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Branch Newsletter
Waikato-King Country
Branch
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A warm greeting to all members in our Waikato-King Country Branch.

2024 BRANCH CALENDAR

Our first members' event is the AGM on 19 June 2024 in Hamilton. Later in the year we will also host in Hamilton: a Coffee Morning with a guest speaker on 24 July; another coffee meeting on 18 September to report back on the GSA's National Council; and our Christmas lunch on 29 November. In our regional towns, we will host lunches and a general information meeting in Matamata on 25 September, in Cambridge on 2 October, and in Taumarunui on 17 October. We will also host a morning tea in Otorohanga on 11 October and an afternoon tea in Te Kuiti on 17 October.

AGM AND LUNCH HAMILTON, 19 JUNE 2024

AGM followed by Lunch – Wednesday 19 June – 11.00am

(The Annual General Meeting is usually brief)

Hamilton Contract Bridge Club

20 Richmond St

For transport, ring/leave message for John Cameron) Ph 027 473 5950

Please fill in and return the tear-off form at the bottom of page 4

JULY COFFEE MORNING (NO CHARGE)

Speaker to be advised

Wednesday 24 July – 10.00 am to 12.00 noon

Hamilton Contract Bridge Club

20 Richmond St

POST-COUNCIL COFFEE MORNING (NO CHARGE)

Wednesday 18 September – 10.00 am to 12.00 noon

Hamilton Contract Bridge Club

20 Richmond St

Our popular coffee gatherings enable us to mix socially at no cost. If you wish to attend either event, please advise our Branch Secretary, John Evered (email waikatokc@gsa.org.nz; Phone: 0800 888 4720).

REGIONAL LUNCHES AND COFFEE MEETINGS

(See Page 2 of this Newsletter)

ADVANCE NOTICE: CHRISTMAS LUNCH

HAMILTON, FRIDAY, 29 NOVEMBER

Hamilton Workingmen's Club,

46 Commerce Street Frankton.

Full details will be in our October newsletter.

REGIONAL LUNCHEES AND COFFEE MEETINGS

Our regional events continue to be very successful. This year we have added a new event: a morning tea in Otorohanga.

Members are especially invited to bring spouses and/or partners. Members may also bring along potential members such as friends who receive Government Superannuation (or National Provident Fund) but who are not yet members of our Association.

Note: All these events will be held before our next newsletter. We will write to and/or email all members living near the venues well before the event.

**Matamata: 12.00 Noon (Lunch), Wednesday 27 September,
RSA, Ngaio St**

**Cambridge: 12.00 Noon (Lunch), Wednesday 2 October,
Cambridge Cosmopolitan Club, 88-94 Burns St.**

Note: The Cambridge and Matamata are catered events that require a minimum registration.

**Otorohanga: 10.15 (Morning Tea, No Charge) Friday 11 October,
Fat Kiwi Café, 10 Te Kanawa St., Otorohanga.**

**Taumarunui: 12.00 Noon (Lunch), Thursday 17 October,
T&D Women's Club, Miriama St.**

**Te Kuiti: 3.30 pm, (Afternoon Tea, No Charge) Thursday 17
October,
Stoked Café, Te Kuiti**

Live outside these towns? No Problem. Regional events are open to all members. If you live outside the above towns, but would like to attend an event, please contact our Branch Secretary two weeks in advance.

WAIKATO-KING COUNTRY BRANCH 2024 AGM AGENDA 10.30 AM for 11 AM Start, Wednesday, 19 June

Welcome: Members and spouses, especially honorary life members

Period of silence: To remember members who have passed away since the last AGM

Apologies

Approval of the minutes of the 2023 AGM

Matters arising from the minutes

Annual Report: Joan Currie (See next page of this newsletter)

Financial Report: John Evered

Address by GSA Representative

Elections: Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Committee

Appointment of Reviewer of accounts

Presentations to retiring committee members

General business

Lunch

Waikato King-Country GSA Annual Report For Year Ending 31 March 2024

Well, that's Christmas and New Year sorted. Now we just need to roll on to Winter!!! First, a warm welcome to all new members and a hearty hello to all of those who have attended meetings, and presentations in Hamilton and around our region, including, of course, those who were at our last AGM.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Although we gained a new member on the committee, Jackie Woodland, it is with regret that we advise that Keith Wooderson (Life member) and his wife, Maureen, are in the process of moving nearer their family in Wellington. We are sad to see them leave, but completely understand the shift. We take this opportunity to thank both Maureen and Keith for their work on our committee. I am sure that they will carry on the good work further South. Keith will stay working on our committee until such time as their inevitable move.

We are always on the lookout for new committee members. It is not onerous. We meet every two months for an hour and in between share various jobs. That's not an offensive amount of time to assist us to assist members with this exceptional product, our Government Superannuation. If you have any questions about being on the committee, please do not hesitate to contact myself, Joan Currie, or our Secretary, John Evered

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Again, we had an excellent luncheon at the Hamilton Workingmen's Club in Frankton. The food was great, a few members were not completely happy with the meal. We are working with the Club to resolve those issues for 2024. Overall, it was a great day.

As I mentioned last year, as we are obliged to pay for all those who indicate that they will be attending, we need to know as early as possible if members can't come.

COUNCIL MEETING (THE GSA'S NATIONAL AGM/CONFERENCE)

Held in the second weekend of September, Council is attended by representatives from all branches. In 2023, a feature was an address by Tim Mitchell, the new CEO of Annuitas Management Ltd. Annuitas is a joint venture company established by the National Provident Fund and the Government Superannuation Fund. It provides both organisations with executive office/secretariat staff. Datacom is contracted to administer the schemes.

As at 30 June, 2023, Datacom administered just over **46,000** annuities worth, in total, just over **\$900 million** a year. Staff handle over 6,000 phone calls each year and engage actively with over 3,000 contributors. The average age of GSA members is now **82**; **40%** of those members have outlived the average life expectancy for their peer group.

At the 2023 Council, Tony Hamilton retired as President after long service at the National level. He remains on the Northland Branch Committee. No election was needed. The new Board is: President: Alan Straker (Marlborough); Vice President: Sandra Gusscott (Auckland); Members: Robert John Beckham (Southland), Anne Gover (Southland), Michael Law (Waikato/King Country), Roger Openshaw (Manawatu), and Alan Peck (Wellington).

REGIONAL MEETINGS (LUNCHEAS AND TEAS)

We will hold five events in October, just after Council. Although numbers fluctuate, it is always great to catch up with our 'out of town' members in Cambridge, Matamata, Taumaranui and Te Kuiti in order to pass on council info and to just say **HI!** This year we have added a morning tea in Otorohanga.

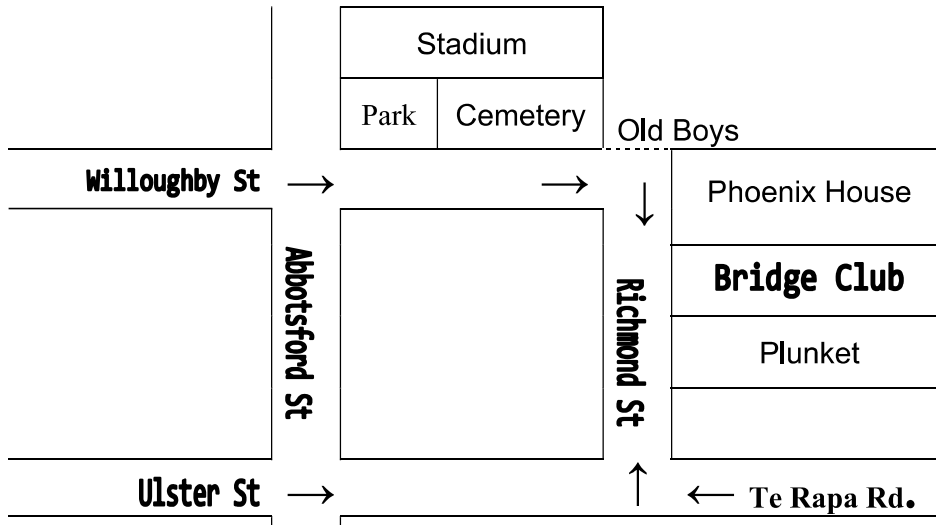
MEMBERSHIP

As at 31 March 2024, our Branch had 1,191 members. With standard postage going up to \$2.20, the GSA needs to streamline and reduce the costs of distributing newsletters etc. We also need to update our records with more accurate information. If you have an email address, but are unsure if we have your details, please drop an email to John Evered at Waikatokc@gsa.org.nz. Finally, be assured that your committee is doing all it can to keep our Waikato-King Country Branch a viable entity well into the future.

Joan Currie
Chair

Venue for the AGM/LUNCH 11am, Wednesday 19 June 2024

Hamilton Contract Bridge Club, 20 Richmond St.



From south: (1) Go north on Anglesea St, go straight on Willoughby St, turn **right** into Richmond St.
or: (2) Go north on Victoria St, veer **left** on to Ulster St, turn **left** into Richmond St.

From north: Go south on Te Rapa Rd, go straight on Ulster St, turn **right** into Richmond St.

Parking: Plenty of off-street parking in front of, and behind, the Bridge Club building.

Reply to AGM/Lunch invitation

(You may decide to come to the AGM but not stay for lunch. This is fine – just turn up on the day and no money is payable.)

Please reply by Friday 7 June by selecting one of the following two options:

- Fill in the reply slip and post it to: The Secretary (address below); or
- Email your response, including dietary requirements, to: The Secretary (waikatokc@gsa.org.nz).

Payment:

- Make a direct payment to the GSA Waikato-KC bank a/c (details below); or
- Arrange with John Evered to make a cash payment on the day

The Secretary, GSA Waikato-King Country, P.O. Box 482, Hamilton 3240

Email: waikatokc@gsa.org.nz

Phone: 0800 888 472

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I/We will attend the AGM/Lunch No attending: _____ @ \$15.00 = \$ _____

Name(s) (for name tags):

Special dietary requirements

Payment - tick the appropriate one: Cash on the day Direct Payment