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Manners Street
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Chair
Mike Smith

Deputy Chair
Vacant

2020 Council Delegates
Ian Clunies-Ross
Peter Chambers

2020 Council Observers
Nil

Secretary
Jirayu Brennan



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Branch Committee

Peter Chambers, Ian Clunies-Ross, Kevin Duggan, Suzanne Holgate, Kay Monks, Alan Peck, Elizabeth Smaal, Bryan Whisker, and Ray Woolhouse.

Life Members

Virginia Breen, Marie Byrne, Janice Campbell, Peter Chambers, Bruce Kelly, Brian McKeown, Alan McMaster, Gray Nelson, Jack Price, Bill Robertson, Elizabeth Smaal, Mike Smith, Leicester Stewart, Peter Stewart, Terence Stock, Ian Swift, David Thorp, Bryan Whisker, Priscilla Williams, Ray Woolhouse.

Annual General Meeting

All members are cordially invited to the Annual General Meeting to be held at the **Petone Working Men's Club**, 47 Udy Street Petone at **11 am on Wednesday 26 May 2021** followed by a luncheon. The GSA President, Tony Hamilton will be our guest speaker at the AGM.

The agenda for this meeting and the minutes from the last meeting will be emailed to those who provide an email address on receipt of your booking to attend the AGM and luncheon. If we have no email address, the papers will be ready to pick up at the meeting.

Members who wish to attend the AGM and luncheon will need to RSVP by returning the booking tear-off slip and paying \$20. Non-members \$34.50 per person. (RSVP details on the tear off section)

Nominations for Branch official positions close 1 week before the AGM. The nomination form can be obtained via GSA website: <http://www.gsa.org.nz/branch-wellington.html> or contact Secretary at wellington@gsa.org.nz or call 0800 888 472 for the form and return by **Wed 19 May 2021**.

Annual Report

I am pleased to present the 100th Annual Report of the Wellington Branch of GSA which covers the year ended 31 March 2021. This is my first branch report having been appointed to the position of chair at our AGM in December last.

Last year was most unusual because of the COVID 19 restrictions and this brought changes to the way we have traditionally been operating and impacted on our organisation. However, we did manage to achieve most of our aims by being flexible and adapting to the changing situation.

We were unable to hold the 2020 AGM in April as planned and had to cancel the mid-winter function planned for the James Cook Grand Chancellor Hotel in July. However, we were able to continue regular committee meetings held either at Anvil House, Wakefield Street as restrictions allowed, or by means of electronic Zoom meetings. Initially, some committee members were unfamiliar with the electronic meeting technology, but all quickly adapted without major problems. During this period, the committee from the previous year continued to represent the branch.

In September we were able to visit Masterton and hold a most enjoyable luncheon for 45 members at the Masterton Club, at which the opportunity was taken to bring members up to date with happenings in our branch and at Council.



Ian Clunies-Ross, immediate past chair, addressed the members at 2020 AGM & Centennial Celebration at Silverstream Retreat,

By December, COVID 19 restrictions were eased sufficiently to enable the delayed AGM to be combined with our Christmas and centennial celebrations. This was held at the Silverstream Retreat and attended by eighty-six members who were able to enjoy mixing and mingling in the spacious surroundings. Several members took advantage of the complementary bus from Wellington to the venue door and I must acknowledge and thank the MacKenzie trust for funding this bus. The Association centennial book, Safeguarding Super was launched and made available for sale.



Suzanne Holgate, our new committee member for GSA Wellington branch

The branch committee since the AGM in December has been represented by Ian Clunies-Ross, Peter Chambers, Kevin Duggan, Kay Monks, Alan Peck, Elizabeth Smaal, Bryan Whisker, Ray Woolhouse and Jirayu Brennan (Secretary). The position of Deputy Chair is currently vacant as Peter Chambers decided to relinquish that role. Thank you,

Peter we are most grateful that you remain as a committee member. We have also been able to satisfy a keen expression of interest from Suzanne Holgate by seconding her as a welcome addition to the branch committee. Graham Hill retired from the Committee and I wish to thank him for all the effort he gave to the committee during the years he spent in that role.

