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BAY OF PLENTY BRANCH GOVERNMENT SUPERANNUITANTS ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER October 2019

PRE-CHRISTMAS MEETING

Will be held at the Citizens Club, 13th Avenue, on Wednesday, 27 November, 2019,
commencing 11am

Programme:

11am Welcome by Chair
11.05am Report from Council
11.20am Address by Guest Speaker, Graham York; MDS (Meth Detection Services)
12.15pm Lunch

Our successful AGM, held on 29 May, 2019, had 72 members in attendance.

The following members were elected to the Bay of Plenty Branch committee for 2019-20 Year:

Chair: Arthur Johansson

Deputy Chair: Ron Salmons

Committee: Jim Forrest, Ken Crosswell, Shirley Waid, Lesley Stanley, Warwick Kingston-Smith, Colin Payne, Jeannie Johansson and Ivan Fay

Tribute: On your behalf I wish to acknowledge the significant service of the current Committee. Collectively 105 years to the Bay of Plenty Branch.

Two members have served other GSA Branches, 27 years, Auckland and 14 years Rotorua, total of 146 years

Since the AGM, the main event has been the Annual GSA Council Meeting, which was attended by Chairman Arthur Johansson and Secretary Jeannie Johansson.

Report from Arthur Johansson, Branch Chair:

It was a worthwhile Conference, with two Guest Speakers:

Andrew Bayly, MP for Hunua, Opposition Spokesman for Revenue and Associate Spokesperson for Finance and

Deborah Russell, MP for New Lynn, Government Chairperson, Finance and Expenditure select Committee.

Both reported that the Select Committee agreed that the Cola adjustment in 2009 for pre 1985 annuitants had a different formula to previous adjustments.

The next step is for Minister of Finance to provide funding.

I am pleased to advise there will be no increase in subscription for 2020–2021 year. The GSA national newsletter will include more detail regarding the Council meeting.

Membership:

As at 31 March 2019 total membership was 26,510

A decrease of 801, - 2.9%

Bay of Plenty 1809, a decrease of 52, -2.7%

To offset this decline in membership we all need to be proactive in identifying potential members. There is value in Membership of the GSA, if we can maintain our current provisions.

Tauranga Branch Business Plan:

During the next 12 months the following activities and/or goals are planned.

October 2019: BOP Executive to visit 3 Sub Branches
Whangamata, Whakatane and Thames

November 27 2019: Pre-Christmas Function
Enjoyable meal and interesting guest speakers
Expect an attendance of 80 plus

May 27 2020: Annual General Meeting
Election of Officers
Annual Accounts
Meal and guest speaker
Expect attendance of 80 plus.

September 2020 GSA Council Meeting
BOP Delegates (2) to attend.

Committee Meetings: Approximately 6 meetings over the next 12 months.
Primarily to consider members interests and process
Business from/to the Board

Membership Recruitment: We request all members to be alert to potential members.
We need to be active in the recruitment of not only those who
have retired but also, those currently contributing to the fund
and are still in employment.
If you require a recruitment form, contact;
Secretary, Jeannie Johansson, Freephone 0800 888 472
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Sad Branch news

Arthur Johansson has sadly passed away since the completion of the first version of this newsletter. Arthur was a Life Member of the Government Superannuitants Association and made a significant contribution to the Association locally at Branch level and also nationally.

Prior to moving to the Bay of Plenty Arthur was secretary of the Rotorua Branch for 14 years and also served as national Vice President-at-Large for four years.

He joined the Rotorua Branch when he retired from the Post Office as area manager in 1996, and immediately became its secretary, a position he held until May 2010. In that time, he was committed and meticulous in meeting the expectations and needs of members, to whom he was always available, and from whom he gained recognition as an effective producer of newsletters, reports and advice as necessary. He also brought to the branch a wide community network of leadership roles with other service organisations.

Arthur has acquired Association-wide recognition for his in-depth knowledge of the organisation, as a frequent delegate to Council, as a mentor to other secretaries, and by playing a lead role at national meetings of secretaries. In addition, he made a notable contribution: as a member of the “Interface Committee” (2005/2006), which proposed the sea-change in administration that followed the endorsement of its report by the Council; as a member of the Governance Review group (2008/2009), which initiated reforms in governance taking effect in 2010; and as Vice President (2006/2010). In his latter role, the understanding of branch functions he has brought to Executive decision-making, for example, on the sensitive work of the membership and subscription review, his report-writing to branches, and his breadth of vision for the Association and its future challenges won widespread recognition. (note: (which the Executive preceded the current GSA Board structure).

Arthur continued as an energetic and considered contributor to the Association – at local level as Branch Chair and nationally at annual Council meeting and as a member of the Board’s Honours Committee.

The Association extends deepest sympathy to Jeannie, daughters Angela and Donna, son-in-law Craig and his grandchildren Toby and Emma.

VENUE: CITIZENS CLUB – 13TH AVENUE, TAURANGA

DATE: Wednesday, 27 November, 2019..

TIME: 11:00 am

MENU:

MEATS: Ham on the Bone and Roast Beef

VEGETABLES: - Gourmet Potatoes
Roasted Kumara
Roast Pumpkin
Steamed Beans
Cauliflower

DESSERTS: - Christmas Pudding and Caramel Sauce
Fruit Salad
Fresh Whipped Cream and Pavlova

COMPLIMENTARY: Tea and Coffee with After Dinner Mints



I / We - shall be attending the 'End of Year and Christmas Luncheon Meeting and enclose payment of: -

\$20.00 per person

Names:

Number Attending:

Address:

Please return form and payment to: Ken Crosswell Membership Secretary
45 Camellia Close, Hairini, Tauranga, 3112.
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BY: - Monday, 25 November, 2019. Thank you.

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