



BAY OF PLENTY

NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2024

Chair: Darryl Bellamy

Vice Chair: John Ladd

Committee: Shirley Waid, Ken Crosswell, Jeannie Johansson, Anke Hermannsdorfer, A Cato and Barbara Wade.

Area Representatives: Thames, Waihi Bernie Ellmers, Whangamata Bob Smith, Whakatane and Whitianga

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2024 AGM LUNCHEON

Our AGM will be held on the 29th May 2024 at the Tauranga Citizens Club 13th Avenue Tauranga at 11am. Our Guest Speaker will be Dan Allen-Gordon, Reginal Manager, Graeme Dingle Foundation. plus, our Board Area Liaison Person Micheal Law.

CHAIRMANS REPORT:

It seemed only a short time ago that I penned a Chairs Report referencing the upcoming general elections. Since that time, we have had the elections, navigated the highs and lows of Christmas and are preparing to celebrate Easter in a way we believe appropriate. But what hasn't changed in that time is our need to continue to mitigate the inevitable loss of membership and to ensure our Branch can remain viable as per the predications made. Since the last report our membership has decreased by 73 to 1402. Even the attractiveness of retiring in the Bay of Plenty didn't encourage any members to transfer in from other regions. Mercifully none transferred out either.

Jeannie has recognised this again and made a huge effort to visit outlying areas and not let distance from Tauranga hinder inclusiveness for outlying members. In November she organised the meetings and visited members in Thames, Whitianga, Whangamata, Waihi, and Whakatane. Her commitment to the Secretarial role has been recognised by our Liaison Officer and has sparked discussion at Council on roles, responsibilities and remuneration for Secretarial duties. This will remain a work in progress for this year with incremental changes hopefully making the current role more attractive.

In the February Committee meeting a resolution was put forward requesting the Board to consider the benefits for all Branch Secretaries to meet bi annually. This will enable National Office to develop

consistency over the national Branch secretaries and streamline the practises contained in the operations manual. The benefits for secretaries are to encourage National Office to develop consistency over the National Branch Secretaries. We await the outcome with interest.

I know I have touched on the subject of scams in the past, but since then there has been a strong push from many business to entice as many people as possible into doing all business on the internet on computers, on handheld devices such as cell phones and ridding themselves of paper, but also recognising that NZ Post will phase out mail deliveries. Unfortunately, the more we move to these methods, the greater chance scammers have to contact us and furthermore entice us to part with cash in the belief that their deals are better than bank investments. Banks recognise this and their websites have great advice on what to do to avoid being scammed. You should make every effort to access your banks website and read all the advice they give. A trusted family member can help with that if necessary.

I have checked the websites of six major banks below and they all have great links to the various types of scams and what to do to recognise and avoid being a victim.

- ANZ
- ASB
- KiwiBank
- BNZ
- Cooperative Bank
- Westpac

AREA ACTIVITIES:

Places the Committee visited after Council in September 2023, were Thames a morning Coffee at a local Church Rooms, Whangamata Morning Coffee at a local Café, Waihi an afternoon gathering at the local RSA, Whakatane Luncheon in the Lyceum Club Rooms, and for the first time Whitianga a luncheon at the Mercury Bay Club. All of these visits were very successful. Micheal Law came along to the Thames meeting and the members very much appreciated this. All other visits were done by the Secretary in 2023. At Waihi we were lucky to have Barbara Wade our committee member join myself for the meeting. We will continue to do these meeting again in 2024. Hopefully in late September and early October 2024. We will email and post flyers out to all members in the respective areas with dates and times. Our committee feel these meetings are important and all members who can attend will benefit from discussion after Council meeting and get a chance to ask questions.



AGM Luncheon 11am for meeting followed by Guest Speaker then Lunch.

I/We shall be attending the AGM Luncheon.

Name(s).....

Phone.....

Address.....

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Number Attending..... Cost will be \$20.00 per person. Please pay

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I will bring \$..... to the luncheon in an envelope with name (s and reference AGM.

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BOP GSA BRANCH AGM MINUTES HELD 31st MAY 2023

VENUE; TAURANGA CITIZENS CLUB 13TH AVENUE TAURANGA

Meeting opened at 11.20 am

Welcome: The Chair D Bellamy welcomed members and their partners,

Apologies: Shirley Waid, Athol and Diane Avery, Dorothy Seed, Stan Walton, Anita Paynter, and Wendy Ladd.

Moved by J Johansson that the apologies be accepted,
Seconded Leone O'Dott Accepted

Obituary: Chair D Bellamy asked for a Minutes silence in respect of all members who had passed in the last year.

Minutes of the 2022 AGM: These were read by the Secretary Jeannie Johansson.
Moved by Anne McCaw that these minutes were a true and correct record of the 25th May 2022 AGM Minutes.
Seconded: Ron Salmons Accepted

Matters Arising from the Minutes: There were no matters arising from the Minutes. Mr P Collins suggested that we take Previous AGM Minutes as read in the future. Noted.

Annual Report: This was reported in the Branch News that went out in April.
Moved by Chair D Bellamy that the report be accepted.
Seconded: Ray Whatmough 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 Graham Needham. Accepted

Honorary Reviewer: Mr Warren Haddrell has accepted for the 2024 year.

Election of Offices: Chair D Bellamy called for nominations for Chairperson.
Jeannie Johansson nominated Darryl Bellamy for the position of Chairperson.
Seconded Paul Chapman.

D Bellamy stood down and Ron Salmons 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 2023 - 2024 year. Accepted.

The Chair D Bellamy called for nominations for Vice Chairperson.
Jeannie Johansson nominated John Ladd for the position of Vice Chairperson.

John Ladd accepted, there were no further nominations.
Seconded Anke Hermannsdorfer Accepted.

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, Shirley Waid, Anke Hermannsdorfer.

The Chair moved they be accepted: Seconded Ron Salmons Accepted

General Business; Chair D Bellamy apologised to our Board Liaison member Michael Law for not welcoming him at the beginning of the meeting.

Michael Law spoke briefly of the Subscription Level Proposal, this is a submission of a remit to the 2023 Council for a subscription increase which, if approved by Council will take effect from 1 April 2024.

Michael spoke of the reasons behind the Proposal. Chair D Bellamy asked for a show of hands those in favour. There was a majority in favour.

Closure: Chair D Bellamy declared the 2023 AGM Closed at 11.45am

Following the meeting our guest speaker was introduced by John Ladd.

Captain Brendon Clarke from the RNZN, Brendon gave a very nice Mihi Whakatau welcome to us all, then explained in English what he had said. He then went on to talk about Operation Tiki 2022 which he was the Commander of the NZ contingent. There were 6 Nations involved in this operation in the Indian Ocean which was all about intercepting drugs.

It was a very successful operation; he showed many photos and a very interesting talk. Captain Clarke had also just received a DSD Medal of from King Charles.

John Ladd gave the vote of thanks.

Captain Clarke stayed for lunch and spoke to many of the members.

Chari D Bellamy then did 2 presentations, firstly to Ron Salmons who has retired from the committee after 23 years' service to the BOP GSA. Then a presentation the Rae and Alisa Whatmough from Ohope who had been responsible for the Whakatane Area meetings over the 10years.

Following her presentation members enjoyed some fellowship then a beautiful meal prepared by Chef Kelly and his team at the Tauranga Citizens Club.

Lucky Door prizes went to Chris Graveson, Noel; Paynter, Diane Barraball and Patricia Price.

Branch Secretary Jeannie Johansson 31/05/2023

Chair: Mr Darryl Bellamy
Date: 29/05/2024

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Secretary: Mrs J Johansson
Date: 29/05/2024
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Christmas 2023 Luncheon



**Bay of Plenty Branch
Financial Statements for 31 March (2024)**

Financial performance (Income & Expenses)	31Mar (2024)	31Mar (2023)
Income		
Subscriptions received GSF	11,229.00	11,584.06
Subscriptions (received NPF	656.99	727.21
Subscriptions (annual)	205.40	205.52
Function monies received	2,030.00	2,220.00
Interest received	3,213.41	727.46
Donations		
Other		
Total Income	17,334.80	15464.25
Expenses		
Functions	8,645.68	7,122.77
Communications	700.00	200.00
Newsletters	1,534.14	1,248.11
Bank Charges	12.35	8.17
Printing & Stationery	1,264.17	199.69
Reviewer	100.00	100.00
Technology	175.30	143.82
General	2000.00	2000.00
Total Expenses	14,431.64	11,022.56
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	2,903.16	4,441.69
Financial Position (Balance Sheet)	31 Mar (current)	31Mar (previous)
Accumulated funds 1 April (previous year)	60,896.02	56,454.69
Distributions paid		
Surplus/Deficit (current)	2,903.16	4,441.69
Total (Accumulated Funds current)	63,799.18	60,896.02
Represented by		
Assets		
Cash account	15,763.76	15,684.91
Savings account		
Term deposits	48,053.87	45,211.11
Total cash/bank	62,525.84	60,896.02
Accrued interest		
Accounts receivable		
Less liabilities		
Accounts payable		
	62,525.84	60,896.02

Signed:

Secretary

Chairperson