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## HAWKES BAY BRANCH NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2025

Welcome to the April 2025 edition of the HB Branch Newsletter.

### 2025 AGM & Luncheon

#### **2025 AGM & Luncheon**

Venue: Ocean Suite, East Pier Hotel, 50 Nelson Quay, Napier  
Date: Thursday 15 May 2025  
Timing: 11:00am Refreshments and socialising  
11:30am AGM  
12:00pm Lunch  
Cost: \$25.00 per person (This is the cost after the branch subsidy has been applied)  
Who is welcome: Members, spouses, partners and friends  
Guest Speaker: Michael Fowler, Author & Hawkes Bay Historian  
**To confirm your attendance please contact our Social Director, Stan Simmonds:**  
Email: [shazastan@gmail.com](mailto:shazastan@gmail.com)  
Phone: 06 844 1232  
Payment: Pay at the door with cash, **please ensure you have the correct amount**, or;  
Pay prior to the day via internet banking as follows:  
Account Name: HB Government Superannuitants  
Account Number: 38-9009-0663063-01  
Please include your 'surname' and 'AGM' in the Particulars & Reference fields.

### Email Address

If you have recently acquired new skills on the computer and now have a email address or you have recently changed your email address, please advise our Secretary/Treasurer of your address so he can update the members database. Just email your name to [hawbay@gsa.org.nz](mailto:hawbay@gsa.org.nz). from your email address.

### Branch Committee

Your current branch committee members are:

Chairwoman: Geraldine Travers

Vice Chairman: Stan Simmons

Committee: John Swinburn, Maree Harris, Lynnaire Nugent, Keith Simes and Peter Williams.

The Secretary will be happy to put you in contact with any Committee member. The Secretary's contact details are at the top of this newsletter.

### **Expressions of Interest**

Because our current Secretary/Treasurer has moved to Wellington and is performing the role from there, the committee is seeking expressions of interest from any branch member with the necessary skills who might be interested in fulfilling the Secretary/Treasurer role. If you are interested in learning more and what is involved contact our current Secretary/Treasurer, Desmond Sullivan on the number at the top of the first page.

### **Social Director**

Our Vice Chair, Stan Simmonds has taken over the role of Social Director from the Branch Secretary. In this role Stan will be responsible for organising all Branch functions.

### **Pen Portrait – Committee Member Peter Williams**

I was trained as a Primary School Teacher in Wellington from 1950-52 and retired in 1989 after 40 years unbroken service. On completing my BMus degree I became HOD Music at Naenae College in 1963 and HOD Music at Napier Boys' High School from 1966 till 1975 when I became Music Tutor from 1975 till 1989 at the newly established Hawke's Bay Community College - now Eastern Institute of Technology - where I ran music classes and holiday courses both in Napier and throughout Hawke's Bay, while conducting the Napier Civic Choir and the H B Regional Orchestra. I was given a Civic Award from the Napier City Council and a QSM from Queen Elizabeth in 2005.

I wrote Music Reviews for the Napier *Daily Telegraph*, and then *Hawke's Bay Today*, for 54 years and a fortnightly Music Page for 50 years, was Local Representative for Trinity College, London for 28 years, taught the piano privately, was involved in the H B Branch of the Institute of Registered Music Teachers for many years and was National President for a term, and I play the organ every Sunday at the Methodist Church in Napier.

I have four children, lived in Napier before moving to Frimley Village in Hastings in 2017 where I now live, when my late wife, Valerie, was in care in Colwyn House in Hastings.