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## Newsletter Wellington Branch April 2025

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### Branch Committee

Ian Clunies-Ross, Kevin Duggan, Kay Monks, Bryan Whisker, Ray Woolhouse, David Scott, Desmond Sullivan, Julia London, Mike Smith, Mike Woods, Paul Franken and Edgar Spark.

### Wellington Life Members

Virginia Breen, Peter Chambers, Bill Robertson, Elizabeth Smaal, Mike Smith, Peter Stewart, Terence Stock, Ian Swift, David Thorp, Bryan Whisker, Priscilla Williams, Ray Woolhouse, Ian Clunies-Ross, and Dallas Elvy

## Annual General Meeting

All members are cordially invited to the Annual General Meeting at the Petone Club, 47 Udy Street Petone at **11 am on Tuesday 24 June 2025** followed by a luncheon.

Registration to attend the AGM and luncheon is essential and can be made to the Secretary no later than **10 June 2025** by e-mail [wellington@gsa.org.nz](mailto:wellington@gsa.org.nz) or phoning 022 061 1423.

Meeting papers will be distributed at the meeting.

The luncheon cost is **\$20** per members and spouses/partners and **\$35** for non-members/friends. Payments can be made by direct credit to **Government Superannuitants Assn Wellington Branch (38-9014-0085421-00)**. Please quote your name, annuity number and reference **AGM**.

A free bus is available departing Platform 9 Wellington Station at 10am and returning after the luncheon (approx. 2pm). Prior registration for the bus must also be made by contacting the Secretary.

For the Wellington Branch to go on and prosper, we need members to step up and become office holders. Nomination can be made before or at the AGM.

Details of other social functions planned for 2025 are contained elsewhere in this newsletter.

## Annual Report 2025

On behalf of the Wellington Branch GSA Committee, I welcome members and visitors to the 2025 Annual General Meeting.

There was a pleasing result of our calls asking members to step up and help with day-to-day operations to achieve the aims of our organisation.

Last year 53 people attended the AGM and the following team was elected as office holders: Chair Mike Smith, Deputy Chair Ian Clunies-Ross and Committee Members Kevin Duggan, Bryan Whisker, Ray Woolhouse, Paul Franken. Kay Monks, Mike Woods, Julia London and Edgar Spark (Kapiti Branch rep.)

Kevin Duggan will be leaving the committee this year as he and his wife are moving to Hawkes Bay. Kevin has for many years served as either treasurer or reviewer for the branch finances and his expertise and knowledge in this area will be greatly missed.

In November we were pleased to welcome the return of Catherine Chang, our Branch Secretary/Treasurer, to her role following her return from a period of leave of absence. During her absence her duties were covered by Kay Monks and myself and my thanks go to Kay for helping with this task so efficiently.

Branch finances continue to be in a healthy position but as expected our membership continues to decline as time takes its toll, however this is within line with other branches. During the year the Committee met on six occasions and held four social functions including the AGM and the luncheon at Masterton. We also had reciprocal invitations from the Horowhenua/Kapiti Branch to attend functions organised by that Branch.

Our functions were well supported by members and it is planned to repeat this schedule again this year with the assistance of the MacKenzie Trust. The Trust willingly provide funds for buses as required and without this help, such a convenience may not be possible.

I have held the office of Branch Chair for the last four years and have decided not seek nomination for the position this year. There are people with ample experience amongst us and I feel confident that now is the right time to hand the baton on.

I am willing to continue serving on the Branch Committee and I thank all who have given me support during my term.

**MIKE SMITH**  
**BRANCH CHAIR**

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## Mid-Winter Luncheon

The mid-winter luncheon will be held at the West Plaza Hotel, 110 Wakefield Street Wellington on 22 July 2025. There will be a "mix and mingle" at 11.30am followed by the luncheon at 12.30noon.

**Prior bookings for the luncheon are essential and can be made by contacting the Secretary at [wellington@gsa.org.nz](mailto:wellington@gsa.org.nz) or by phoning 0800 88 472 no later than 8 July 2025.**

The cost of the meal is \$35.00 for members and spouses/partners and \$50.00 for non-members and friends.

**Payment** can be made by direct credit to **Government Superannuitants Assn Wellington Branch** account 38 9014 00 85421 00. (Quote name, annuity number

and the reference MIDI) or cash at the door. If paying by cash, please bring the correct amount in a self-named envelope as giving change is difficult.  
A free bus to the venue and return is available departing Upper Hutt Railway Station at 9.30am with intermediate stops at Waterloo and Petone if required.

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## Wairarapa Luncheon

This luncheon will be held at the Masterton Club, 98 Chapel Street, Masterton, on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>. September 2025 commencing with a short meeting at 11am. This is a governance meeting and the luncheon will be subsidised by the Wellington Branch accordingly. The cost is \$20 for members and spouses/partners and \$40 for non-members and friends.

**Prior bookings for the luncheon are essential and can be made by contacting the Secretary at [wellington@gsa.org.nz](mailto:wellington@gsa.org.nz) or by phoning 0800 88 472 no later than 9 September 2025.**

**Payment** can be made by direct credit to **Government Superannuitants Assn Wellington Branch** account 38 9014 00 85421 00. **(Quote name, annuity number and the reference MAST)** or cash at the door. If paying by cash, please bring the correct amount in a self-named envelope as giving change is difficult.

A free bus to the venue and return is available departing Wellington Railway Station at 9am with intermediate stops at Petone, Waterloo and Upper Hutt if required.

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## Attendance at Social Functions

When registering for functions detailed in this newsletter, please inform the Secretary whether you will be taking advantage of the free bus to our function, you must register with the Secretary. Please also advise of any special dietary requirements you may have.

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## Wellington Railway Social Club

The next Wellington Railway Social Club luncheon will be held on Wednesday 9 July 2025.

Venue – The Naenae Bowling Club  
25 Vogal Street Naenae, commencing 12 noon. Please note the change in venue.

The Bowling Club is approximately a 10-minute walk for Naenae Rail Station. Ample parking is also available off Vogal Street.

Food of your choice can be ordered on an individual basis from the comprehensive Club Menu on the day.



Please contact Ray Woolhouse, Wellington (ph. 04 973 8158) by 6 July 2025 as knowing numbers attending helps with the organisation of the function.

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## 2025 Christmas Luncheon

The Wellington Branch Christmas Luncheon will again be held at Te Marua Golf Club. Date – Tuesday 18 November 2025 Further detail of this function will be contained in the Wellington Branch newsletter to be published in October 2025. Please diary this date.

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## **Contacts for annuity matters**

### **GSF enquiries**

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## **Wairarapa Members!**

The committee is updating the contact details for the Wairarapa members. If your contact details have changed, please email Julia at [Julia.london@actrix.co.nz](mailto:Julia.london@actrix.co.nz) or phone 027 239 4343.

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## **\$ Entitlements Unclaimed \$**

The GSFA (Government Superannuation Fund Authority) is endeavouring to locate former public service employees who are unaware the Authority is holding money they contributed in the past.

### **Who are they?**

Most likely they are those people who were members of the Government Superannuation Fund but left the public service to work elsewhere, e.g. in the private sector and may now have retired.

If you are acquainted with anyone who may be in this situation, please convey this notice to them.

For further details, please contact Datacom (Government Superannuation Fund) at 04 470 6348 or 0800 654 731 or [gsf@datacom.co.nz](mailto:gsf@datacom.co.nz)

Or for further information, please contact GSA Wellington Secretary at 022 061 1423 or [wellington@gsa.org.nz](mailto:wellington@gsa.org.nz)

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## **The Mackenzie Trust (How we can help you)**

The Mackenzie Trust was established in 2017 with the objectives of providing travel assistance to enable those who would like to attend GSA Wellington Branch functions but are unable to do so because of lack of support, declining health, reduced mobility or other similar reasons. The Trust assists by providing free transport to our branch functions which is a big help to members who have difficulty with transport. Our sincere thanks to the Trustees for this important assistance.

If you, or someone you know, would like to attend any GSA function, but need help with transport, please contact the Secretary.

***FOR YOUR DIARY***

**WELLINGTON BRANCH AGM**

Date Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>. June 2025

Petone Club

**RAILWAY SOCIAL CLUB**

**MID-WINTER LUNCHEON**

Date Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>. July 2025

Naenae Bowling Club

**WELLINGTON BRANCH**

**MID-WINTER LUNCHEON**

Date Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>. July 2025

West Plaza Hotel

**WAIRARAPA LUNCHEON**

Date Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>. September 2025

Masterton Club

**WELLINGTON BRANCH CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

Date Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>. November 2025 Te Marua Golf Club

*Details of this event will be published in the October 2025 newsletter.*