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WANGANUI BRANCH

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This meeting is to be held at the Wanganui East Club, Wakefield Street, Whanganui on Thursday 29th May 2025 at 11:15.

Order of Business

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the 24th Annual General Meeting
4. Matters arising from the minutes
5. Annual Report – prepared by the Chairman and attached to this newsletter.
6. Financial Report
7. Election of Officers and the Committee.
8. General Business.

The Committee has arranged to have the meeting and lunch at the Wanganui East Club as usual. We expect to have a meal likely to have a choice of two meats or battered fish with a range of hot vegetables or cold salad. A limited selection of desserts will be available at an extra cost to members. We expect that the club will serve a quality meal as usual, promptly and in a pleasant atmosphere.

The meal cost will have a subsidy by Branch as determined by GSA policy guidelines and the cost to attending members will be \$20 payable on arrival at the door. A range of beverages will be available at the bar at the end of business, at member's individual cost.

Members – please tell your GSA friends and **RSVP to Marian Barclay Phone 06 343 2789 or email jmbarclay10@gmail.com**. You can also pass apologies to Marian, including to her answer phone; your reply will be acknowledged so please leave your contact details.

The National Office continues to mail out our newsletters; with this notice, please mark the date in your calendar. This is your chance to gain more information about the workings of GSA, meet your committee and other members and friends.

If you have an address change please inform DATACOM directly Freephone 0800 654 731, email gsf@datacom.co.nz and GSA National 04 472 7006 email gensec@gsa.org.nz.

Attached on opposite side – Chairs Report

Wanganui GSA Branch Chair Report for the AGM 29 May 2025

It was great to receive some good news during these hard financial times. The inflation (cost of living) adjustment to our annuity from 1 April was very welcome. I am forever grateful to those members of our organisation who helped inflation proof the superannuation scheme in the late 1970s. With their lobbying, our annuity has steadily increased in value and spending power.

This reminds me of the importance of our organisation. The GSA fought for over 100 years to both maintain and improve the benefit to keep the scheme relevant and a worthwhile addition to our annual income. Check out the website – www.gsa.org.nz.

Organisations such as GSA can only function effectively if members are prepared to support them by being prepared to volunteer for committees, working groups etc.

Our local Wanganui Branch has functioned well over the years, due to a number of dedicated members who are prepared to give their support and knowledge by serving on the local Branch committee.

A new Committee will be elected at our upcoming AGM. I hope that most, if not all, current members will be available for election but we also welcome new faces. The Branch Committee meets 3-4 times a year, mainly to organise our two general meetings, agm and Xmas meeting and prepare for the annual National Council meeting in September. The Committee plan to have a meeting in Bulls this year to allow local Bulls and Marton members normally unable to attend Wanganui meetings to meet the Committee and discuss any issues.

There needs to be a quorum of at least 20 members for the AGM or 5% of the total Branch Membership for a valid agm (Clause 8.10 of the GSA Constitution), whichever is the smaller. I hope for the usual good turnout of members at the 2025 AGM. I would be extremely disappointed to see our Branch follow a couple of others in having to merge with another Branch due to a lack of local support. We need to retain our autonomy and meet in our own city. YOUR support is vital to maintain our local organisation.

The National Board Liaison member Alan Peck, will be attending the AGM. He can also answer questions regarding the scheme and the organisation

Please note our Almoner is Marian Barclay. Please contact Marian 06 343 2789 or Secretary John Granville – johnnerg@gmail.com if you are aware of any members unwell, or who might need some assistance.

Our Xmas meeting was well attended and enjoyed. I hope to see another well-supported AGM in May.

Special thanks to the 2024/2025 committee: Robin Paul (Deputy Chair), John Granville (Secretary/Treasurer), Marian Barclay (Almoner), Jan Katene & Deborah Hipango.

Trevor Hall Chairperson