In September, COVID 19 restrictions allowed for the 2020 Council Meeting to be held. Ian Clunies-Ross and Peter Chambers represented Wellington Branch as delegates. Tony Hamilton was re-elected President and Alan Peck and myself were re-elected to the Board. From Wellington branch, Dallas Elvy was also re-elected to the Board. Due to the lack of nominations, there was no need to hold a formal election. Two branches did not attend Council because of COVID 19. The two Auckland delegates attended with appropriate PPE while other precautions were taken to keep delegates safe. Council proceedings are reported in the Annuity News.

The following table shows the change in branch numbers in the last twelve months.

Comparison	2020 31 March	2021 31 March	Change
Annuitant	2,594	2,489	-105(-4.0%)
Annuitant spouse	1,426	1,390	-36 (-2.5%)
Surviving spouse	773	740	-33 (4.3%)
Pre-annuitant	141	133	-8 (-5.7%)
Pre-annuitant spouse	109	106	-3 (-2.7%)
Total	5,043	4,858	-185(3.6%)

Newsletters were published and circulated to members in April and October 2020 and are available on the Association's website.

Branch subcommittees continued to function dealing with Policy matters, Finance, Social Functions and Recruitment.

With changing demographics of branches, some are finding difficulty in carrying out necessary branch administration. In June, following interbranch negotiations, we agreed that Wellington branch perform Database upkeep and other administration work for the Horowhenua/Kapiti branch. Our Secretary, Jirayu Brennan has developed an efficient process for this with secretarial time being invoiced to H/K branch monthly in arrears on the basis that the Wellington branch is neither advantaged nor disadvantaged. This arrangement is running smoothly and following a review, H/K branch has indicated that they wish it to continue.

Finally, please note the call for nominations for Wellington Branch Committee, Deputy Chair, and Chair for the 2021/2022 year.

Now that we are becoming accustomed to living with COVID 19, hopefully the year ahead will not be disrupted as much as was 2020/21.



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"Membership Drive" Help Need!

Currently we are looking for noticeboards (accessible to super annuitants) to pin up our Wellington GSA poster, e.g. at sports clubs, societies etc. This A4 sized poster informs about the association's role, services and branch events.

If you have access to a noticeboard, please contact Jirayu with the view to suggesting a possible location.

Mid-Winter Luncheon:

The luncheon will be held at **James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor on The Terrace on Thursday 29 July at 12noon. Mix & mingled will be from 11.15am.** Bill Day, the Chief Executive Officer of the Wellington Children's Hospital will be a guest speaker. There will be some parking available, but members are encouraged to use public transport as the hotel is easily accessed from Lambton Quay via the lifts in James Cook Arcade. Take the lift to the Hotel foyer, followed by an internal lift to level 17 where the luncheon will be held. The luncheon is subsidised by the branch. The cost to members and spouses attending is \$30 pp. Non-members \$34 pp. If you wish to stay overnight at the hotel, please use the booking code '381335' when booking directly with the hotel. A discount will be given.

Wairarapa Luncheon:

This luncheon will be held at **Masterton Club, 98 Chapel Street, Masterton on Thursday 23 September at 12noon.** The luncheon is subsidised by the branch. The cost to members and spouses attending is \$20 pp. Non-members \$30 pp.

2021 Christmas Luncheon:

The luncheon will be held on **Thursday 25 November.** Details will be confirmed in our October newsletter but in the meantime please note this date in your diary and plan to join us.

Attendance at Social and Governance Functions

-A Reminder-

The Wellington Branch organises four outings per year – two are social: mid-year and the Christmas luncheons. The other two could be classed as governance (working) meetings i.e., AGM and Wairarapa meeting. Guests are welcome. The meals at all these luncheons may be subsidised – therefore members and spouses pay the subsidised price and non-members pay the full cost.

