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## Rotorua Newsletter

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### Your committee

**Chairman:** Wayne Hall; Ph 345 3867

**Secretary:** Ian Simpson

**Treasurer:** Geoffrey Cleveland

**Committee:** Rob Grant (Life member of GSA), David Garraway, John Turner, Alan Lord

### Annual General meeting – Friday 24 May 10am

The committee welcomes you to attend the Rotorua branch Annual General Meeting on Friday 24 May, commencing at 10am at Rotorua CT Club. There will be a brief AGM. Please consider if you would like to join the committee. The commitment is not large as there are only 4 meetings in a year and jobs are shared around the friendly committee members.

Guest speaker: Rhys Burns (DOC) is the Kōkako Recovery Group leader and will tell us about current management efforts to recover kōkako in the BOP and further afield. The kokako bird can be seen on the \$50 bank note.



There will be a Lucky draw. Everyone that attends the meeting will get a FREE ticket in the Lucky draw.

Morning tea will be served (no charge).

## Chair person's report 2023 - 24

Hello Branch Members

It is my pleasure to again briefly report on our Branch activities for the past year. Covid remains with us, but we still managed a set of meetings, and the Branch's administration ran effectively, thanks to a very good committee and our Branch Secretary Ian.

The member count for our Branch as at 31 March 2023 was 337. In 2022 it was 361, a decline of 6.6%. Total New Zealand membership at 31/3/23 was 21,985, a decline of 3.9%. The breakdown of our membership at 31/3/23:

Annuitants – 177 Annuitant spouses – 99 Surviving spouses – 47 Pre annuitants – 7  
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Our financial position remains strong, despite running at a slight loss for the past financial year. We have no term deposits. We will be able to carry on with a subsidy to all our activities. This must encourage members to come when we organise a meeting. Thank you to Geoff our Treasurer and to our Auditors.

Michael Law is now our liaison person with the Board. He has kept us up to date with Board proceedings. He attends our committee meetings when he can, which is much appreciated. Michael is also a Life Member.

John and Geoff were our delegates to the September Council meeting in Wellington. Thank you for representing us. Your committee consisted of:

Wayne Hall	Chair person
Ian Simpson	Secretary
Geoff Cleveland	Treasurer
Committee	Rob Grant (Life Member), John Turner, Alan Lord, Katrin and Mark Collet

David Garraway joined the committee and the Collets transferred to Wellington. Mark and Katrin usually ran our Christmas Raffle. Thank you both for all your support.

A number of committee meetings were held at the CT Club, plus Branch meetings and the Christmas lunch in November. We had several very interesting guest speakers. Thank you to the CT Club's manager Nicole Stephens for all her efforts on our behalf. We appreciate the venue.

Our Branch remains in good shape, but we still face the issue of declining membership. I have confidence that our National Executive is aware of the issue and that planning is underway to cope with the changes. Some branches are struggling to find full committees it seems.

We have a new National President, Alan Straker from Marlborough. Alan was previously Vice President. Retiring President Tony Hamilton was in my opinion an excellent leader for our organisation. He was very helpful to our Branch when needed.

Thank you to Ian, our Branch Secretary, for "keeping the show on the road". He has done a great job with our administration. The loss of his wife Raewyn was a very sad event for those of us who worked closely with him and we were pleased to support him at her funeral.

As far as I am aware, all the current committee are carrying on. However, it would be good to have a couple of new faces to join us. Thank you all for attending our Annual General Meeting. Wayne Hall, Chairperson.