



Horowhenua/Kapiti Branch
April 2021

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Our Next Members Meeting is the Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 25 May 2021
from 11:00 am, at the Otaki RSA
9 Raukawa Street
OTAKI

Luncheon to follow the meeting
(\$15.00 per head payable in advance)
Partners are welcome.

Registration details at bottom of the Page

Apologies are not required

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.

GSA Centennial History Book
The branch still has two copies available. The cost is \$40.00 per book. Please advise the Secretary if you would like to purchase a copy.

Your Committee Needs You
The local committee operating this branch needs new members. Getting involved is rewarding, and a generational shift will benefit the Branch. The committee meets four times a year in addition to the AGM and end of year functions. We are looking for expressions of interest ahead of the AGM. If you would be interested in joining the committee, I would be keen to hear from you, even if you are unable to attend this year's AGM.
Jeff Taylor (04) 298 8924

AGM Venue and Meeting Business
The branch Annual General Meeting will take place in the main clubrooms at the Otaki RSA and will precede a luncheon. The AGM meeting will start at 11:00 am so you need to arrive in time to register and be seated by then. Our guest will be the GSA President Tony Hamilton who will speak on current GSA issues. Other business will include presentation of the Branch Annual Report and financial statements and the election of branch officers. Parking is available.
Complete the slip below if you wish to attend. Please note that cheques are no longer accepted by our bank. For internet banking the account number is: 38-9014-0275903-01

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will attend the AGM meeting ____ persons @ \$15 per head = \$ _____

Contact Phone number _____ I confirm that a cash payment will be made at the function.

Please ensure you post this cut off slip to arrive with the Secretary by 10 May 2021

Annual Report for Year Ending 31 March 2021

The main feature of most of our lives over the last year has been the presence of Covid19 and the consequent lockdowns and restrictions on normal lives. Those spoken to at the meetings since lockdown have been positive though restrictions from time to time have affected family weddings and funerals and have prevented travel. Our branch was not represented at the 2020 Council annual meeting of the GSA as those due to attend felt that the lockdown instructions made it prudent not to mix with others. Our views on issues raised were ably expressed by Dallas Elvy who was able to give feedback.

Following the resignation of the branch secretary we made new arrangements for administrative matters by agreeing with the Wellington Branch to employ their secretary to perform the necessary secretarial functions relating to membership matters. Jirayu Brennan currently holds the position and was able to meet members at the last Waikanae gathering. The arrangement is working well from our point of view.

David Swallow and Brian Tyler, long term members of the committee, have indicated that they intend to stand down. Both have given long service to GSA both at branch and national level. We are looking for members to replace them; please let us know if you can help.

During the past year there have been extra difficulties. However, Paul Gardner our treasurer and Jeff Taylor our secretary, have coped well with the extra complications and the branch continues to run efficiently.

We will welcome the president Tony Hamilton at the AGM and he will no doubt cover national issues with us.

Roger Pitchforth

Branch Chairperson

Financial Report to 31 March 2021

The full branch financial report for 2021 will be available at the AGM. Key items are listed below.

Subscriptions	\$8211	Cost of Functions	\$2042
Functions	\$ 735	Remuneration	\$2411
Interest	<u>\$1037</u>	Postage & Other	<u>\$1076</u>
Total Income	\$9983	Total Expenses	\$5529
Increase in branch funds	\$4454	Total accumulated funds	\$75935

Horowhenua/Kapiti Branch Membership Statistics at 31 March 2021

Annuitants	Spouses of Annuitants	Surviving Spouses	Pre Annuitants	Spouses of Pre-Annuitants	
591	325	213	19	15	Total 1163

End of Year Branch Events 2021

An end of year luncheon is proposed for mid-November in Waikanae. A morning or afternoon tea is planned for late-November in Levin. Details will be published on the October Branch Newsletter.

Introducing our Membership Secretary

Jirayu Brennan joined GSA as Wellington Branch Secretary since mid-October 2018. She is a point of contact for nearly 5,000 GSA members living in Wellington and Wairarapa. Since August 2020 she has also provided membership administration service to GSA members in the Horowhenua/Kapiti branch. Jirayu has a wealth of working experience in NZ public sector. Prior to joining GSA, she worked for Masterton and Wellington District Courts, NZ Red Cross, and Wellington City Council. She was born and bred in busy Bangkok, Thailand. She moved to NZ in 2002 as an international student at Victoria University. She currently lives on a rural property in South Wairarapa with her husband and a young daughter. She enjoys caring for their ducks, geese, and chickens and travelling with her family in her free time.

Wellington Branch Event

Horowhenua/Kapiti Branch members are invited to attend the Wellington Branch's mid-winter luncheon at the James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor, Wellington on Thursday 29 July 2021. Lunch served at 12 noon. The cost is \$34.00 per head, and prior bookings are essential. Special hotel discount if you wish to stay overnight. For more information or expressions of interest please contact **Jirayu Brennan on (04) 390 3557 or email wellington@gsa.org.nz**
