



NEWSLETTER

BAY OF PLENTY

APRIL 2023

**Chair** Darryl Bellamy

**Vice Chair** John Ladd

**Committee** Ron Salmons, Shirley Waid, Ken Crosswell, Jeannie Johansson, Anke Hermannsdorfer.

**Area Representatives** Thames, Waihi; Bernie Ellmers; Whangamata; Bob Smith; Whakatane; Ray Whatmough.

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### **2023 AGM Luncheon**

Our AGM will be held on the 31st May 2023 at the Tauranga Citizens Club 13th Avenue Tauranga at 11am. Our guest speaker will be from the Royal New Zealand Navy

### **CHAIR'S REPORT;**

- At the risk of stating the obvious, membership of our Branch will continue to decline. Our Branch committee though, is always wrestling with the best tactics to slow down that rate of attrition of our Branch membership. Although we are blessed with the good fortune to have some of the best towns and city, for New Zealand to retire too, we must remain proactive and innovative to arrest that decline. Jeannie has devoted a good amount of her time to contacting members who have transferred here from other areas and to personally welcome them here. We are also very keen to actively contact spouses of those members who have passed, and to encourage them to become or remain active in the Branch. We know that we are competing with family who know little about the GSA and the role that we play in being guardians of the superannuation fund. This makes it difficult for spouses to be proactive and membership and subscriptions lapse.
- For our AGM this financial year we chose to invite two guest speakers. It was a great pleasure to have our National President attend and update us on the activities of the

National Office. Our 2nd speaker was Mr Andrew Dadelszen, Tauranga General Constituency Councillor for the Bay of Plenty Regional Council and Chair of the Public Transport Committee for Tauranga.

The attendance at the AGM was reflective of the declining membership and more marketing will be undertaken this year.

- I would like to thank Michael Law our Board Liaison member for his involvement in our Branch activities this FY. As you know, a Board Liaison member is appointed by the National Board to provide a conduit to the Branch from the National Office. Michael is a member of the Waikato- King Country Branch and has served on the committee in that locality.
- Cyclone Dannielle has affected thousands of families throughout NZ. On behalf of our Branch, I think it is appropriate to pass on our condolences to GSA members in other Branches who have been affected by the devastation and inconvenience caused. The scale of that in parts of Hawkes Bay has to be seen to be believed.
- Branch Membership:  
Membership as at March 2023 was 1518 a decrease of 74.
- The annual Council meeting will be held in Wellington on Sat 9/Sun 10 September. I will be attending and hope to be accompanied by Anke. Jeannie and I have attended in the past and are strong in our belief that as we are a large Branch it is in our best interests to be represented by two delegates.

#### **AREA ACTIVITIES:**

- Places the Committee visited after Council in September 2022, were Thames for a morning coffee at a local Church Rooms, Whangamata morning coffee at a local Café and Waihi for an afternoon gathering at the local RSA. These visits are very important as they bring local members together and we discuss the Council meeting and other topics. Once again in 2023 we hope to visit these areas and also take in Whakatane this year. We thank Robyn and Bob Smith; Whangamata, Bernie Ellmers; Waihi, Ray Whatmough; Whakatane, and Grant Platt; Thames, for your assistance in making these happen.

#### **PROFILE OF A COMMITTEE MEMBER:**

Ron Salmons

Born in Hamilton in 1943, and grew up in the Eastern Waikato, finishing his schooling at Matamata College. Went on to Hamilton Teacher's College, graduated as a Certificated Primary School Teacher and taught in Hamilton before travelling overseas. Taught in London for 18 months before returning to NZ in 1968 with a new English bride. Continued teaching in the Waikato, before spending 6 years as a Sole Teacher in Central Hawkes Bay, during

which time he and his wife Jean produced a family of two, a boy and a girl. Moved to be the head of a 4-teacher school near Martin before moving to Tauranga as the Assistant Principal of Otumoetai Primary, which he retired from some 20 years later. For more than 30 years was actively involved with the Primary Teacher's Union, the NZEI, serving as Branch President in two regions, and as an Industrial Advocate for many years.

Joined the GSA in 1999, voted onto the Bay of Plenty branch committee in 2000, and is still a member after 23 years. Held the position of Vice Chairman for eight years and served as Chairman for three years. Has been a branch delegate to Council on many occasions and attended many of the meetings of Sub-branches in Thames, Whangamata and Whakatane over the years. Was voted a Life Member of the GSA at the Council meeting of 2015.

On a personal level, has been a Radio Ham since 1974 and was actively involved in Civil Defence communications for many years. Was a volunteer radio operator and Marine Radio tutor and examiner for more than 20 years with Tauranga Coastguard. For twelve years in the 1960's and 70's held a private Pilot's licence; joined Classic Flyers Aviation Museum as an active volunteer in 2007, and is still currently doing this. With his wife Jean has been and still is, an active Square Dancer after more than 36 years and involved in the running of the Orange City Square Dance Club. Enjoys travel and with Jean has travelled widely over the past 20 years.

**AGM Luncheon 11am for meeting followed by Guest Speaker then Lunch.**

**I/We** shall be attending the AGM Luncheon.

Name(s).....

Phone:.....

Address:.....

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Number Attending..... Cost will be \$25.00 per person. Please pay \$..... by either:

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I will bring \$..... to the luncheon in an envelope with name(s and reference AGM.

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<b>Bay of Plenty Branch</b>		
<b>Financial Statements as at 31 March 2023</b>		
<b>31 Mar (2022)</b>	<b>31 Mar (2023)</b>	<b>Financial performance (Profit/Loss)</b>
\$	\$	<b>Income</b>
12321.14	11584.06	Subscriptions (deducted GSF)
816.68	727.21	Subscriptions (deducted NPF)
297.70	205.52	Subscriptions (paid direct)
2755.00	2220.00	Functions Received
397.50	745.91	Interest Received
16588.22	15482.70	<b>Total Income</b>
		<b>Expenses</b>
5528.55	7122.77	Functions
200.00	200.00	Communications
554.58	1248.11	Newsletter Expenses
4.56	8.17	Bank Charges
1169.23	199.69	Printing & Stationery
100.00	100.00	Reviewer
179.95	143.82	Technology
2000.00	2000.00	General
9736.87	11022.56	<b>Total Expenses</b>
6851.35	4460.14	<b>surplus (deficit) for year</b>
<b>31 Mar (2022)</b>	<b>31 Mar 2023)</b>	<b>Financial position (Balance Sheet)</b>
<b>49602.98</b>	<b>56454.33</b>	Accumulated funds 1 April (previous year)
6851.35	4460.14	Surplus/Deficit (current)
<b>56454.33</b>	<b>60914.47</b>	Total (Accumulated Funds current)
		<b>Represented by</b>
		<b>Assets</b>
11886.15	15703.36	Cash account
		Savings account
44568.18	45211.11	Term deposits
56454.33	60914.47	<b>total cash/bank</b>
		Accrued interest
		Accounts receivable
		<b>less liabilities</b>
		Accounts payable
<b>56454.33</b>	<b>60914.47</b>	