A refund for non-attendance at functions should be provided only if the person notifies the secretary before the closing date when numbers must be provided to the caterers. In exceptional cases, refunds will be assessed by the committee.

The MacKenzie Trust

How it may help you ☺

The MacKenzie Trust was established in 2017 with the objectives of aiding with travel to enable those who now find it difficult to attend GSA Wellington Branch functions because of lack of support, declining health, reduced mobility or other like reasons, to do so.

If you, or someone you know, would like to attend any GSA function, but need extra help with transport, please complete the booking form at the end of this

newsletter. If you tick the box "MacKenzie Trust Extra Help Request", you will be contacted.

Wellington Branch Railway Social Club Mid-Year Luncheon

This is an informal group of former employees of Railways and any GSA members wishing to attend our functions will be most welcome.

Our mid-winter luncheon will be held at **Petone Workingmen's Club on Wednesday 19 May 2021 at 12.15pm. Cost \$25.00 per person. Cash only payable at the door. Correct money would be appreciated. Please be seated by 12 noon.**

For bookings, please contact Ray Woolhouse, Wellington (ph. 04 973 8158). A booking is essential and must be made at least two days before the function - late bookings are not accepted.

Branch New Contact Number:

Wellington branch has new telephone numbers. You are now able to contact Jirayu, Branch Secretary at **04 390 3557** or mobile **022 061 1423**. Free call to **0800 888 472** is also directed to Jirayu

Contacts for annuity matters

GSF enquiries

GSF Administrator, Datacom Employer Services Ltd, PO Box 3614, Wellington 6140

Phones: 04 470 6348

0800 654 731

Email: gsf@datacom.co.nz.

Website: www.datacomgsf.co.nz.

NPF enquiries

NPF Administrator, Datacom Employer Services Ltd, PO Box 1036, Wellington 6140

Phones: 04 381 0650

0800 628 776

Email: npfenquiries@datacom.co.nz

Website: www.datacomnfp.co.nz.

The Annuity News and this Branch Newsletter are sent to you together. If you are missing either of these, contact the Branch secretary. If you require further clarification you may contact the GSA Executive Officer, Karen Knobloch.

Branch Contact:

Secretary: Jirayu Brennan

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138 Wakefield Street, Wellington

Phone: (04) 390 3557,
Call free 0800 888 472

Email: wellington@gsa.org.nz

Post: PO Box 119933,
Manner Street, Wellington 6142

Change of address!

Please let the Secretary, Jirayu know if there are any changes to your personal details. Contact Jirayu 0800 888 472. You can update this information yourself at www.gsa.org.nz. From the homepage select "Update Details" and enter your annuity number and last name, then select the 'update details' box. Note that while your changes will be recorded, they will not be updated immediately as they will be checked for consistency before being implemented.

It is important to advise Datacom immediately of any changes to your address and/or bank account details. Where mail is returned "gone no address", or bank accounts are closed, Datacom will make reasonable efforts to try to locate you. If you cannot be located, your annuity may be suspended until contact is re-established.

G	government
S	superannuitants
A	association

Wellington Branch Financial Report Financial Performance Year ending 31/3/2021

2020	2021	
\$	\$	Income
31,953	30,821	Subscriptions (deducted GSF)
1,460	1,344	Subscriptions (deducted NPF)
1,709	1,577	Subscriptions (paid direct)
4,425	1,400	Functions
1,166	963	Interest
0	1,847	HK Branch Support
40,713	37,952	income
		Expenditure
5,412	3,173	Functions
1,026	1,193	Communications
2,649	2,629	Newsletter
2,237	2,828	Governance
1,408	1,048	Committee expenses
21,745	24,986	Remuneration
3,417	2,736	Office function
500	500	Review
0	1,315	Centenary expenses
140	3,271	Equipment
26	43	General
38,560	43,722	expenditure
2,153	-5,770	surplus (deficit) for year

stationery, recruitment, postage.

