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**Gisborne Branch**  
**April 2017**

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**Gisborne Branch GSA Annual General Meeting**



The AGM will be held this year on the 24<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 12.00pm at the Gisborne Tatapouri Sport Fishing Club at the Wharf on Esplanade Road. Depending on numbers attending, we will have exclusive use of the conservatory dining room, where we will dine & hold the AGM. Should we have more attending than this dining room will hold, we will be moved to the Shark bar. Enclosed

is a copy of some of the Tatapouri luncheon menu that we thought appropriate. After members have been made welcome they are to order & pay for their lunch at the counter. The committee will be providing wine & orange juice on the tables for the luncheon with tea & coffee to follow. The meeting will commence on the completion of the luncheon and our guest speaker will be Rob Brangwin from Hawkes Bay, who is our Liaison Board member. As the caterer requires the number of people attending this meal, it is important that previous notification be sent to the secretary Des Omundsen, [gisborne@gsa.org.nz](mailto:gisborne@gsa.org.nz) or phone 06 8688384 or 027 3503058, informing the number of your party attending, by Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> day of May 2017. Please consider taking some responsibility for the election of your new committee with your attendance & perhaps being prepared to take up a position on the committee, as we need to encourage younger members onto the committee along with some present committee members may not be in a position to continue with their existing position for the coming year.

**Luncheon Menu**

**Mussel Fritter**

Served with salad & fries & roasted garlic aioli. \$13.50

**Chicken Breast**

With bacon, tomato salsa, topped with cheese & grilled, with salad & new potatoes . \$13.50

**Minute Steak**

Tender ribeye steak grilled with mushrooms or pepper sauce & with salad & fries. \$14.00

**Fish of the Day**

Battered, crumbed or pan-fried served with salad & fries. \$13.50

**Paua Fritters**

Battered paua fritters served with salad & fries. \$13.50

**Prawn Cutlets**

Crumbed prawn cutlets, golden fried & served with salad & fries. \$14.00

**Scallops**

Five crumbed scallops served with salad & fries. \$15.50

**Battered Oysters**

Six battered oysters served with salad & fries. \$20.00

**Hot Grilled Ham**

Hot ham of the bone served with rosemary new potatoes, salad & pineapple rings. \$13.50

**Seafood Chowder**

Creamy seafood soup served with grilled garlic bread. \$13.00

**Shrimp Cocktail**

Shrimps on a bed of mixed leaves with cocktail sauce. \$15.50

**Nachos**

Beef mince, chilli beans, corn chips & cheese. \$12.50

**Seafood Combo**

Small mixed bowl of seafood & fries. \$13.50

**Tata Platter**

Large mixed platter of fresh fish bites, prawn twisters, crab sticks, squid rings, spring rolls on a bed of chips. \$28.00

**Prawn Twisters**

Ten prawn twisters drizzled with hollandaise sauce. \$12.00

**Paua Nuggets**

Four battered paua nuggets served with fries. \$9.00

**Baked Potato**

With nacho mince. grilled cheese & sour cream. \$12.50

## The National Army Museum



The National Army Museum was formally known as the Queen Elizabeth II Army Memorial Museum. It is situated 94 minutes south of Taupo on State Highway One on the southern side of the small military town of Wairou. The 1300 square metre museum is a fortress looking in design, complete with a bridge and a moat. It took the 2<sup>nd</sup> Field Squadron of the Royal New Zealand Engineers from Lynton Military Camp (a unit that I was a former member), 276 days to build and was opened in October 1978. According to the Museum it functions as a memorial to those who have fallen, those

who have served and those still in service. The displays covers the New Zealand Soldiers who served in conflicts commencing from the New Zealand Wars, where it has exhibits of Te Kooti with his Gisborne involvement, his alliance to the government forces and the founder of the Ringatu religion. We move on to the Second Anglo Boer War where the first two New Zealand contingencies were selected on the basis of who could afford to go. They had to provide their own horse, rifle and equipment to the tune of about 25 pounds and then you could go to war. It then moves on to the First world war with exhibits of Gallipoli and the Western Front. The second World War follows with exhibits of Greece, Crete, North Africa, Italy and the Pacific. Further on it covers the Korea, Malaya and Vietnam wars Vietnam being the last War that New Zealand servicemen were sent to in a combative role. There is a good display of the New Zealand Medical Service and then displays of the Peacekeeping rolls including Afghanistan. One room is dedicated to those New Zealanders who received Orders, Decorations and Medals including the recipients of the Victoria Cross. It is a museum that requires a lengthy period of time to visit, as with a short visit and you would miss most of the interesting detail. It is really worth the visit.

