tony Greep, Will and Bev Buckley onto our Branch Committee. They are still in learning mode but I am sure they will become very good members of the committee.

Finally, I wish you all well.

SPOUSES OF ANNUITANTS

We would urge that spouses of annuitants know and understand about the annuity. On the death of the annuitant the spouse receives 50% but this is not automatic.

Datacom needs to be advised immediately by a family member of the death so that arrangements can be made for the spouse to receive their entitlement.

Contact GSF 0800 654 731 or email gsf@datacom.co.nz

NPF 0800 628 776 or email npfenquiries@datacom.co.nz

ANNUITANTS

If you have not advised the Secretary of your spouse could you, please do so. There are a few annuitants in this category. When you contact the Secretary an application form will be sent to you.

EMAIL ADDRESSES AND CHANGE OF ADDRESSES OR DEATH

It is very important that if the above occurs, could you make sure you contact the Secretary so we can update our database.

COMBINED MEETING REPORT

On Friday 20th March Secretary Margaret and Treasurer Denis travelled to Blenheim to attend the combined meeting of the Blenheim and Nelson GSA committee on behalf of their representing branches.

Topic's discussed were a. Observers at council AGM'S, b. AGM arrangement c. Centennial plans (GSA BOOK LAUNCH) d. Corona virus impact

a. Your committee's idea that having an observer at council AGM would greatly assist with the continuity of committee members for the branch who would be fully informed as to the workings carried out on behalf of their of their branch at Council AGM'S. The observer's expenses would be paid by the branch.

b. Our AGM which is normally held in May was to be held in June, so as to allow our National President Tony Hamilton to attend but of course this has now been cancelled.

c. The Nelson idea of a fully funded Christmas Luncheon was discussed, and arrangement put on hold. Watch the next issue of the newsletter for details.

d. As can be seen by comments above, the Corona Virus is having a big impact on the activities of the branch. We will only hold events where there is no threat to the health of our members.

Keep Safe

Denis Wastney.

MOTUEKA VISIT.

The committee were just about to organize a visit to Motueka but unfortunately this will now be put on hold.

PLEASE KEEP SAFE

Annual Financial Report Nelson Branch

Financial Performance 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020

Year to	Year to		
31-Mar-19	31-Mar-20	Note	Explanatory Notes
\$	\$	Income	
5,436	5,165	Subscriptions (deducted GSF)	Amount received 4 weekly
367	342	Subscriptions (deducted NPF)	Amount received 4 weekly
185	165	Subscriptions (paid direct)	Received annually
2,980	3,010	Functions	Total amount paid by members
73	56	Interest	Gross interest received
500	0	Donations	Donations/sponsorship
8,436	8,738	Total Income	
		Expenditure	
4,794	4,767	Functions	Social functions part paid by members
482	301	Communications	Telephone, Postage, Laptop, maint etc
425	740	Organisation	Committee meetings, travel, printer
2,160	2,160	Office function	Rent paid for office functions
60	60	Review of accounts	
0	388	Bulletin Printing	
7,921	8,416	Total Expenditure	
1,620	322	Surplus (Deficit)	
31-Mar-18	31-Mar-19	Financial position as at 31 March 2019	
17,088	19,017	Accumulated funds 2018/2019	
1,620	322	Add surplus or deduct deficit	
309	62	Investment interest (On call only) (term matures 19 April 2021)	
19,017	19,401		
		Represented by assets	
8,069	8,391	Cash account	
10,948	11,010	Term deposit \$5,842 /On Call \$5,168	
19,017	19,401	Total cash/bank	
	477	Accrued Interest Where over \$100	
0	0	Accounts receivable Any amounts due at year's end	
	0	Less Liabilities	
0	0	Accounts payable	
19,017	19,878		

Note: these accounts are subject to review.