

## Wanganui Branch



## Annual General Meeting

This meeting is set down to be held at the Wanganui East Club, Wakefield Street Wanganui East on **Wednesday 19 May 2021** commencing at 11:15 a.m. Please note this is a Wednesday meeting.

### Order of Business

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting – copies will be available on the tables
4. Matters arising from the minutes
5. Annual Report – this has been prepared by the Chairperson and is part of this newsletter
6. Financial Report – copies will be available on the tables
7. Election of Officers and the Committee
8. Appointment of Reviewer
9. General Business
10. Speaker – Mr Tony Hamilton President of the GSA and a member of the Northland Branch

At the conclusion of our speaker's address we will have a luncheon. Our menu on this occasion covers the choice of two roasts - beef or ham or the other option -- battered fish. A range of hot vegetables and cold salads will be available from the self-service buffet. Also included in the \$30 value meal will be selection of desserts. It was noted that there were service problems of the meal at our November 2020 meeting but we have been assured of a return to a buffet and more responsive service.

**The cost to you will be \$15.00** payable at the door. The Branch is subsidising the balance of the cost of the meal. A range of refreshments purchased at your own cost will be available from the bar immediately after the conclusion of the meeting.

**RSVP** please to Marian Barclay on 06 343 2789 or 0274 779097 or to Marian's email address [jmbarclay10@gmail.com](mailto:jmbarclay10@gmail.com) by Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup> May 2021 to inform her that you are coming to the lunch. We would appreciate receiving any apologies. Any messages left on Marian's answer phone or on email will be acknowledged so please use these contacts if you don't get a direct response.

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National Office has continued with the mailing out of our newsletters. This may mean you receive very advanced notice of the AGM so mark the date on your calendars and be prepared to join members of the GSA in another Branch meeting and hopefully gain more information about the workings of the GSA organisation. This meeting also gives you a chance to meet with the President of the organisation. Tony is an interesting speaker and keen to do his best as leader of the Board and the GSA membership.

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If you change your address please advise Datacom. Freephone 0800 654 731 or email [gsf@datacom.co.nz](mailto:gsf@datacom.co.nz). Contact with GSA National Office is also recommended at 04 472 7006 or [gensec@gsa.org.nz](mailto:gensec@gsa.org.nz). Also contact your Branch secretary Neil Elgar – phone (06) 345 7139 or email [wanganui@gsa.org.nz](mailto:wanganui@gsa.org.nz) or [raglen411@gmail.com](mailto:raglen411@gmail.com)

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## **WANGANUI BRANCH OF The GOVERNMENT SUPERANNUITANTS ASSOCIATION CHAIRPERSON'S ANNUAL REPORT MAY 2021**

Our Annual General Meeting will be held at the Wanganui East Club on Wednesday May 19<sup>th</sup>, commencing at 11.15. We have had to change from the normal Thursday to Wednesday in order to have our national president, Tony Hamilton, as our guest speaker. Tony is visiting a number of branches at this time, and the Wednesday suits his schedule. It has been a long time since we have had a visit from a National President, so I hope that members will attend and welcome Tony to Wanganui.

Your elected committee continues to work quietly in the background making sure that all is well with our annuity. I would like to thank Neil Elgar (secretary), Brian Algar treasurer, Leith Power, Marion Barclay, Lance Patterson, and Robin Paul, for their support and guidance during the past year. After many years on our committee, Leith is standing down. Like every organisation, we need to have a fully representative committee in order to continue to support our local members. We would truly value a couple of new faces- How about putting your name forward?

During the year, members of our branch continued to decline through natural attrition. You could help increase our membership by asking a committee member for a new member registration form, calling GSA free on 0800 888 472 or going to the website [w.w.w.gsa.org.nz](http://w.w.w.gsa.org.nz) for full details. Spread the word about our organisation, and recruit some new members.

It is important that our current membership list is correct and up to date. Please let us know if you have changed your address (home and /or email), phone numbers, or if your personal circumstances have changed. This information is important so that your correct annuity continues to be received on a regular basis.

Our GSA board, consisting of elected representatives from throughout the country, continues to work on your behalf to protect our annuity scheme.

Board priorities for the year include:

- Approval of the 2021-22 National office budget and oversight of Association finances and financial management;
- Pressing the Minister of Finance for Government decision-making following GSA's 100% cola petition and submission, and subsequent Finance and Expenditure Select Committee report.
- Significant focus for all Board members on the "Managing the Future" project, with Branch consultation in preparation for 2021 Council.
- Supporting branches through Board liaison role;
- Continuing to work on member recruitment and retention strategies, with emphasis placed on remaining contributors, surviving spouses, and continuing to explore how better to attract and appeal to annuitants who are not yet members.

I hope to see many of you at our Annual General Meeting on May 19.

**Trevor Hall (Chairperson)**