

**Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting  
of the Horowhenua/Kapiti Branch of  
The Government Superannuitants Association of NZ (Inc)**

Held at the Otaki RSA, 9 Ruakawa Street, Otaki  
On Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 11.00am

**1. Opening Remarks**

- a) The Chairperson Jeff Taylor welcomed the 30 attendees and thanked them for their support. He also welcomed the Ian Clunies-Ross, GSA Board liaison with Horowhenua/Kapiti branch. Apologies were noted.
- b) The meeting observed a minute's silence for members who were deceased since the last AGM.
- c) General business additions – there were no additional items raised.

**2. Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting (as distributed)**

The meeting resolved to take the minutes of the last meeting as read and confirmed as a true record.

- a) Matters Arising. There were no matters arising.

**3. Branch Annual Reports**

- a) Chairperson's Annual Report. The report, which had been previously circulated, noted the challenges posed by Covid, and outlined changes to the Branch committee arrangements. John Laurenson has agreed to take over as secretary following the departure of David Ballantyne to Wellington. The Chair noted that the branch had recently entered into an agreement with the office of the Wellington branch to deliver some of our Treasurer's functions, relieving our long-serving Treasurer, Paul Gardner of these duties. Paul's committed and diligent service to the branch was acknowledged.

It was moved and seconded that the Chairperson's Annual Report as printed by adopted.

*Roger Pitchforth/ Patrick Thomas*

- b) Annual Financial Report

The Annual Financial Report for the year ending 31 March 2022 was presented by Paul Gardner. The costs associated with secretarial functions have increased, as those services are now provided by Wellington Branch. The costs of functions for the past year were down as a result of Covid. Interest from the term deposits has also declined in line with interest rates. Overall, though the Branch continues to have a high level of funds (\$75,935), and the incoming committee may wish to look at returning some funds to the National Office.

It was moved and seconded that the annual accounts for the year ending 31 March 2022 be adopted.

*Paul Gardner/ Jeff Taylor*

#### **4. Election of officers**

- a) Chairperson: Jeff Taylor.
- b) Secretary: John Launson.
- c) Committee: Returning members – Paul Gardner, Edger Spark and Roger Pitchforth, Patrick Thomas.

Moved that the above named be appointed as the branch committee for 2022/23

*Roger Pitchforth/John Barnett*

- d) Auditor/Financial Reviewer:

It was resolved that Barry Cross be appointed Auditor for the Horowhenua/Kapiti Branch of the GSA for the year ending 31 March 2022.

*Paul Gardner/John Launson*

#### **5. General business**

- a) Wellington Branch Liaison. Edger Spark from the Horowhenua/Kapiti committee is now an ex-officio member of the Wellington Branch committee, and will attend their meetings for the remainder of the year. Should Edger be unable to attend another committee member will attend in his place.
- b) Membership: John Launson asked for suggestions for increasing the participation at events.

The formal business of the AGM concluded at 11.20am.

#### **6. Guest Speaker**

Jeff Taylor welcomed Ian Clunies-Ross who addressed the meeting on matters relating to the GSA Board. Key matters covered included:

- The Board and National Office personnel
- Incorporated Societies Act (5 April 2022)
- Branch Health Survey
- Amalgamation of branches policy
- Branch funds
- COLA
- Historic GSA Records – this matter was raised during the year by the Horowhenua/Kapiti branch, but has yet to be resolved.
- GSA Council meeting is set for the first weekend September. A reminder that Board nominations, Life membership, and Notices of motions are due by 7 July.
- Lastly, we are all recruiters for GSA members. Please urge people you know who are receiving the superannuation or are spouses to join the GSA. The “Safeguarding Super” publication (2020) shows us that we cannot be complacent, and must maintain a strong membership.

**The Chair closed the meeting at 11.50am**