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Chair
Mike Smith

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Vacant

2022 Council Delegates
Ian Clunies-Ross

2022 Council Observers
Nil

Secretary
Catherine Chang



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Branch Committee

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

Life Members

Virginia Breen, Marie Byrne, Peter Chambers, Bruce Kelly, Gray Nelson, 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 at the Petone Working Men's Club, 47 Udy Street Petone at **11 am on Wednesday 15 June 2022** followed by a luncheon. This will be subject to Government restrictions relating to Covid that are applicable at the time.

The Club is a Covid Vaccination Certificate (CVC) venue and all staff and guests to the Club must be fully vaccinated.

NB The Vaccine Passes of those attending our luncheon will be checked upon arrival at the Club.

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 you wish to receive the papers but have no email address, please contact the branch Secretary by **1 June 2022** for the papers to be picked up at the meeting. Please also advise the Secretary by **1 June 2022** if you have any special dietary requirements.

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 **Wednesday 8 June 2022**.

Annual Report

It is a pleasant task to present the 101st Annual Report of the Wellington Branch of GSA which covers the year ended 31st March 2022.

Now that we are becoming more accustomed to living in our new COVID world it is notable how flexible we all can be in adapting to this environment. The Branch remains strong financially and we were able to achieve most of our social plans during the past year.

The 2021 AGM was held at the Petone Club and was well attended. The Committee consists of Ian Clunies-Ross, Kevin Duggan, Elizabeth Smaal, Bryan Whisker, Alan Peck, Kay Monks, Ray Woolhouse and Suzanne Holgate. Peter Chambers did not seek re-election and our thanks goes to Peter for the loyal and consistent effort he provided as part of the committee. The position of Deputy Chair remains vacant.

At the AGM we were honored to be addressed by Tony Hamilton our National President, prior to partaking in a very enjoyable lunch.

In July our mid-winter luncheon was held at the James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor and those present were informed and entertained by our guest speaker Bill Day, Chair of the Wellington Hospitals Foundation on the trials and achievements of building the soon to be completed Children's Hospital.

Once again, we were restricted by COVID regulations and were forced to cancel our proposed visit to Masterton to provide Wairarapa members with an update on happenings within our organization. National Office were also affected by restrictions and were unable to hold the annual Council Meeting in September 2021.

Fortunately, the Branch Christmas luncheon went ahead as planned in November at Te Marua Golf Club and this was well attended. Bus transport was provided to enable members from Wairarapa and Wellington to attend and we are grateful to the Mackenzie Trust for covering the cost of bus hire. The venue proved to be very suited for our function and a memorable meal was enjoyed by those present.

In December our Secretary Jirayu Brennan resigned her position with us to take up a full-time government appointment. We are sad to lose such a capable person but wish her every success in her new environment. We have now been fortunate to engage Catherine Chang as our Secretary and Catherine is proving to be very capable in this role.

Welcome Catherine.

The branch committee met regularly throughout the year and continues to use the system of subcommittees for policy, finance, social and

recruitment matters. This works well enabling members to focus clearly on the issues at hand. Special thanks for all involved as you make a great contribution towards the efficient running of our branch.

As reported last year, the Wellington branch regularly provides some administrative assistance to the Horowhenua/Kapiti branch on a cost neutral basis and this is continuing smoothly for both branches.

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

Comparison	2021 31 March	2022 31 March	Change
Annuitant	2,489	2,352	-137 (-5.5%)
Annuitant spouse	1,390	1,335	-55 (-4.0%)
Surviving spouse	740	688	-52 (-7.0%)
Pre-annuitant	133	130	-3 (-2.3%)
Pre-annuitant spouse	106	105	-1 (-0.9%)
Total	4,858	4,610	-248 (-5.1%)

The loss of our members is always sad but in November Janice Campbell passed away. Janice was a committee member and Deputy Chair of this branch and went on to become National President of the GSA. She was well liked for her friendly and efficient manner and is the only woman to have held presidency of the GSA. Our sincere condolences go to her husband, Colin Macintosh who also held office as a committee member of this branch. Condolences are expressed to Bill Robertson whose wife passed away in March. Bill was a long-standing executive member, past president and recently retired from the board.

Finally, please note the call for nominations for Branch Committee, Deputy Chair, and Chair for the 2022/2023 year. Consider becoming an office holder in our organisation.



Mike Smith
Chair Wellington Branch

Mid Winter Luncheon:

This luncheon will be held at the **James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor on The Terrace on Thursday 28 July at 12noon**. Mix and mingle from 11.15 am. Members are encouraged to use public transport as the hotel is easily accessed from Lambton Quay via the lifts in James Cook Arcade opposite the main ANZ Bank on Lambton Quay. Take the lift to the hotel foyer followed by an internal lift to Level 17 where the luncheon will be held. If, for mobility reasons, you require a hotel parking please note this on the booking form so that this can be arranged for you. Please contact the branch Secretary by **11 July 2022** if you have any special dietary requirements. Members and spouses \$35 pp. Guests (non-members) are welcome, \$40 per guest.

