

## Gisborne Branch GSA 2021, Annual General Meeting.



The AGM will be held this year on the 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 12.00pm at the Gisborne Tatapouri Sport Fishing Club at the Wharf on Esplanade Road. Depending on numbers attending, we will have exclusive use of the conservatory dining room, where we will dine & hold the AGM. Enclosed is a copy of some of the Tatapouri luncheon menu that we

thought appropriate. Prior to the luncheon, members are asked to order & pay for their lunch at the Restaurant counter. The committee will be providing wine & orange juice on the tables for the luncheon. As the caterer requires the number of people attending for this meal, it is important that prior notification be sent to the secretary Des Omundsen, e mail, [gisborne@gsa.org.nz](mailto:gisborne@gsa.org.nz) or [domundsen10@gmail.com](mailto:domundsen10@gmail.com) or phone 027 350 3058, informing the number of your party attending, by Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021. The meeting will commence on the completion of the luncheon and our guest speaker will be Rob Brangwin from Hawkes Bay, who is our Liaison Board member.

Please consider taking some responsibility for the election of your new committee with your attendance & perhaps being prepared to take up a position on the committee, as we need to encourage younger members onto the committee as some present committee members may not be in a position to continue with their existing position for the coming year.

### Luncheon Menu

<u>Braised Lamb Shank:</u>	Served with mash, peas and mint sauce.	\$23.50
<u>Chicken Breast:</u>	With bacon, tomato salsa, topped with cheese & grilled with salad & new potatoes.	\$15.50
<u>Ribeye Steak:</u>	Tender ribeye steak grilled with mushrooms or pepper sauce & with salad & fries.	\$16.00
<u>Fish of the Day:</u>	Battered, crumbed or pan-fried served with salad & fries.	\$16.50
<u>Salt and Pepper Squid:</u>	Served with salad fries and garlic aioli.	\$15.50
<u>Battered Scallops:</u>	Five crumbed scallops served with salad & fries.	\$17.00
<u>Ham Steak:</u>	Hot ham of the bone served with rosemary new potatoes, salad & mustard Mayo.	\$15.50
<u>Hot and Cold Seafood Platter:</u>	Large mixed platter of seafood served with salad and chips.	\$29.00
<u>Seafood Combo:</u>		\$15.00
<u>Nachos:</u>		\$15.00
<u>Chicken, Bacon &amp; Brie Salad:</u>		\$19.50
<u>Pasta of the Day:</u>		\$17.50
<u>Shrimp Cocktail:</u>		\$17.00
<u>Trio Seafood Salad:</u>		\$19.50

### Existing Committee members:

**Chairperson:** Chesley Birch: **Dep Chairperson:** Trevor Cook: **Secretary:** Des Omundsen: ( 027 3503058) **Treasurer:** Evan Parkin: **Committee:** Robin Arthur, Barrie Denham. Graeme Revell.

## Our Members who have passed on during 2020 until 31 March 2021.

Mr. John Liddy (August 2020). Mr. Derek Bird (September 2020).

Mr. James Gordon (October 2020). Mr. Temple Isaacs (October 2020).

Ms. Rosemarie Pere (February 2021). Mr. Robert Abel (February 2021)

Mr. John Chemis (February 2021). Mr. Vincent Lalonde (February 2021).



Our thoughts and sympathies are with the families and friends that mourn these losses.

What we have once enjoyed, we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes part of us.

Wishing you peace to bring comfort, the courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts.

## Better Digital Futures for Seniors.

The H B Memorial Library is providing computer courses free for senior citizens 65 years and above. This new program supports seniors in seeking help in going online. Participants choose one of four pathways (courses) to learn new skills and build confidence with computers and the net. The four pathways are listed below. Each Pathway consists of four two-hour sessions.



**(1) Digital Introductory Pathway:** For seniors who want to use digital technologies to pursue hobbies, find the right digital device, communicate with family and friends and become more independent online.

**(2) Digital Essentials Pathway:** This course is designed for seniors who are brand new users. Stripped back to the basics, these four sessions will provide learners with essential skills they need to get online and start creating their own digital footprint.

**(3) Digital Engagement Pathway:** For seniors who want to use digital technologies for online shopping, digital banking, managing photos and problem solving online.

**(4) Digital Safety Pathway:** This course uses the online digital license platform to take learners through all aspects of keeping safe and secure while online. Participants will come away with a digital license certificate and will feel confident in how to keep them and their families safe online.

