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HAWKES BAY BRANCH NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2022

Welcome to the April 2022 edition of the HB Branch Newsletter.

2022 Annual General Meeting

Annual General Meeting and Mid Year Function

Venue: Ocean Suite, East Pier Hotel, 50 Nelson Quay, Napier

Date: Thursday 19 May 2022

Timing: 11:00am Refreshments and socialising
11:30am AGM
12:00pm Lunch

Cost: \$20.00 per person (This is the cost after the branch subsidy has been applied)

Who is welcome: Members, spouses, partners and friends

Guest Speaker: GSA President Tony Hamilton

To confirm your attendance please contact our Secretary/Treasurer, Desmond Sullivan:

Email: hawbay@gsa.org.nz

Phone: 835 1948

Payment: Pay at the door with cash or prior to the day via internet banking as follows:

Account Name: HB Government Superannuitants

Account Number: 38-9009-0663063-01

Please include your 'surname' and 'AGM' in the Particulars & Reference fields.
Cheques cannot be accepted because our bank no longer accepts these.

AGM Agenda

Agenda items for the AGM include the Branch Annual Report, election of the committee for the 2022/2023 year, the branch financial report, approval of last year's AGM minutes and general business, if any.

The Financial Report will be distributed at the AGM. The minutes of the AGM held on 20 May 2021 are attached below.

Committee

After some 13 years on our committee, Rob Brangwin has decided not to stand for re-election this year. Rob also spent about 5 years as a member of the GSA Board, standing down at the last Board elections.

Also not standing for re-election to the committee is Ian Ritchie.

The committee would like to thank both Rob and Ian for the valued contribution they have made to our branch.

With both Rob and Ian not standing for re-election to the branch committee we again find ourselves nearing the minimum committee member numbers required by the GSA Constitution. The consequence if our committee numbers fall below the minimum number stated in the Constitution is that we risk being amalgamated with another branch, most likely Gisborne, Lake Taupo or Manawatu.



Please consider standing for election to the committee.

It does not take much time, approx. 2 hours every two or three months. We don't want to be amalgamated with another branch. **Contact our Secretary if you would like to volunteer.**

Also consider standing for the Chairperson and Vice-Chair positions. Our current Chairperson, John Swinburn, is happy to stand for re-election as Chairperson but he has now been in the role for three years and is cognisant of our local policy whereby the Chairperson rotates at least every two years.

From our Chairman

Our membership continues to support our activities by attendance at the AGM and Christmas functions. The branch has an excellent record for the % of members who turn out to our functions. This is even more creditable with the challenges that Covid presents. Your willingness to participate in more social activity is appreciated and at the AGM we will present a proposal to you.

The branch and committee continue to be privileged to have Marjorie Thomas who is a member of the GSA's national board of governance and a member of the Branch committee. AS stated elsewhere in this newsletter Rob Brangwin is not seeking to be re-elected to either our branch committee or the GSA Board. We acknowledge and thank him for his 13 years of service on our committee and 5 years on the GSA Board on your behalf.

Member services: Secretary Des Sullivan assists members as required and when additional and special assistance is required the requests are referred on to our National Office.

Minutes of the 73rd Annual General Meeting
Government Superannuitants Association – Hawkes Bay Branch
Ocean Suite, East Pier Hotel, Napier
20 May 2021 at 11:30 am

1. **Welcome:** The meeting was opened by John Swinburn, HB Committee Chairman, with a welcome to all attending. The Chairman asked that all movers and seconders of motions state their names for the Secretary to record in the minutes.
2. **Attendance and Apologies:** 40 members attended the meeting. Apologies were received from the following 5 members:

Dee Hibberd	Ian Ritchie
Philip Schmidt	Jo Wright
Dave Halliday	

Motion: That the apologies as read be accepted.

Moved - Marjorie Thomas, **seconded** – Yvonne Whittle - Carried

3. **Bereavements:** The meeting stood for a moments silence in memory of those who have passed away since the last AGM.
4. **Minutes of the Last Meeting:** The minutes of the 72nd AGM had been circulated to all members in the April 2021 newsletter and were therefore taken as having been read.
Motion: That the minutes of the 72st AGM held on 3 December 2020 be confirmed as being accurate.
Moved – Yvonne Whittle, **seconded** – Bob Denby - **Carried**

5. **Matters Arising:** Nil

6. **Branch Annual Report:** The Branch Annual Report was read by the Chairman.

Motion: That the Branch Annual Report as read be adopted.

Moved – John Swinburn, **seconded** – Desmond Sullivan – **Carried**

7. **Finance Report:** The Financial Statements and Treasurers Report had been circulated to all members with the April Newsletter. The Secretary told the meeting that the reviewer had requested a small number of changes to the coding of some transactions which meant the figures in some categories published in the newsletter would change. The changes did not affect the bottom line. The changes had been completed and the financial statement returned to the reviewer for final approval.

Motion: That the Financial Statements and Treasurers Report be approved and adopted subject to final sign off by the reviewer.

Moved – Desmond Sullivan, **seconded** – John Swinburn - **Carried**

8. **GSA Board Report:** Rob Brangwin spoke to the meeting about the current Board activities covering the following topics:
 - Electronic voting due to the Covid-19 pandemic
 - Branches having difficulty finding committee members and amalgamation of branches as a result.

- Branch Health Survey.
- COLA decision would be in this year's Government Budget.
- Board sub-committees
- GSA History Book

9. **Election of Officers:** The following nominations were confirmed and the members duly elected:

Position	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
Chairperson	John Swinburn	Marjorie Thomas	Lynnaire Nugent
Vice-Chairperson	Dave Halliday	Desmond Sullivan	John Swinburn
Committee	Marjorie Thomas	John Swinburn	Ian Ritchie
Committee	Maree Harris	Lynnaire Nugent	Dave Halliday
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Committee	Rob Brangwin	Dave Halliday	Maree Harris
Committee	Desmond Sullivan	Ian Ritchie	Rob Brangwin
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10. **Election of Reviewer:** The Committee recommends George Best as Reviewer.

Motion: That Gerald Best be appointed Reviewer

Moved - Desmond Sullivan, **seconded** – John Swinburn – **Carried**

11. **General Business:** There was no General Business

12. There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 11:50 am

The above minutes are confirmed

Signed:

J Swinburn
Chairman

Date: