



BAY OF PLENTY NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2025

Chair: Anke Hermannsdorfer (Acting)

Vice Chair: Vacant

Committee: Ken Crosswell, Jeannie Johansson, Darryl Bellamy, Anne Cato and Barbara Wade.

Area Representatives: Waihi Bernie Ellmers, Whangamata Bob and Robin Smith

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Dear Members,

My name is Anke Hermannsdorfer and I am the acting Chairperson of the BOP branch. Our previous Chairperson resigned and to keep the branch going I offered to act as Chairperson until the AGM.

Now we only have 5 Committee members plus our secretary. We do need more committee members, especially someone who is prepared to take on the role of Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson. So please think about it before the AGM.

The main responsibilities of the Committee are to attend about 5 meetings per year, where we are discussing membership numbers and how to increase them, finances i.e. produce a budget for our branch, get information about what has been decided in Head Office and at Board meetings and plan our branch activities. Those activities are the Christmas luncheon, AGM and visits too further away BOP subbranches, from Whitianga to Whakatane. Most of this is handled very efficiently by our Secretary Jeannie, the day-to-day finances are our treasurer Ken's resort.

Now we seem to be the only branch that does visit the further away branches, where Jeannie spoils the members with morning or afternoon tea and also gives them the latest information and the opportunity to ask questions. Due to the distances, it is not an option for many of them to come to the AGM and Christmas luncheons in Tauranga.

At our twice-yearly meetings we normally have a speaker who might spark our interest in something new (do you remember the Keep fit exercises?) or inform us about things going on around us (i.e. Dingle foundation). If you have any suggestions or can think of an organisation or topic that would be of interest to most of us, please contact Jeannie.

Being “only” a spouse member, it took me quite a while to get my head around the GSF and NPF schemes (there is a very informative book. Written for the Centenary called “Safeguarding Super“, there are also FAQs on the GSA website which cover many queries).

The sad thing is, with the schemes being closed to new members, we are all getting older and membership numbers are reducing. Therefore, it is very important for the spouses to become members as well and keep our numbers and representation up. So that there are a few of us left to remind the Government, if needed, that we have a right to our pension as we / our spouses paid a portion of our / their wages into those Government guaranteed schemes.

Too many alliances, rules and values, thought to be here forever, seem to be changing now. This makes it even more important for us to remain vigilant and look after our friends’ and fellow members’ interests and to ensure continuation of GSA and pensions.

Wishing you a flu free autumn and winter
Anke Hermannsdorfer

2025 AGM LUNCHEON

Our AGM will be held on the 28th of May 2025 at the Tauranga Citizens Club 13th Avenue, Tauranga at 11.00am. Our Guest Speaker is Tanya Smith General Manager, Age Concern Tauranga. We will also hear from our Board Representative Mr John Beckham. John is also the Chairman for the Southland Branch of GSA. We do hope that you can come along and support our members with the functions we put together twice yearly.

Any apologies for the meeting please forward to the Secretary Jeannie.

We desperately need your help, we need volunteers for our committee, we will have no Chairperson unless someone comes forward for this position. We will be looking for nominations for Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, and of course committee. We have 5 meetings a year plus the AGM and Christmas Luncheon. It is important that we get members coming forward to take up these positions or the Branch would go into recess. We do not want that to happen. If you can help on our committee, please call our Secretary Jeannie for information: Phone 0211106990

AREA ACTIVITIES:

Again, this year we will be visiting our Area towns, Thames, Whitianga, Whangamata, Waihi and Whakatane. These dates have not yet been confirmed; however, it will be late September early October 2025. We will be sending out emails to all members closer to the time.

GSA AGM 28th MAY 2025 at 11.00 am for AGM, Board Liaison Person then followed by Guest Speaker then Lunch.

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

Please advise by the 23rd of May 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

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VENUE AGM LUNCHEON

28th MAY 2025

Time 11.00am

TAURANGA CITIZENS CLUB

13TH AVENUE, Tauranga

BOP GSA BRANCH AGM MINUTES HELD 29th MAY 2024

VENUE; TAURANGA CITIZENS CLUB 13TH AVENUE TAURANGA

Meeting opened at 11.29 am

Welcome: The Chair D Bellamy welcomed members and their partners, and Micheal Law Board liaison Officer.

Apologies: Shirley Waid, Shelia Forrest, Bob and Robyn Smith (Whangamata), Ann McCaw John and Coleen Burns, Ruth Wilkinson, Ann Prendeville, Diana and Allen Ward, Bernard Bowen (Thames), Steve and Helen Ross (Waihi Beach), Ruth Cowan, Diana Barriball, Stan Walton, Jean Salmons and Joy Marks.

