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★ **CHAIR**

★ Mike Smith

★ **Deputy Chair**

★ Ian Clunies-Ross

★ **Secretarial (Acting)**

★ Kay Monks & Mike Smith

★ **Wellington Branch Committee**

★ Kevin Duggan, Kay Monks, Bryan Whisker, Ray Woolhouse, David Scott, Desmond Sullivan, Mike Woods, Paul Franken and Edgar Spark.

★ **Wellington Life Members**

★ Virginia Breen, Peter Chambers, Gray Nelson, Bill Robertson, Mike Smith, Peter Stewart, Terence Stock, David Thorp, Bryan Whisker, Priscilla Williams, Ray Woolhouse, Ian Clunies-Ross, Dallas Elvy, Ian Swift and Elizabeth Smaal

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★ **A Message from The Chair**

★ The 2024 AGM for the Wellington Branch was held at the Petone Working Men's Club on 25 June 2024 attended by over 50 members.

★ It was pleasing to welcome Desmond Sullivan, Mike Woods, Paul Franken as new members to the committee in addition to the return of all members of our 2023 team.

★ Roger Openshaw - Board Member and Branch Liaison Officer addressed the meeting and gave an informative address on the importance of supporting our organisation to protect our annuity.

★ The annual mid -winter luncheon was held at the Angus Inn Lower Hutt in July and our guest speaker was Kay Walker from Age Concern. Kay gave an entertaining and informative address on the services provided by that organisation and the work done to assist people in maintaining a good quality of life.

★ The National Council meeting for 2024 was convened in September and a report on this is contained in the October 2024 Annuity Newsletter.

★ The annual luncheon was held at the Masterton Club in September for the purpose of keeping our Wairarapa members connected and informed of progress within the GSA.

★ The Wellington Branch committee wish all members, friends and family a happy and enjoyable holiday season.

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# Christmas Luncheon 2024

The Wellington Branch Christmas luncheon this year will be held at The Te Marua Golf Club on Tuesday 19 November 2024, commencing at 11.30am with 'mix and mingle' followed with lunch.

A **free bus** to depart from Wellington Railway Station at 10am for Te Marua.

Pick-ups at Waterloo Station, (eastern side) and Upper Hutt are available if requested.

The bus will return, departing TeMarua after the function at approx. 2.30pm.

Bookings for the luncheon and bus are essential and can be made to Kay Monks, Acting Branch Secretary, no later than 12 November 2024 either by phone: **022 061 1423** or

email: **[wellington @ gsa.org.nz](mailto:wellington@gsa.org.nz)**

When booking, please indicate that payment for the lunch will be made either by a direct credit payment or cash on the day as detailed below.

If you will be making use of the free bus, please advise the Secretary and indicate where you will board it. Should you require any additional help with transport, please contact the Secretary.

The luncheon cost is \$30.00 per member, spouse or partner and \$40.00 per person for friends.

- Payment can be made to direct credit account **38 9014 0085421 00**. (Quote name, annuity number and the reference **Xmas**)
- Or cash at the door. If paying by cash, please bring the correct amount in a self-named envelope as giving change is difficult.

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## Wellington Railway Social Club

The next Wellington Railway Social Club luncheon will be held on Wednesday 6 November 2024.

Venue – The Petone Club commencing 11.45am.

The Petone Club has recently changed its catering arrangements and it is now difficult to make a prior booking for informal groups such as ours. If you are intending to join us for lunch, please contact Ray Woolhouse (ph. 04 973 8158) at least two days before the event.

Food of your choice can be ordered on an individual basis from the Club Menu on the day.

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## Horowhenua/Kapiti Branch Christmas Luncheons

The Horowhenua/Kapiti Branch has kindly extended an invitation to Wellington Branch members to attend the following functions hosted by that branch.



★ **Levin Function:** Thursday, 14 November 2024 commencing at 11:00 am in the Hudson Room,  
 ★ Levin Cosmopolitan Club Main Road, Levin  
 ★ Guest speaker: Ted Melton, Horowhenua Crime Camera Trust.

★ **Waikanae Function:** Wednesday, 20 November 2024 commencing at 11:00am at the Plateau  
 ★ Function Centre, Pukeko Street, Parkwood Village off Ngarara Road, Waikanae  
 ★ Guest speaker: Brittany Ryan, Nga Manu.

★ Each function is \$20.00 per head and registrations can be made by contacting John Laursen,  
 ★ phone **02144 5115**.



**The McKenzie Trust**  
*How we may help you*

★ The McKenzie Trust was established in 2017 for the purpose of helping 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.

★ The Trust assists by providing free transport to our branch functions and several members availed  
 ★ themselves of this benefit during the year. This is a big help to those members who have difficulty  
 ★ with transport and our thanks once again go to the Trustees for this benefit.

★ If you, or someone you know, would like to attend any GSA function, but need help with transport,  
 ★ please contact the Secretary.



**Membership**

★ In the event of an annuitant predeceasing a spouse or partner, it is a security requirement that the  
 ★ surviving spouse or partner complete an application to join GSA before Datacom will commence  
 ★ deductions of the membership fee. This applies irrespective of whether the party has previously  
 ★ been recorded in our Association database.

★ Your contact details are important to us and require continuous review especially with people  
 ★ migrating from landlines to cell phones or the changing of address.

★ Please inform us of your email address, phone number and address changes – just make a phone  
 ★ call or send an email to our Secretary so we can update your records in our system.

★ It is Important that you also notify Datacom of any changes. For security of the scheme Datacom  
 ★ will need to verify with you that the information given is genuine.



**FOR YOUR DIARY**

**WELLINGTON BRANCH**

**Christmas Lunch**

Date Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>. November 2024

Te Marua Golf Club

**RAILWAY SOCIAL CLUB**

**CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

Date Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>. November 2024

Petone Working Men's Club

**Horowhenua/Kapiti Branch**

**CHRISTMAS LUNCHEONS**

Date Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>. November 2024

Hudson Room, Levin Cosmopolitan Club Main Road, **Levin**

**And**

Date WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup>. November 2024

Function Centre, Pukeko Street, Parkwood Village off Ngarara  
Road, **Waikanae**

**WELLINGTON BRANCH**

**AGM 2025**

Date Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>. June 2025

(to be confirmed in April 2025 newsletter)