



Northland Newsletter

April 2021

Chairman's Update – April 2021.

It is important to remind ourselves of the key objectives of retaining an active and healthy Government Superannuitants Association.

This is to “*provide a collective voice to protect the superannuation rights of Government employees who have contributed to one of the Government Superannuation Fund (GSF) schemes or the National Provident Fund (NPF) Defined Benefit Plan. The purpose of the GSA is to safeguard the current provisions of the GSF and NPF schemes and to improve them by having deficiencies and anomalies removed. The GSA has been the collective voice for Government annuitants since 1920.*”

The highlight of last year was the celebrations in commemoration of 100 years of GSA activity. Unfortunately the official celebration scheduled at Parliament to co-incide with National Council meeting was cancelled due to Covid-19. This was to launch a publication written by Professor Roger Openshaw outlining the history of the GSA over this period. Instead, this was successfully done at the National Council dinner.

Roger Openshaw was also the keynote speaker at our branch AGM. This was delayed from its usual May timeslot due to Covid-19 restrictions and eventually held in November concurrent with our Annual Christmas luncheon.

Hopefully this years activities, the AGM at the Kamo Club scheduled for 3 June, and our annual Christmas luncheon planned for 25 November, are less affected by the pandemic and there will be a good turnout of members.

National Council this year will be held on 4 and 5 September. Report back meetings for Northland members will be held in Whangarei on 21 September and another shortly after in the Far North.

The Northland branch committee continues to meet regularly with an enthusiastic group of members with the added advantage of including the National President Tony Hamilton. This keeps us up to date with National events and gives our branch a high profile in Wellington. Our branch remains financially sound.

Roger Barber
Chairperson.

Join us at the
Kamo Club
3rd June 2021
for the
Mid Year Function and AGM
Guest Speaker will be
National President Tony Hamilton
In his role as Board Branch Liaison

Your Current Committee

Chairperson Roger Barber, 435 0785

Secretary Rex Morris, 0800 888 472

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Treasurer Tony Hamilton, 929 9772

Committee Jack Kerr, 4373035; Robin Shepherd, 09 4084192; Harris Shortland, 4347550; Sandra Strachan, 4362532; Deborah Foote, 4361739; Barry Davis 3403433.

**For prospective new members
or to contact your Association**

dial 0800 888472 at any time

or go online at

www.gsa.org.nz

2021 COUNCIL REPORT back meetings

Whangarei Tuesday September 21
Anglican Church Hall, Deveron Street, Regent

Mangonui Wednesday September 29
**Mangonui Memorial Hall, Waterfront Drive
(opposite the wharf)**

Meet at 10:15 for a cuppa and finish by 12:00

No reply needed, just turn up.
An email and postal reminder will be sent

Financial Performance for the year ended 31 March 2021

New Budget Year to 31.3.22		Actual Year to 31.3.21	Budget Year to 31.3.21	Actual Year to 31.3.20
\$	Income	\$	\$	\$
4,670.00	Subscriptions GSF deducted	4,669.00	4,680.00	4,850.00
176.00	Subscriptions NPF deducted	176.00	125.00	195.00
114.00	Subscriptions direct	114.00	72.00	83.00
2,000.00	Functions Received	868.00	1,800.00	1,500.00
146.00	Interest Received	293.00	384.00	457.00
7,106.00	Total Income	6,120.00	7,061.00	7,085.00
	Less Expenses			
3,200.00	Functions	2,183.00	3,176.00	3,172.00
1,141.00	Communications	1,141.00	750.00	2,528.00
600.00	Organisation	861.00	601.00	601.00
	Remuneration			
588.00	Office Function	588.00	618.00	
200.00	Review of accounts	100.00	100.00	100.00
	General			
5,729.00	Total Expenses	4,873.00	5,245.00	6,401.00
1,377.00	Surplus (Deficit)	1,247.00	1,816.00	684.00

The finances are currently being reviewed.

Is Assignment of a portion of your annuity an option for you?

See the item in Annuity News.

