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Branch Newsletter

Waikato-King Country Branch

April 2025

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A warm greeting to all members in our Waikato-King Country Branch.

2025 BRANCH CALENDAR

Our first members' event is the AGM on 29 May in Hamilton. Later in the year, on 18 June, we will also host in Hamilton a Coffee Morning with a guest speaker. On 17 September we will host another coffee morning to receive a report on the GSA's National Council. Our Christmas lunch will be held on Friday, 28 November. In our regional towns, we will host lunches and a general information meeting in Matamata on 24 September, in Cambridge on 1 October, and in Taumarunui on 30 October. We will also host a morning tea in Otorohanga on 29 October and an afternoon tea in Te Kuiti on 30 October.

AGM AND LUNCH HAMILTON, 11 AM WEDNESDAY, 29 MAY, 2025,

(The Annual General Meeting is usually brief)

Hamilton Contract Bridge Club

20 Richmond St

For transport, ring/leave message for John Cameron) Ph 027 473 5950

Please fill in and return the tear-off form at the bottom of page 4

JUNE COFFEE MORNING (NO CHARGE)

Speaker to be advised

Wednesday, 18 June – 10 AM to 12 Noon

Hamilton Contract Bridge Club

20 Richmond St

POST-COUNCIL COFFEE MORNING (NO CHARGE)

Wednesday 17 September, 2025 – 10 AM to 12 Noon

Hamilton Contract Bridge Club

20 Richmond St

Our popular coffee gatherings enable us to mix socially at no cost. If you wish to attend either event, please advise our Branch Secretary, John Evered (email waikatokc@gsa.org.nz; Phone: 0800 888 4720).

REGIONAL LUNCHES AND COFFEE MEETINGS

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ADVANCE NOTICE: CHRISTMAS LUNCH

HAMILTON, FRIDAY, 28 November

Hamilton Workingmen's Club,

46 Commerce Street Frankton.

Full details will be in our October newsletter.

REGIONAL LUNCHES AND COFFEE MEETINGS

Our regional events continue to be very successful. In 2024, we added a new event: a morning tea in Otorohanga. We are holding that event again in 2025.

Members are especially invited to bring spouses and/or partners. Members may also bring along potential members such as friends who receive Government Superannuation (or National Provident Fund) but who are not yet members of our Association.

Note: Most of these events will be held before our next newsletter. We will write to and/or email all members living near the venues well before the event.

Matamata: 12 Noon (Lunch), Wednesday, 24 September,
RSA, Ngaio St

Cambridge: 12 Noon (Lunch), Wednesday, 1 October,
Cambridge Cosmopolitan Club, 88-94 Burns St.

Note: The Cambridge and Matamata are catered events that require a minimum registration.

Otorohanga: 10:15 AM (Morning Tea, No Charge) Wednesday, 29 October,
Fat Kiwi Café, 10 Te Kanawa St., Otorohanga.

Taumarunui: 12 Noon (Lunch), Thursday, 30 October,
T&D Women's Club, Miriama St.

Te Kuiti: 3:30 PM (Afternoon Tea, No Charge) Thursday, 30 October,
Stoked Café, Te Kuiti

Live outside these towns? No Problem. Regional events are open to all members. If you live outside the above towns, but would like to attend an event, please contact our Branch Secretary two weeks in advance.

WAIKATO-KING COUNTRY BRANCH 2025 AGM AGENDA

10:30 AM for 11 AM Start, Wednesday, 29 May 2025

Welcome: Members and spouses, especially honorary life members

Period of silence: To remember members who have passed away since the last AGM

Apologies

Approval of the minutes of the 2024 AGM

Matters arising from the minutes

Annual Report: Joan Currie (See next page of this newsletter)

Financial Report: John Evered (To be circulated at the meeting)

Address by GSA Representative

Elections: Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Committee

Appointment of Reviewer of accounts

Presentations to retiring committee members

General business

Lunch

Waikato King-Country GSA Branch Annual Report For Year Ending 31 March 2025

What a summer we have had. I am not sure that I remember so many hot days and nights. A warm welcome to all new members and a hearty hello to all who have attended meetings and presentations in Hamilton and around our regions, including, of course, this AGM.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Although the bulk of our committee has remained the same, we have been pleased to welcome David Cumming into the mix. I am sure that as he gets to know us better, he will be an active member of your committee.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Again, we had a most memorable lunch at The Conservatory within the Hamilton Workingman's Club. Because of other functions, parking was an issue. We will attempt to avoid clashes in the future.

COUNCIL MEETING (GSA NATIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE)

Held in early September, Council was well attended by all branches. Discussions included minor changes to the constitution: the removal of the word "Welfare" (The GSA is not a welfare organization) and an amendment to quorum numbers in order to make it easier for smaller branches to hold an AGM. The Board comprises:

President	Alan Straker (Marlborough)
Vice President	Sandra Gusscott (Auckland)
Members	Robert John Beckham (Southland)
	Tony Gooding (Canterbury)
	Anne Gover (Southland)
	Roger Openshaw (Manawatu)
	Alan Peck (Wellington)

Ireen Muir (Annuitas) gave a very enlightening talk on the workings of that group. Annuitas Management is joint venture company owned by the GSF and the National Provident Fund (NPF). It serves the GSF Board and NPF trustees and manages policy issues and service agreements. Datacom administers the scheme. It employs 23 dedicated staff whose sole role is to work with GSF and NPF inquiries and payments. The GSF has \$5 Billion in investments; the NPF has a further \$2 Billion. Ireen emphasized the importance of members keeping Datacom up to date with any changes to relevant, personal details. She recommended that members provide Datacom with copies of legal documents, including power of attorney and any documentation that relates to a partner or spouse. She couldn't stress this enough. Further, she also reminded us that neither Datacom/GSFA nor the GSA will ask for a member's bank details.

REGIONAL MEETINGS

We hold five a year in late September and early October: Cambridge, Matamata, Otorohanga, Taumarunui and Te Kuiti. Although attendance fluctuates, it is always great to report back to our 'out of town' members.

MID YEAR MORNING TEA

We had a most interesting talk this year from Ross Hargood who chairs the Waikato Regional Theatre governance trust. He enlightened us on the workings of the new theatre being built Victoria St. Due to be completed later this year, it will be a great addition to the City. Ross also noted that the project is on budget.

MEMBERSHIP

The latest figure we have as at 1 February 2025 is 1164. To streamline and reduce the costs of distribution of newsletters etc., we need to update our records regularly. If you have an email address but are unsure if we have it, please send a short email to Waikatokc@gsa.org.nz. We also need cell phone numbers. John Evered our secretary will be only too happy to action any changes to your details in the GSA membership database.

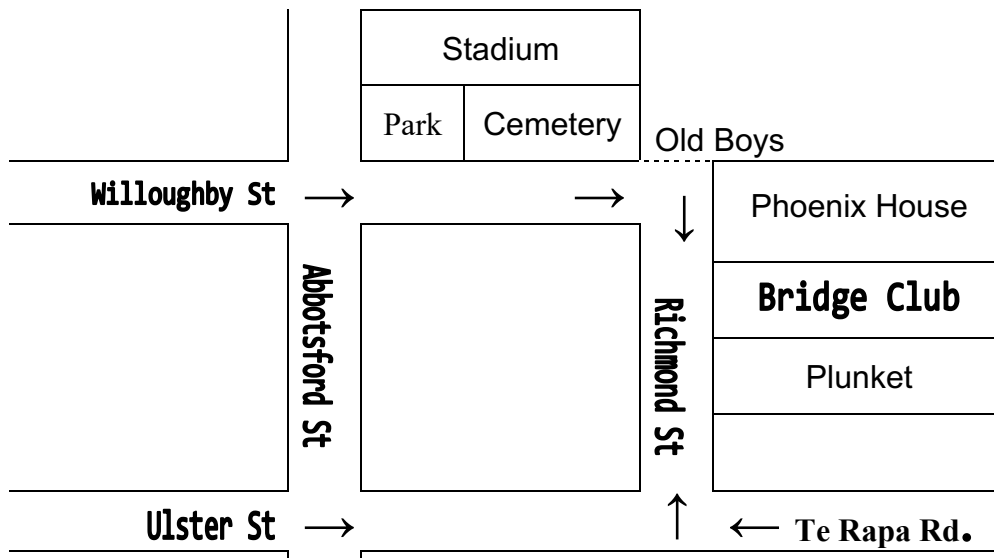
To close I would like to say that I have enjoyed my time as Branch Chair and look forward to being a soldier again. At the AGM my tenure will end and I will be handing over the reins to John Cameron who will, I am sure, carry on the good work.

Joan Currie
Chair

Waikato-King Country Branch, NZ GSA (Inc)

Venue for the AGM/LUNCH 11am, Wednesday, 29 May, 2025

Hamilton Contract Bridge Club, 20 Richmond St.



From South: (1) Go North on Anglesea St, go straight on Willoughby St, turn **right** into Richmond St.
or: (2) Go north on Victoria St, veer left on to Ulster St, turn **left** into Richmond St.

From North: Go South on Te Rapa Rd, go straight on Ulster St, turn **right** into Richmond St.

Parking: Plenty of off-street parking in front of, and behind, the Bridge Club building.

Reply to AGM/Lunch invitation

(You may decide to come to the AGM but not stay for lunch. This is fine – just turn up on the day and no money is payable.)

Please reply by 19 May by selecting one of the following two options:

- Fill in the reply slip and post it to: The Secretary (P. O. Box 482, Hamilton 3240). Please allow at least 10 working days for mailed RSVPs; or
- Email your response, including dietary requirements, to: The Secretary (waikatokc@gsa.org.nz). **Note:** The deadline for email RSVPs is also 19 May.

Payment:

- Make a direct payment to the GSA Waikato-KC bank a/c (see below); or
- Arrange with John Evered to make a cash payment on the day

The Secretary, GSA Waikato-King Country, P.O. Box 482, Hamilton 3240

Email: waikatokc@gsa.org.nz

Phone: 0800 888 472

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I/We will attend the AGM/Lunch No attending: _____ @ \$15.00 = \$ _____

Name(s) (for name tags):

Special dietary requirements

Payment - tick the appropriate one: ☐ Cash on the day ☐ Direct Payment