These pathways commence in March 2021 on the Tuesday 1pm to 3pm and again on Thursdays 10.00am to 13.00pm. These programs are put out by the **Office for Seniors**. The Office for Seniors provide information to seniors and the Government about the issues and concerns of older people. Their vision is for a society where people can age positively, where older people are highly valued and recognized as an integral part of families and communities.

## The Chairperson's 2020-2021 Report

The Branch functions for this year faced many challenges due to the covid 19 virus outbreak curtailing some of our pending meetings. Many thanks to committee members & our secretary for their support in maintaining the branch activities in these trying times. Special thanks to our committee members for their ongoing support until 31 March 2022. Recruiting is ongoing with three new members joining our ranks. Membership support for new members is essential in maintaining a strong branch. A contact system per telephone to existing members to encourage attendance at pending functions is to be tried in the coming year. Social functions with financial support for our members will again continue this year. Pending functions include the Museum visit, Joint meeting with the Hawkes Bay, Gisborne committee & Wairoa members in held in Wairoa, the AGM and the Christmas function. We remain a small & isolated branch & your committee are committed to delivering to the social & moral needs of the branch members of Gisborne & Wairoa. Members if you have any suggestions on topics that may improve our branch functions please contact our committee.

Chesley Birch

Gisborne Branch Chairperson.

### Wairoa, Hawkes Bay & Gisborne joint meeting.



The Gisborne and Hawkes Bay GSA branches committees have agreed to meet again in Wairoa, with an invitation for the Wairoa GSA members to join in with the luncheon and meeting. This year if covid 19 does not intervene, we will meet at the Wairoa Senior Citizens Club at 205 Queen Street Wairoa. At the time of printing this newsletter we have not set a date, but it is intended to be at the end of June 2021 or beginning of July 2021. Prior to this Wairoa GSA members will be sent a letter informing of the time and date with an invitation for attendance of this meeting. For catering purposes, we will require notification of your attendance.

### Tairawhiti Museum 2021 Visit



On the 17 March 2021 at 10.30am we attended a morning tea and underwent a tour at our local Tairawhiti museum, paid for by the committee. Letters, e mails and telephone calls were sent to those who had shown interest in this activity that was raised at the previous Christmas and AGM on the 25 November 2020. Apologies to any members who would have been interested but failed to receive these notifications. If you are interested in any future activities please notify the secretary. Eighteen members gathered at the museum's Exhibit Café and participated in coffee, hot chocolate or tea and a generous spread set out by the café staff at a table set up for our sole use. The hospitality from

the Café's staff, the presentation and quality of the morning tea was second to none, I would recommend a visit to this cafe to anyone. On the completion of this we gathered as a group with our guide Mr Dudley Meadows, who is the Photographer for the museum. He explained that only about 1% of their collection is able to be on display at any one time and they now have an online website with over 40,000 items catalogued on their collection database, such as fine art, archives, taonga Maori, photographs and social and natural history. Users can create their own list from the website and arrange a visit with the museum to view them. The website is [www.collection.tairawhitimueum.org.nz/explore](http://www.collection.tairawhitimueum.org.nz/explore). The tour took us through the Art Gallery with an exhibit by a Gisborne New Zealand Israeli woman whose exhibition was named the Flight Path. The Vhoycreative, Gisborne Passport Collection and Photographic Gallery held some very interesting but alternative exhibits with written explanations about their work with quotations on aspects of life that makes one stop and consider. One such exhibit is shown in this newsletter. A collection named the Tu Te Whaihanga was items that has been returned to Tairawhiti, that left our shores on the ship Endeavour 250 years ago. We then went down into the Collections Research Centre and the museums archives. This area can be viewed by the public only by appointment weekdays 10.00am to 4.00pm. The storage and documentation of exhibits along with their access in this area was amazing. The tour and visit concluded at 12.30pm after an informative, interesting and enjoyable time had by all.



### **Financial Report for Year ending 31 March 2021.**

Opening Balance	\$6,189.23
Income – Subscriptions	\$1,394.42
Interest	\$3.28
Expenditure – Functions	\$818.39
Newsletters	\$83.39
Books – GSA History	\$80.00
Closing Balance	\$6,605.15.

The financial statement is subject to review and this will be done before the AGM on the 26 May 2021 where a more in-depth financial statement will be tabled for members information and acceptance.

E Parkin

Gisborne Branch GSA Treasurer.