Wairarapa Luncheon:

This luncheon is planned for **Thursday 22 September 2022 at 11am** at the Masterton Club, 98 Chapel Street, Masterton, covid willing! Please contact the branch Secretary by **5 September 2022** if you have any special dietary requirements. As this is considered a governance meeting, the luncheon is subsidised by the branch. The cost to members attending is \$20 pp. Non-members \$30 pp.

2022 Christmas Luncheon:

We plan to hold our Christmas luncheon on **Thursday 24 November**. Details will be provided in our October newsletter but in the meantime please note this date in your diary. Do join us.

Attendance at Social and Governance Functions A Reminder

The Wellington Branch organises four outings per year – two are social: mid-year lunch and the Christmas function. The other two could be classed as governance (working) meetings i.e. AGM and the September Wairarapa meeting. The meals at functions may be subsidised – therefore members 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 have to be provided to the caterers. In exceptional cases, refunds will be assessed by the committee.

The Mackenzie Trust How we may help you

The Mackenzie Trust was established in 2017 with the objectives of providing assistance with travel to enable those who would like to attend GSA Wellington Branch functions but are unable to do so because of lack of support, declining health, reduced mobility or other like reasons. Currently the Trust covers the cost of buses hired for transport to functions.

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", someone will contact you.

Wellington Branch Railway Social Club Mid-Winter Luncheon

Our mid-winter luncheon will be held on Wednesday 11th May 2022 at Petone Working Men's Club. Cost \$15 per person. Cash only payable at the door, please have correct money.

Please be seated by 12 noon.

For bookings, please contact Ray Woolhouse, (a/ph. 04 973 8158). Bookings are essential and must be made at least two days before the function. Late bookings cannot be accepted.

Former employees of Railways and any GSA members wishing to attend our functions will be most welcome.

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



Wellington Branch Accounts

As at 31 March 2022

Statement of financial performance

	Budget for 2021/22	Actual to 31 March
Income	\$	\$
Subscriptions GSF deducted	36,601	36,545
Subscriptions NPF deducted	1,596	1,516
Subscriptions direct	1,872	2,211
Functions	5,700	4,169
Interest	653	761
Cent Book Sales	0	0
HK Branch Support	3,450	3,493
income	49,872	48,695
Less expenses		
Functions	8,370	6,940
Governance	1,125	606
Newsletter	3,000	2,215
Recruitment Material	1,000	220
Printing & stationery	1,000	982
Telecommunication	700	693
Branch Committee expenses	1,500	1,064
Branch Operation and Service	0	869
Wages	27,000	29,682
ACC Levy	0	76
Cost of Cent Book sales	0	40
Rent Paid	3,200	2,583
Electricity cleaning etc	0	109
External Assistance	0	60
General	200	13
Donation	0	500
Office function	0	0
Review of accounts	500	500
expenditure	47,595	47,152
surplus (deficit)	2,277	1,543

Statement of financial position

	Equity	\$
Accumulated funds 1 April 2021		58,933
Surplus (deficit) less income tax		1,543
ST Funds		16,869
RSC Funds		427
		77,771
Represented by		
Assets		
Current account		32,424
Term deposits/investments		45,552
Accrued interest		1,079
Account receivable		384
Payments in Advance		0
Stock on Hand		360
Total Assets		79,798
Less Liabilities		
Creditors		0
Accounts Payable		2,027
Total Liabilities		2,027
Net assets		77,771

Social functions	\$
Income received	4,169
Expenditure paid	6,940
Excess (deficit) for the year.	(2,771)

Signed:

Secretary



Catherine Chang

Chairperson



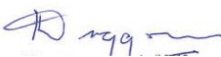
Michael Smith

I have reviewed the financial statements above for the year ended 31 March 2022.

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



Kevin Duggan

April 2022

Annual General Meeting and Luncheon* - Wednesday 15 June 2022

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

The AGM will begin at 11.00 am.

Name(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, someone will contact you.

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 to the Branch Secretary GSA Wellington branch at PO Box 11993, Manners Street, Wellington 6142 by **Wednesday 1 June 2022**

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Mid- Winter Luncheon - Thursday 28 July 2022

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.

Name(s) _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Email _____

Please tick for assistance with hotel parking, someone will contact you.

Please tick for Mackenzie Trust Extra Help Request, someone will contact you.

Number attending _____ \$35.00 per member/\$40.00 per guest. Please pay \$ _____ by either:

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

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Wairarapa Luncheon* - Thursday 22 September 2022

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

Lunch to be served at 11am.

Name(s) _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Email _____

Please tick for Mackenzie Trust Extra Help Request, someone will contact you.

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 to the Branch Secretary GSA Wellington branch at PO Box 11993, Manners Street, Wellington 6142 by **Monday 5 September 2022**

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