The job for which I waited 50 years



RETIREMENT

Financial position as at 31 March 2021

	Year to 31.3.21	Year to 31.3.20
	\$	\$
Accumulated funds 1 April	19,769.00	19,112.00
Surplus (deficit)	1,247.00	684.00
	21,043.00	19,796.00
Represented by		
Assets		
Cheque Account	6,043.00	4,796.00
Term Deposit	15,000.00	15,000.00
Total assets	21,043.00	19,796.00
less Liabilities		
Accounts payable	-	-
	21,043.00	19,112.00

We look forward to a good attendance at the forthcoming Annual General meeting.

We are also looking for new committee members.

Please talk to any one of the current Committee Members if you are interested or just nominate yourself at the AGM.

An elderly man living alone in New Jersey wanted to plant his annual tomato garden, but it was very difficult work, since the ground was hard. His only son, Vincent, who used to help him, was in prison. The old man wrote a letter to his son and described his predicament:

Dear Vincent,

I am feeling pretty sad, because it looks like I won't be able to plant my tomato garden this year. I'm just getting too old to be digging up a garden plot. I know if you were here my troubles would be over. I know you would be happy to dig the plot for me, like in the old days.

Love, Papa

A few days later he received a letter from his son.

Dear Pop,

Don't dig up that garden. That's where the bodies are buried.

Love, Vinnie

At 4 a.m. the next morning, FBI agents and local police arrived and dug up the entire area without finding any bodies. They apologized to the old man and left. That same day the old man received another letter from his son.

Dear Pop,

Go ahead and plant the tomatoes now. That's the best I could do under the circumstances.

Love you, Vinnie



AGM, Centenary Celebration with guest speaker Emeritus Professor Roger Openshaw and **Christmas Luncheon** at the Kamo Club on 12th November 2020



Brian Painter, pictured here with Jane. He was the winner of a very nice bottle of wine for sitting in the mystery seat.

We were very fortunate to have Emeritus Professor Roger Openshaw as guest speaker at our end of year Christmas function, Centenary Celebration and AGM. Roger holds a personal chair in History of Education at Massey University and is a researcher and teacher. The GSA secured his services to write the history of the organisation. The resulting book places the GSA journey within the context of New Zealand’s economic, social and political history. He is an active GSA member for the Manawatu branch.

Professor Roger Openshaw has written a comprehensive history to commemorate the centennial anniversary of the association, 1920 -2020.



A look inside: From the Introduction. “Members need to know their history.”

“.... former president Bill Robertson has observed that a fundamental conflict of interest has bedevilled our superannuation scheme since its inception: Throughout our history, governments have continued to conflate government self-interest with national interest and to ignore their full obligations as the employer of an independent career public service of outstanding performance and integrity.”

These considerations alone provide the rationale for a continually vigilant and active member association, pg 17 & 18.

For a copy of your own You are able to purchase your own copy of this fascinating account of the GSA over the past 100 years, at a cost of \$40 per book plus postage. Don't delay. Place your order directly with National Office by email at national@gsa.org.nz or phone 04-4727006. The book will be dispatched after payment of the invoice you will receive.

Mid Year Luncheon and AGM

3rd June 2021



at the Kamo Club (Meldrum Street)

11:00 Gather and socialise

11:30 Welcome and update on GSA matters

11:45 AGM

12:00 Guest speaker will be National President, Tony Hamilton
in his role as Board Branch Liaison

12:30 Lunch

Juice provided

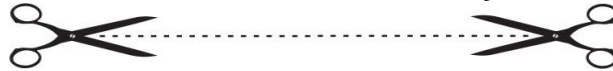
Other drinks at own expense

**Please either complete and return the form, or pay online (see below).
Let us know your special dietary requirements so we can let the caterers know.**

*Note: \$20 per person
Superannuitant non-members welcome too*

Please return to
Tony Hamilton
PO Box 3286, Onerahi
Whangarei 0142

To be received no later than **Friday 28th May**



Northland Branch G.S.A
AGM & Luncheon

Enclosed is \$..... for Luncheon Booking/s
(\$20 per person – our Branch provides a subsidy)

First name and surname for label(s) please _____

Cheques, if used, must be received by **28 May**. **ANZ** is not accepting cheques after **31 May**.

Make payable to:

'Government Superannuitants Assoc - Northland' (NOT Kamo Club.)

Cheques from KiwiBank not accepted.

Pay online to bank account:

11-5000-0724650-11

(Please include your name/s in the details, or email the information to
tah3524@gmail.com)

