



BAY OF PLENTY

NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2024

Chair: Darryl Bellamy

Vice Chair: Vacant

Committee: Ken Crosswell, Jeannie Johansson, Anke Hermannsdorfer, Anne Cato and Barbara Wade.

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2024 AGM LUNCHEON

Our AGM was held on the 29th of May 2024 at the Tauranga Citizens Club 13th Avenue Tauranga at 11am. Our Guest Speaker was Dan Allen-Gordon, Regional Manager, Graeme Dingle Foundation. Plus, our Board Area Liaison Person Michael Law. While our numbers were down by previous Luncheons those who attended we thank you and hope you enjoyed the day. As our numbers were down, we had to go downstairs and order our Lunch. As I walked around the room talking to members, all seemed to be enjoying the fellowship of other members.

2024 CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

This will be held on the 27th November 2024 at the Oaktree Restaurant RSA Greerton.

We will be having a guest speaker and hopefully our Board Liaison person will be in attendance to speak to us all.

CHAIRMANS REPORT:

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I would like to think that when you reflect back on what you have just read in my chairman's report that there are very few issues that you were not already aware of. One of our key goals and tasks is to ensure that you have access to committee meeting agendas, and committee tasks and detailed and succinct minutes of those meetings – all of which are accessible in a timely manner.

In addition to that, Jeannie Johansson, continues to plan, prepare, and deliver very effective and well attended area meetings to those of you in our outlying towns in the Coromandel and Western Bay of Plenty.

Jeannie and I attended the National Council meeting held in Wellington on 7 & 8 September. The meeting followed the traditional format but focussed on Branches developing a robust and achievable annual plan covering the 2024-25 financial years. There was also an open discussion on the need to transfer surplus funds from branches to National Office. While no formal process for change was agreed, I expect further discussion will need to be had in the near future.

Elections for board members were not required as nominations exceeded resignations. Michael Law our Liaison Officer did not stand for re-election but at the time of writing this, our new Board Liaison member is John Beckham.

In April this year we acknowledged the passing of our Deputy Chair - John Ladd. Due to my absences in 2023, John was very active in the role and for that we were extremely grateful.

Jeannie's suggestion to have a gathering of Branch Secretaries preceding the National Council meeting was adopted and was held on 6 September and was planned and run by Lyn Buxton, the GSA Executive Officer. From the feedback I have received, it was considered a huge success.

Driver Licencing for seniors

Even though the traffic in Tauranga is becoming more and more challenging to drive in, car ownership is still vitally important for our personal wellbeing. It gives us freedom to visit friends and family, gets us to medical assistance, can take us to places where public transport does not service.

People are living longer and driving for longer and as cars get smaller and more affordable to run, we must have a good understanding of the “how and when” we must review our driver’s license.

The New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) has a very good web site advising you of all you need to know. This can be accessed at <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/driver-licences/renewing-replacing-and-updating/renewing-for-seniors/>

If you cannot access it from your computer or device, call or visit The Automobile Association in Devonport Road, Tauranga or Vehicle Testing New Zealand (VTNZ) in 9th Avenue or 1 Kereiti St, Mt Maunganui (visible from Hewletts Road.

I look forward to seeing you at our Christmas function.

Darryl Bellamy

Chair

Tauranga.

AREA ACTIVITIES:

Places the Committee visited after Council in September 2024, were Thames morning Coffee at a local Church Rooms, Whangamata Luncheon at the Whangamata RSA, Waihi an afternoon gathering at the local RSA, Whakatane Luncheon in the Lyceum Club Rooms, due to the secretary having Influenza the meeting was cancelled; however, another date is being arranged. I would like to thank those members for being so understanding. Whitianga luncheon at the Mercury Bay Club. All of these visits were very successful.

These visits were done by the Secretary. We will continue to do these meeting again in 2025. Hopefully in late September and early October 2025.

We will email and post flyers out to all members in the respective areas with dates and times. Our committee feel these meetings are important and all members who can attend will benefit from discussion after Council meeting and get a chance to ask questions.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON 27th November 2024 at 11.30 am for meeting followed by Guest Speaker then Lunch.

Please reply to the Secretary by email or Mobile if you are attending.

Please advise by the 22nd of November please.

THE COST WILL BE \$20.00 per person

Direct credit account 03 0435 0458010 00 quote name in the reference.

Or bring \$..... to the luncheon in an envelope with name (s and reference Luncheon

All replies are to the Secretary by email bayofplenty@gsa.org.nz or phone 0211106990.

VENUE CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

27th NOVEMBER 2024

Time 11.30am

OAKTREE RESTAURANT

1237 Cameron Road, Greerton Tauranga

There is plenty of parking at the back of the RSA