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# **Rotorua Branch April 2021 Newsletter**

### Chairperson's report

Greetings to our Rotorua GSA Branch members.

Your committee have already met several times to get the year off to a flying start, despite covid 'floating' around.

We had our first branch meeting on Friday 19 February and hosted everybody for lunch. Our guest speaker spoke about the Parksyde Community Centre. The value of this talk was later acknowledged in the 'thumbs up' section of the Daily Post Weekender. Thirty members attended.

Our second branch meeting was on Friday 19 March. This was a morning tea with a talk plus demonstration by Katie Simmons of QE Health about the 'Live Stronger for Longer' programme. We had a bit of fun at the end of the talk, stretching out to attempt the physical exercises. Marjorie Thomas from Hawkes Bay branch attended. She is on Council and our branch liaison person. Members could touch base with her over any superannuation matters.

Friday 21 May 10.30am at the usual CT Club venue will be our brief AGM, followed by an address by our National President Tony Hamilton.

We would like to see more of our members at our branch meetings. It would be reassuring to the committee that our work is appreciated if we could get 50 to 70 attending out of a membership of 400. Your committee are working hard, so come along and support them.

A reminder of who is on your committee:

- Wayne Hall, Chairman
- Ian Simpson, Secretary

- Geoff Cleveland, Treasurer
- Mark Collet
- Katrin Collet
- John Turner
- Alan Lord
- Robert Grant

We have a cost of living annuity increase of 1.44% coming through in April. We still have copies of the GSA book celebrating over 100 years. A good read for only \$40.

In the meantime, with winter coming, keep safe and warm

Wayne Hall Rotorua Branch Chairman

### **GSA Centennial book launch**

The GSA centennial book, "Safeguarding Super", was launched at the GSA Council meeting in September. This record of GSA activities over the last 100 years has been compiled by Professor Emeritus Roger Oppenshaw, and is dedicated to those who have worked, often beyond the headlines, to serve government supperannuitants and their families well, through good times and bad, over the past century.

#### Have you moved or will be moving?

Have you let us know your new address. It is important to inform both Rotorua GSA phone 0800 888 472 or email: rotorua@gsa.org.nz And

Datacomm on 0800 654 731 or email: gsf@datacom.co.nz

## Friday 21 May – Rotorua branch AGM and morning tea

The Rotorua branch AGM will now be held at *10.30am* on Friday 21 May at Rotorua Commercial Travellers club, 26 Moncur Drive, Rotorua. After the AGM, the national GSA president, Tony Hamilton, will give a presentation. Please come along to this meeting, and consider whether you are able to help on your local branch committee.

Please RSVP to Wayne Hall by Monday 17 May. Phone: 07 345 3867 Email: hallhousehold@actrix.co.nz