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2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
followed by lunch (\$10 per person)
Venue: Taupo Bridge Club, 130 Tauhara Rd.
Date: Thursday 20th May 2021 at 10.30am

Introduction and welcome.

Apologies.

Annual Report.

Election of committee.

Election of reviewer.

Address by Tony Hamilton National President of the GSA
General Business

11.15 a.m. Our Guest Speaker

11.45 a.m. Social time with complimentary drinks followed by a light lunch.

Branch Report.
Greetings Members

Well 2021 is gearing up to be, hopefully, better than 2020. Let's hope you will be able to move around and see your loved ones overseas or venture to new areas of the world soon.

GSA has been rather quiet. The Board has had another meeting with the Minister of Finance on the COLA petition. We have been told to watch this space at budget time – whatever that means! With cheques being phased out our Branch is going to electronic banking. This will mean that any payments for functions will have to be done electronically or by cash – yes it is a sign of the times.

Your committee has not met very often but we have all been in touch by email and phone to keep things up to date. Hopefully none of you have lost family to Covid – it must be terrible in those countries with such high death counts. Also those of you who have sick family – I hope they get better quickly.

The Branch held a successful function in November 2020 to celebrate 100 years of the GSA this was well attended with a special lunch, birthday cake and entertainment.

Our meeting on the 20th of May is of course our AGM and we hope you will attend. To date the former committee has agreed to stand again though if anyone wishes to join us they would be more than welcome. This year we have our National President, Tony Hamilton visiting, so if you have any questions you would like to ask him please do. He was supposed to come last

year but as you know Covid got in the way. With the resignation of our Executive Officer last year it is great to welcome Karen Knobloch as the new person in charge of administration.

The GSA Centennial launch of the book, "Safeguarding Super", went well and more copies have been ordered from the publishers – so if you missed out please phone National Office so that they can order one for you.

On that note keep well and get both your flu jab and vaccine jab as soon as feasible and I hope to see you at our Annual General Meeting – please put the date on your calendar.

Membership

Membership has dropped to 204, with the loss of four members since the last newsletter but there is a welcome to one new member. Please remember if you talk to old work colleagues invite them to join the GSA if they are not already members, and any widows or widowers whose spouse was a member (or if they were a member). Just give Colin our Secretary a call and he will help them set up their membership. The issue of surviving spouse retention remains a real risk. Members are being actively encouraged to provide spouse/partner information for the membership database, and to ensure GSA information is available on their death to their spouse/partner and families

Financial Position

This year's financial activities were limited by the pandemic, thus the Branch didn't have an AGM. Our only activity being the Xmas and centenary function for which we did not charge an admission fee. The overall result of the year's activities resulted in a surplus of \$7.00.

Guest Speaker

At the time of this publication our speaker had yet to be decided.

Diana Pye

Chairperson.

Please pay your \$10.00 per person entry into the GSA Bank Account the account number is: West Pac **030430-0257922-00**. Remember to provide your names and the number attending.

Or alternatively

Please pay in cash \$10.00 at the door and advise the Secretary by email at **crowesroost@xtra.co.nz** or phone (07) 378-6627 of your attendance by Friday 15 May 2021. This will assist us in advising numbers to the caterer.