Moved by J Johansson that the apologies be accepted,
Seconded Graham Needham Accepted

Obituary: Chair D Bellamy asked for a Minutes silence in respect of all members who had passed in the last year Also mention of our Vice Chair Mr John Ladd who passed away in April.

Minutes of the 2023 AGM: These were circulated with the April 2024 Newsletter and were taken as read.

Moved by Darryl Bellamy that these minutes were a true and correct record of the 31st May 2023 AGM Minutes.

Seconded: Ron Salmons Accepted

Matters Arising from the Minutes: There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

Annual Report from Chair Darryl Bellamy: This was reported in the Branch News that went out in April.

Moved by Jeannie Johansson that the Chairman's report be accepted.

Seconded: Ken Crosswell Accepted

Financial Report: This report was circulated with the Branch news in April.

Ken Crosswell spoke to the financial report.

Ken Crosswell moved his report be accepted.

Seconded Ron Salmons. Accepted

Honorary Reviewer: Mr Warren Haddrell has accepted for the 2025 year.

Election of Offices: Chair D Bellamy called for nominations for Chairperson.

Jeannie Johansson nominated Darryl Bellamy for the position of Chairperson.

Seconded Leone D'Ott.

D Bellamy stood down and Micheal Law took the Chair and called for any further nominations for Chair.

There were no further nominations for the Chair, therefore Darryl Bellamy was elected as Branch Chair for the 2024 - 2025 year. Accepted.

The Chair D Bellamy called for nominations for Vice Chairperson.

There were no nominations for this position.

Election of Committee Members:

The list of members standing for committee were read by Chair D Bellamy.

No further nominations came from the floor.

The members standing for committee are as follows:

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

The Chair moved they be accepted: Seconded Leone D'Ott Accepted

General Business: There was no general business.

Closure: Chair D Bellamy declared the 2024 AGM Closed at 11.49am

Following the meeting our guest speaker was introduced by Darryl Bellamy.

Dan Allen-Gordon Reginal Manager for the Bay of Plenty Graeme Dingle Foundation.

Dan talked about the programmes they run with in schools and the achievements that the young students go on and achieve. With a lot of them coming from troubled back grounds. I am sure Dan could have spoken for much longer but unfortunately; we were rather pushed for time. Chris Graveson thanked Dan for his time and dedication to the cause with our youth of today.

We then heard from Micheal Law who spoke on the future of the GSA.

We then all retired downstairs to the Bristo Bar to order our lunch.

We had 4 lucky door prizes which were won by Ron Salmons, Darryl Bellamy. Warrick Buckham and one other person who unfortunately I did not get the name.

Branch Secretary Jeannie Johansson 28/05/2025

Chair: Mr Darryl Bellamy

Date: 28/05/2025

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Secretary: Mrs J Johansson

Date: 28/05/2025

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Bay of Plenty GSA Branch Financial Statement

31 March 2025

Financial performance (Income & Expenses)

	31-Mar-24	31-Mar-25
Income		
Subscriptions received GSF	11229.00	12,732.47
Subscriptions (received NPF	656.99	699.74
Subscriptions (annual)	205.4	208.00
Function monies received	2030.00	1,520.00
Interest received	3256.55	2612.36
Total Income	\$17,377.94	\$17,772.57
Expenses		
Functions	8,645.68	5759.41
Communications	700.00	
Newsletters	1534.14	1,296.30
Bank Charges	12.35	7.98
Printing & Stationery	1,264.17	613.89
Telecommunications		517.00
Reviewer	100.00	100.00
Technology	175.30	1210.16
Branch Committee Expenses		3,367.00
Branch Mileage		1,898.91
General	2000.00	
Total Expenses	\$14,431.64	\$14,770.65
Surplus or Deficit for the year	\$2,946.30	\$3,001.92

Financial Position (Balance Sheet)

	31-Mar-24	31-Mar-25
Accumulated funds 1st April (previous year)	\$60,914.47	\$63,860.77
Distributions paid		-\$20,000.00
Surplus/Deficit (current)	\$2,946.30	\$3,001.92
Total (Accumulated Funds current)	\$63,860.77	\$46,862.69
Represented by		
Assets		
Cash account	15,806.90	\$16,443.97
Savings account		
Term deposits	\$48,053.87	\$30,418.72
Total cash/bank	\$63,860.77	\$46,862.69

Signed

R. B. Crosswell
A. Hermanns

Treasurer

Chairperson