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TARANAKI BRANCH GSA NEWSLETTER

Government Superannuitants Association, Taranaki Branch: Chairman's Report: April 2024

Once more I am reporting as we come to the end of another year which has for me involved considerable distraction by family health issues.

At the 2023 Council meeting a workshop was held to look at requirements for the Strategic Plan to take the organisation into the future, as it is recognised that as membership declines and ages, the present structure will no longer be fit-for-purpose.

In following that up, the Board asked Branch Committees for their input. This was done at the Committee meeting in March. At the same meeting, the Draft Constitution, that has been produced to meet the requirements of the 2022 Incorporated Societies Act was also considered. The Committee made several suggestions that have been forwarded to our national office. Some of these relate to the Constitutional provisions for failing Branches. The Committee consider that amalgamation with a geographically adjacent Branch would fail to meet the Associations Objectives in respect of the membership of the failed Branch. It is considered that the administrative functions could be assigned to a centrally appointed Secretariat such as an expanded portfolio for the Executive Officer, or an administrator under the EO, and a local Committee responsible for more limited functions, such as arranging General meetings to be elected by the Branch.

At our Branch level, last year's AGM saw two volunteers come forward to join the Committee, and they were gratefully accepted. As a result, we have not had any problem with a quorum for the scheduled Committee meetings, and their input has been greatly appreciated. We still need new members to come forward to ensure continuity into the future, and to replace me, as I am willing to try and complete one more year only. I consider that any potential replacement should either have Chairperson's experience in a comparable organisation, or act as understudy for at least a year including attending at least one annual Council meeting. They should also be able to serve in the role for a few years, so need to be somewhat younger. Obviously, we still need new members to come forward to sustain the vitality of the Branch.

The Committee have been pleased by the numbers attending our meetings. At our Christmas meeting Bryan Hocken MNZM proved to be an interesting guest. We are aware that some members have problems hearing our speakers. The provision of a microphone for the sound system is usual, but it is difficult to judge the speaker's claims of the need, or not, to use the system, or the seats chosen by those who's hearing is not good (many of us) are best for that member's needs. Please let us know if you are unable to hear the speaker so that we can remedy the situation if possible. A speaker from Taranaki Civil Defence will be our guest at our AGM. Our Board representative, Alan Peck also plans to attend.

A Board directive has made it clear that in setting the level of subsidy for General Branch meetings the total cost of the function is the basis for calculating the 50% contribution from Branch funds. Applying these criteria will result in some increase in the cost to members for future meetings. The Committee believes that the Plymouth Hotel is still the best venue available to us for our meetings. However, we remain open to input if you should think that there is a better option.

There have at times been calls from the floor suggesting that the balance in the Branch accounts could be spent extravagantly. All our members have come from the Public Service where, I believe, honesty and integrity were requirements for recruitment. The funds in a Branches accounts are money that belongs to the Association and I will not sanction expenditure outside of the National policies for the management of those funds while I hold my present position.

Lastly, I thank the existing committee for their support, and I thank those who attend our general meetings.

Les Sharp

Chairman, Taranaki Branch.

Minutes of the 2022 AGM were taken as read. Moved Les Sharp Seconded Ian McKillop Carried

Financial Statement: Les Sharp moved, Seconded Rosalie Rangī that this be accepted Carried

Chairman's Report: Moved Les Sharp Seconded Brian O'Keeffe Carried

Election of Officers:

As there were no other nominations it was moved by Rosalie Rangī and seconded by Ian McKillop that Les Sharp be re-elected Chairman. Carried

As there were no other nominations it was moved by Les Sharp and seconded by Margaret Emo that Ian McKillop be re-elected Vice Chairman. Carried

Les Sharp moved and seconded Ian McKillop that Denyse Salisbury be nominated as Secretary/Treasurer. Carried.

The committee members Ian McKillop, Denyse Salisbury, Rosalie Rangī & Graeme Orr were appointed as the committee.

This was moved by Les Sharp and seconded by Jill McKillop Carried

A further two new Committee members were added to the committee after listening to the talk from Alan Peck on how important it was for the Branch was to have new members coming through for the Branch Committee. Sandra Weston & Judy Hanline were added to the Committee.

Moved Denyse Salisbury Seconded Ian McKillop Carried

Reviewer: It was moved by Denyse and seconded by Rosalie Rangī that Ann Hatch be elected Reviewer. This nomination was to be confirmed with Ann Hatch that she was still available for the position.

Carried

General Business:

Alan Peck the National Board Support member for Liaison Taranaki spoke to the meeting on the Board's activities.

The Board were always on the lookout for new Board members around the country.
The Board was rewriting strategies at Council meeting for future recruiting and changes to the Constitution for the new Incorporated Societies Act

He thanked our Branch for all the work being done in Taranaki.

Our Guest speaker was Dion Cowley from Hiringa Positive Energy who are developers of the Taranaki Hydrogen project.

The meeting closed at 10.50am.

Expressions of interest from members to attend a meeting/luncheon at the South Taranaki Club on August 14th. Please email, phone, or text Denyse if you are interested.

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Branch: Taranaki
Financial Statements for 31 March 2024

Financial performance (Income & Expenses)	31-Mar-23	31-Mar-24
Income		
Subscriptions received GSF	\$3,401.69	\$3,605.95
Subscriptions (received NPF	\$287.77	\$45.50
Subscriptions (annual)	\$143.00	\$39.00
Function monies received	\$1,565.00	\$1,855.00
Interest received	\$163.00	\$525.88
Donations		
Other		
Total Income	\$5,560.46	\$6,071.33
Expenses		
Functions	\$3,903.25	\$5,012.00
Communications	\$484.42	\$446.96
Organisation		
Remuneration/Honoraria	\$1,600.00	\$1,000.00
Office function		\$295.31
Financial	\$69.00	\$69.00
Income tax		
General		
Total Expenses	\$6,056.67	\$6,823.27
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	-\$496.21	-\$751.94
Financial Position (Balance Sheet)	31-Mar-23	31-Mar-24
Accumulated funds 1 April (previous year)	\$14,628.45	\$9,513.00
Distributions paid		
Surplus/Deficit (current)	-\$496.21	-\$751.94
Total (Accumulated Funds current)	\$14,132.24	\$8,761.06
Represented by		
Assets		
Cash account	\$6,132.54	\$5,501.28
Savings account		
Term deposits	\$8,000.00	\$4,000.00
Total cash/bank	\$14,132.54	\$9,501.28
Accounts receivable		
Less liabilities		
Accounts payable		

Signed:

Secretary

Chairperson

I have reviewed the financial statements above for the year ended 31 March 2024

A review is limited primarily to enquiries of Branch personnel and an analytical review of compliance with policy and procedures as applied to the financial data. I have not performed an audit and accordingly I do not express an audit opinion. On the basis of my review, nothing has come to my attention that causes me to believe that the above financial statements do not give a true and fair view

Signed

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Government Superannuitants

Name

Date: