



Northland Newsletter

April 2024

Chairman's Update – April 2024

It's important to remember that the Government Superannuitants Association's main purpose is to protect the rights of government employees who have contributed to one of the Government's Superannuation Fund schemes (GSF) or the National Provident Fund (NPF) Defined Benefit Plan. The GSA has been the collective voice for Government annuitants since 1920.

Datacom have recently advised that the movement in the CPI (Consumer Price Index) is 4.66% and our GSF allowance will be adjusted to reflect this from 11 April. Note that from 1 April, our GSA membership fees will increase by 50 cents per annuity payment making the annual subscription \$39.00 p a.

Report back meetings last year were well attended. This year it is planned to hold, in addition to the Whangarei meeting on 17 September, two meetings on 24 September in Mangonui and Kerikeri respectively.

The Christmas luncheon was also well attended. Much interest was shown in the address by Brian Peat, President of the Retirement Villages Residents Association who was our guest speaker.

Note that the forthcoming AGM will be held at the Kamo Club on 22 May where the guest speaker will be the GSA President, Alan Straker.

Annuitants who have any questions or concerns are encouraged to make contact by phone on 0800 888 472.

Any prospective new members can join the Association by phone or online www.gsa.org.nz

Roger Barber, Chairperson.



AGM and Mid Year Function

At the Kamo Club

Wednesday May 22nd 2024

Gather at 11:00

Formalities begin 11:30

Guest Speaker will be

Alan Straker

GSA President



Christmas Function 2023

GSA Members enjoying the end of year function.



R) Presentation to Tony Hamilton acknowledging his contribution to the GSA Board.



Presentation by Brian Peat, President Retirement Village Residents Association of NZ .

A year 9 English teacher asked her class to write an essay on what they'd do if they had a million dollars.

Alex handed in a blank sheet of paper.

"Alex", asked the teacher, "why have you handed in a blank page?"

Alex smiled and said, "Because if I had a million dollars, that's exactly what I'd do. Nothing!"

Patient: Doctor, doctor, I broke my arm in two places!

Doctor: Stay out of them places!

Your current committee

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The Personal Data booklet

is designed to record a wide range of information and a completed copy of this kept in a file with your statements from Datacom will be extremely useful for a surviving spouse.

It will also be very helpful for a surviving spouse / family if your GSA six digit number is written on the front of the file.

If you don't have a booklet, or can't find it, contact your Branch Secretary at
0800 888 472.

Notes from your COMMITTEE

- ❖ There is a new caterer at the Kamo Club. The meal for the AGM will be a buffet.
- ❖ **THERE IS NO LONGER** any mail out reminder to members for Council report back meetings. Please read the next page and **MAKE A NOTE NOW** on your calendar for the September meetings.
- ❖ As always new members wishing to join the Committee are welcome. If you want to see what it's all about feel free to attend a Branch Meeting and observe.

The committee meetings for 2024 will be held at the Kamo Club at 9:30 AM
Thursday May 2nd
Thursday August 8th
Thursday October 31st

DATACOM needs to be updated about personal information changes such as change of address, phone number, email, etc. 0800654731

A pretty student comes into a young professor's office.

She gets down on her knees and pleads, "I would do anything, anything to pass this exam."

"Anything?" asks the young professor.

Dropping her voice to a breathless whisper she says, "Absolutely anything."

He drops his voice to a whisper as well, leans forwards, and asks in a hesitant voice, "Could you perhaps, if it's not too much trouble for you Study?"

Please consider receiving the Annuity News and the Branch Newsletter by email

Postage costs continue to rise so the Association is making a request to members to consider receiving our publications via email. You can do this simply by emailing us at
(northland@gsa.org.nz)

Speak to a Committee member (numbers above)

or by ringing

0800 888472 Anytime



Copies are still available for this fascinating account of the GSA over the past 100 years. This must have historical account is available at a cost of \$40 per book plus postage. Members will receive a copy signed by the author.

Don't delay. Place your order directly with National Office by email at national@gsa.org.nz or phone 04-4727006

(Draft) New Budget Year to 31.3.25		<u>Financial Performance for the year ended 31 March 2024</u>		
		Actual Year to 31.3.24	Budget Year to 31.3.24	Actual Year to 31.3.23
\$	Income	\$	\$	\$
5,730	Subscriptions GSF deducted	4,715.80	5,330	5,119
	Subscriptions NPF deducted	165.88	192	165
	Subscriptions direct	101.40	75	140
1,400	Functions Received	945	900	1,328
600	Interest Received	650.84	454	303
7,730	Total Income	6578.92	6,951	7,055
	Less Expenses			
2,100	Functions	1,581.00	1,500	2,021
1,295	Communications	1,159.83	1,175	1,082
1,075	Organisation	1,041.18	775	711
500	Office Function	500.00	500	500
200	Review of accounts	200.00	200	200
	General			
5,170	Total Expenses	4,482.01	4,150	4,514
2,560	Surplus (Deficit)	2,096.91	2,801	2,541

Financial position as at 31 March 2024

	Year to 31.3.24	Year to 31.3.23
	\$	\$
Accumulated funds 1 April	16,499	13,957
Surplus (deficit)	2,097	2,541
Distribution	-5,000	
	13,596	16,498
Represented by		
Assets		
Current Account	3,596	6,498
Term Deposit	10,000	10,000
Total assets	13,596	16,498
less Liabilities		
Accounts payable	-	-
	13,596	16,498

Notes:

\$10,000 unconditionally transferred to National Office August 2021.

\$5,000 unconditionally transferred to National Office November 2023.

Term Deposit: ANZ \$10,000; ANZ \$10,000. 6.1%. Matures 13/1/25.

As at the time the newsletter, with these reports included, was forwarded to Wellington on 2 April, the financial reports were still to be reviewed.

**2024 Council Report back meeting
Whangarei**

Tuesday September 17th

St Johns Golden Church

**147 Kamo Road. Meeting room and
parking at the rear.**

10:00 Cuppa

10:30 Report back

12:00 finish

No reply needed, just turn up.

There will **NO LONGER** be a postal reminder sent. *Please put this on your calendar now.*

**2024 Council Report back meeting
Mangonui**

Tuesday September 24th

Mangonui Memorial Hall

Waterfront Drive, opposite the wharf.

10:00 Cuppa

10:30 Report back

12:00 finish

No reply needed, just turn up.

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**2024 Council Report back meeting
Kerikeri**

Tuesday September 24th

Kerikeri St James Church Hall.

209 Kerikeri Road.

2:30 Cuppa

3:00 Report back

4:30 finish

No reply needed, just turn up

There will **NO LONGER** be a postal reminder sent. *Please put this on your calendar now.*

❖❖❖ **Mid-Year Function and AGM** ❖❖❖
Cafe and finger food

Wednesday 22nd May 2024

at the Kamo Club (Meldrum Street)

11:00 Gather and socialise.

11:30 Update on GSA matters

11:45 Branch AGM

12:00 Speaker will be Alan Straker, GSA President

12.35 You are invited to enjoy a buffet lunch.

Juice provided.

Other drinks at own expense



\$20 per person – the Branch provides a subsidy for GSA Members

If you know anyone who receives an Annuity and is not a GSA member, bring them along and as always non-GSF visitors (e.g. family) are welcome. Cost is at the non-subsidised rate - \$30 each

For the name tags:

When making your payment online please put first and last name into the details for us. If there is not enough space, or if you prefer, simply email those details through to Tony:

tah3524@gmail.com

Don't forget to let us know your special dietary requirements so we can let the caterers know.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR PAYMENT BY Friday 17TH MAY

Pay using telephone banking, internet banking, at your local Bank Branch or pay online to:

GSA Northland, 11-5000-0724650-11

Please include your name/s in the details, or email the information to
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