



Newsletter
Lake Taupo Branch
24 September 2024

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**2024 End of Year Meeting,
Xmas Morning Tea and Members Function
St Pauls Union Church Lounge
172 Tamamutu St
Date Thursday 28 November 2024
Time: 10.30am**

Programme

- 10.30am Introduction and Welcome to Members
Chairperson's Report on the Annual Council Meeting.
Update from Alan Peck Board Representative for Lake Taupo.
- 11.45am Social time with morning tea and light refreshments.

Branch Activities

Your Branch Committee has met on one occasion since the Annual General Meeting on 27 June 2024. This meeting was on 22 August 2024, to discuss the 2024 Council Meeting and the 2024 Xmas Function. The National Newsletter discusses any current policy items.

Chairperson's Report

Well, the year really went fast for me and I expect for you all. It was a quiet year in the GSA, though, but I must congratulate all those members who came to our AGM. We had to cancel the first attempt; not only did we not have enough for a quorum but the Bridge Club cancelled at the last moment and we had nowhere to go. Eventually we found REAP rooms and our President in Wellington – Alan Straker – sent out a letter to all branch members to inform them of the new venue. It was great to see a lot of new members attend the AGM, in fact our Branch had the highest percentage of members at an AGM this year, well done.

Council was quite a quiet event but we had a lot of discussion between branch delegates and a very informative talk from Ireen Muir – the head of Annuitas. One thing that was of interest to all members was that if you have a Power of Attorney it is good to send a copy of the record to Datacom so that they can put it in your file for future record. Another thing that was again talked about was membership of spouses. Please, please think about joining them up as members – and then telling

them they are members. It is surprising how many have no idea that the annuitant has signed them up – it is so important that we know who the widow/widower is when the annuitant dies. The other thing is – if you change address, email or phone number, please let Datacom and your secretary know. You would be surprised how many letters were returned from the letter sent out in May.

So on that note I hope to see as many of you as possible at the end of year function. As you will see we are now only having a morning tea as there are so few coming to these events. To those of you who are unable to attend, I wish you all a Happy Christmas and all the best for the New Year.

Christmas Function

This year the Committee will be running three raffle draws for Prezzy Cards.

Diana Pye
Chairperson

To enable the Committee to establish the numbers attending for catering would you please advise of your attendance by Friday 22 November 2024.

Name's.....

Please email the Secretary at crowesroost@xtra.co.nz or phone (07) 378-6627.

