



Northland Newsletter

April / May 2020

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 who 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

COVID-19 IMPACT UPDATE.

Any Branch updates will be on our page on the GSA website.

From the Branch Chair

The Northland branch of the Government Superannuitants Association continues to meet regularly and has an active and enthusiastic committee.

The next meeting of our branch with our membership would normally be at our Annual General meeting. Unfortunately, the AGM has been postponed. The Board will decide the way forward when the national circumstances and Government advice becomes clearer. (Of course by the time you read this that will have occurred.)

Two delegates from the Northland Branch will attend National Council in Wellington in early September. Fingers crossed that it will go ahead. On the Friday before Council, all going according to plan, GSA will celebrate its centennial and launch the history book in Parliament's Grand Hall. This is due to be hosted by the Minister of Finance, Grant Robertson.

Council report back meetings: Whangarei on September 22nd and we will repeat the successful update meeting in Mangonui again this year. This will be on 30 September at the Mangonui Hall.

Good progress has been made by the GSA Board in pursuing the Cost of Living anomaly which continues to disadvantage a number of members who have the longest association with the GSA. A meeting took place with Grant Robertson (Minister of Finance), Bill Robertson (GSA Board), Tony Hamilton (GSA National President) and Jenny Barclay (GSA Executive Officer) on 19th December. The GSA Board will keep a watching brief and are hopeful of a successful outcome.

When we eventually have the AGM we look forward to a good attendance. We will be looking for new committee members – ask someone to nominate you if you don't feel comfortable doing it yourself.

For prospective new GSA members phone on 0800 888 472, or join on line www.gsa.org.nz

~ Roger Barber, Chairperson

AGM

Date to be advised

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Receiving the Annuity News and the Branch Newsletter

With postage costs continuing to rise the Association is making a request to members to consider receiving our publications via email. Computer savvy children or grand children are indispensable in this endeavour.

Or please contact us either by email (northland@gsa.org.nz) or phone.

Please also contact us if your personal information needs updating (address, phone number etc). DATACOM also needs to hear about information changes.

A message from the President

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

The Branch committee always 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 with member interests and concerns.

Generational shift will really benefit your branch.

If you are able to get involved contact Secretary Rex any time.

What do the branches do?

Represent members voices to Council & the Board;
provide local social events requested by members;
manage the membership at the local level;
provide local support and communication;

Join us at the **Kamo Club**

Wednesday November 25th 2020

for the

GSA Centennial Celebration

Guest speaker is

Emeritus Professor Roger Openshaw

He is the author of The GSA History publication which will be available for purchase and signing.

“Retirement is wonderful. It's doing nothing without worrying about getting caught at it.”

~ Gene Perret

“Retirement is like a long vacation in Las Vegas. The goal is to enjoy it the fullest, but not so fully that you run out of money.”

~ Jonathan Clements

“The trouble with retirement is that you never get a day off.” ~ Abe Lemons

“Retirement at 65 is ridiculous. When I was sixty-five, I still had pimples.” ~ George Burns

2020 Council Report back meeting

Mangonui

Wednesday September 30

Mangonui Memorial Hall

Waterfront Drive (opposite the wharf)

10:15 Cuppa

10:30 Report back

12:00 finish

No reply needed, just turn up

An email and postal reminder will be sent

2020 Council Report back meeting

Whangarei

Tuesday September 22

Anglican Church Hall

Deveron Street, Regent

10:15 Cuppa

10:30 Report back

12:00 finish

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Ngunguru Coastal Choir entertains at the 2019 Christmas Lunch

Northland Membership Count as at: February 2020						
	Total	Annuitant	Annuitant Spouse	Surviving Spouse	Pre Annuitant	Spouse Pre Annuitant
All	736	403	208	109	9	7
GSF	698	383	193	106	9	7
NPF	38	20	15	3	0	0
Post	368	at a cost of	\$1.30 ea	\$478.40		
Email	130	at a cost of	nothing			

The Personal Data booklet is designed to record a wide range of information and a completed copy of this kept in a file with your statements from Datacom will be extremely useful for a surviving spouse. It will also be very helpful for a surviving spouse if your GSA six digit number is written on the front of the file. If you don't have a booklet, or can't find it, contact your Branch Secretary at **0800 888 472**.

Please encourage any person you know who is receiving an annuity from the Government Superannuation Fund or the National Provident Fund to join and support the GSA

To those who are complaining about the quarantine period and curfews, just remember that your grandparents were called to war; you are being called to sit on the couch and watch Netflix. You can do this.



Notes from your COMMITTEE

Several years ago the cost of each of the two annual functions was \$20. At that time it was decided to reduce the subsidised cost for members to \$15.

The committee has now decided that the cost to members for the Mid Year and End of Year function, in future, will be \$20.

We would love to acknowledge all our members and have decided to begin with our Octogenarian members as other GSA Branches have done. It was never a requirement to provide a date of birth on joining the local Association so this initiative needs your assistance. Please contact Secretary Rex if you want to be sure we have up to date information about you.

Finally, as you all know it is the Centenary of the GSA this year and as part of the celebration, we are asking for ideas to develop a timeline. Do you have any photos relating to your working life as a GSA member; have you any memories of the decade you started work, such as hobbies, diet fads, clothes or social norms like the 6 o'clock swill: how many generations have you or your family been involved with the GSA. Any and all ideas and memorabilia will be gratefully received.

We Need You

Even though the AGM has been postponed when we next hold one we need you.

Thinking about volunteering? An easy thing to do is join the Northland GSA Committee.

New members welcome. Your Committee meets just four times a year for around one and a half hours each time. It keeps up with current issues relating to our Annuity, appoints the two representatives to the Annual Council meeting, oversees the Branch finances and works for the benefit of local members.

You can speak to any Committee Member about it, have someone nominate you or simply nominate yourself.

GSA Northland Branch

Financial Performance for the year ended 31 March 2020

New Budget Year to 31.3.21		Actual Year to 31.3.20	Budget Year to 31.3.20	Actual Year to 31.3.19
\$	Income	\$	\$	\$
4,680.00	Subscriptions GSF deducted	4,850.00	4,490.00	5,024.00
125.00	Subscriptions NPF deducted	195.00	211.00	227.00
72.00	Subscriptions direct	83.00	85.00	83.00
1,800.00	Functions Received	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,545.00
384.00	Interest Received	457.00	303.00	374.00
7,061.00	Total Income	7,085.00	6,589.00	7,253.00
	Less Expenses			
3,176.00	Functions	3,172.00	3,284.00	3,284.00
1,368.00	Communications	2,528.00	2,120.00	850.00
601.00	Organisation	601.00	956.00	955.00
	Remuneration			
	Office			
100.00	Review of accounts	100.00	100.00	100.00
	General		3,284.00	
5,245.00	Total Expenses	6,401.00	6,460.00	5,189.00
1,816.00	Surplus (Deficit)	684.00	129.00	2,064.00

Financial position as at 31 March 2020

	Year to 31.3.20	Year to 31.3.19
	\$	\$
Accumulated funds 1 April	19,112.00	17,048.00
Surplus (deficit)	684.00	2,064.00
	19,796.00	19,112.00
Represented by		
Assets		
Cheque Account	4,796.00	7,131.00
Savings Account	0	1,981.00
Term Deposit	15,000.00	10,000.00
Total assets	19,796.00	19,112.00
less Liabilities		
Accounts payable	-	-
	19,796.00	19,112.00

Note: The Savings Account was closed and the funds transferred to the Cheque Account

Term Deposit: ANZ \$15,000; Matures 28 September, 2020; 2.70%

The accounts are currently being reviewed.