Meal subsidy AGM & Wairarapa meeting meeting travel and morning tea.

Rent, power, cleaning, security (shared cost).

2020	2021	Financial position as at 31 March 2021
\$	\$	
62,550	64,703	Accumulated funds 1 April 2020
17,740	17,345	ST Funds
1,069	772	RSC Funds
2,153	-5,770	Surplus (deficit)
83,512	77,050	Total Funds
		Represented by
		Assets
36,950	30,659	Cash account
45,000	45,379	Term deposits
81,950	76,038	Total cash/bank
1,562	572	Accrued interest
500	500	Payment in advance
0	440	Cent Book Stock
84,012	77,550	Total Assets
		less liabilities
500	500	Review Fee
83,512	77,050	Net Assets

Signed:

Secretary



J Brennan

Chairperson



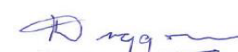
Michael Smith

I have reviewed the financial statements above for the year ended 31 March 2021.

A review is limited primarily to enquiries of branch personnel and an analytical review of compliance with policy and procedures as applied to the financial data. I have not performed an audit and accordingly I do not express an audit opinion.

On the basis of my review, nothing has come to my attention that causes me to believe that the above financial statements do not give a true and fair view.

Reviewer



Annual General Meeting and Luncheon* – Wednesday 26 May 2021

I/We shall be attending the AGM lunch at the Petone Working Men's Club, 47 Udy Street, Petone.

The AGM will begin at 11.00 am.

Guest Speaker: Tony Hamilton, GSA President.

Names(s) _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Email _____

Please tick if using free bus. Bus will depart from **platform 9 Wellington Railway Station at 10.20am.**

Please tick for MacKenzie Trust Extra Help Request. You will be contacted.

Number attending _____ \$20 per member/ \$34.50 per guest. Please pay \$ _____ by either:

Direct credit account 38 9014 0085421 00. **Quote name, annuity number and the reference AGM**, or:

I will bring \$ _____ to the meeting in an envelope marked with the above highlighted details.

AND then return this slip the Branch Secretary GSA Wellington branch at PO Box 11993, Manners Street, Wellington 6142 by Wednesday 19 May 2021

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Mid- Winter Luncheon – Thursday 29 July 2021

I/We shall be attending the lunch at James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor, 147 The Terrace, Wellington.

Lunch to be served at 12noon, Mix & Mingle from 11.15am.

Guest Speaker: Bill Day, Chief Executive Office of Children's Hospital

Name(s) _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Email _____

Please tick for MacKenzie Trust Extra Help Request. You will be contacted.

Number attending _____ \$30.00 per member/\$34 per guest. Please pay \$ _____ by either:

Direct credit account 38 9014 0085421 00. **Quote name, annuity number and the reference MIDY**, or:

I will bring \$ _____ to the meeting in an envelope marked with the above highlighted details.

AND then return this slip the Branch Secretary GSA Wellington branch at PO Box 11993, Manners Street, Wellington 6142 by Thursday 22 July 2021

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Wairarapa Luncheon* – Thursday 23 September 2021

I/We shall be attending the lunch at the Masterton Club Inc, 98 Chapel Street, Masterton 5810.

Lunch to be served at 12noon.

Name(s) _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Email _____

Please tick for MacKenzie Trust Extra Help Request. You will be contacted.

Number attending _____ \$20.00 per member/\$30 per guest. Please pay \$ _____ by either:

Direct credit account 38 9014 0085421 00. **Quote name, annuity number and the reference MAST**, or:

I will bring \$ _____ to the meeting in an envelope marked with the above highlighted details.

AND then return this slip the Branch Secretary GSA Wellington branch at PO Box 11993, Manners Street, Wellington 6142 by Thursday 16 September 2021

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* Please note a smorgasbord meal will be provided as before with cost subsidised by the Branch.