## Local East Coast Schools benefit from 4 Wheel Drive Safari.



On Friday 3 February 2017 at 9.30am, one hundred and twenty, four wheel drive vehicles from all around the North Island met at the Motu School for a biannual safari. This safari is set up as a family affair with enough interest to keep the more adventurous driver and navigator entertained. The other goal management have for running this event is as a fundraiser for the Motu, Whatatutu & the Markarika Schools, who with the support of their local Farming Stations provided and cooked the evening meals for the participants of the safari. As you could imagine being on the Coast, for the three

evening meals there was large variation and abundance of local meats, perhaps not so good for committed vegetarians. With 120 vehicles and perhaps an average of three people to each vehicle there were a lot of people to cater for. The safari left the Motu School, driving on tracks, over fields, up mountains and along river beds to the evening camp at Whatatutu, down the hill from the school. Each participant provided their own tents, which when all the vehicles were at the camp resembled a large tent city. Of course by starting time at 8.30am the next day all had to be down again. The next leg took us well inland again over hilly terrain, down rivers and passing close to Arowhana, setting up camp at the Markarika Station, close to the school. The third day commenced at 8.30am which took us up Mount Aorangi with a great view on a sunny windless day of Mount Hikurangi then over land to Te Araroa. The safari then took us back inland to the Waikura valley camping at the Waikura Station. By this time most vehicles were in desperate need of fuel and the smile was noted on the face of the owner of the fuel station in Ruatoria when 120 vehicles lined up for fuel. The last day ended on the river bed under the bridge of the main road between Lottin Point and Hicks Bay where all departed for their respective homes and for once Gisborne was one of the shortest distance to travel. I am sure all involved enjoyed themselves with a good profit made for the local schools, along with the Ruatoria fuel station.

## Gisborne Tsunami Plan



The map define areas in the coastal community of Gisborne that are of the planned evacuation areas for a **distant** and a **local tsunami**.

**Distant tsunami:** The only credible threat from a distant tsunami to Gisborne communities is from Chile / Peru with around 11 to 15 hours warning. Not shown on this map the community of Makarori, Okitu and Wainui, will be totally evacuated. The primary means of warning people of evacuate will be door knocking in the area identified in the map. Authorities ( Civil Defence, Police and Fire Service) will have between 10 to 12 hours to do this. There will also be information on the radio stations and the Civil Defence Website. It is possible that evacuation could last for 10 to 12 hours, as there are many surges in a distant tsunami.

During an emergency there will be broadcasts on the below stations.

- 945kHz AM Talkback ZB.
- 585 kHz AM Radio Ngati Porou.
- 90.9 ZGFM.
- 98.9 FM More FM.(Urban Gisborne)
- 90.1FM More FM. (Rural Gisborne)
- 94.9 FM Radio Live.
- 91.7 FM Turangi FM.
- 88.5 FM Uawa.

**Local tsunami :** For local generated event, which will be preceded by a very strong felt earthquake (one that goes for over a minute) self evacuation is the only option. The earthquake will be your only warning and you will need to make the decision ( if to stay or go) if you reside in the danger area. You will only need to get clear of the evacuation area not miles inland or on the high peak, within 20 to 30 minutes. That is walking quickly not driving and should take a transistor radio to listen for the all clear or otherwise you should wait two hours before returning if no tsunami has been generated.



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**Gisborne Relay for Life (Cancer Society)**

This year the venue for the Relay for Life was held from mid day to mid day on the 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> of March 2017, for the first time at the Awapuni Stadium, after been run on numerous occasions at the AMP Show Grounds. The goal for this event is to raise money for the Cancer Society to be used totally within this region. The Cancer Society is not Government funded and relies on the Relay for Life and the Daffodil day donations as its major funding. This year the local GSA branch committee decided to register a team for this year's event with an entry fee of \$20.00 for each team member, which covers the cost of the participants Te Shirt and breakfast. The team then needs to fundraise for the Society as much money as they can, with as many ideas as they can come up with. Each team is expected to have at least one team member on the track walking or running throughout the 24 hour period, with teams seeking sponsorship for the kilometres they have covered. Due to several unforeseen circumstances arising we were unable to carry out our commitment to the Cancer Society so we donated \$100.00 from our GSA operating funds and each team member who was intending to participate donating \$20.00 (which would have been their registration fee) raising \$140.00. Total donation \$240.00.

**Joint Committee Meeting with the Hawkes Bay Branch.**



On the 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 11.00am we held a joint Committee meeting with the Hawkes Bay GSA District Committee and the Wairoa members, at the 2ate7 Café just south of Wairoa. A letter was previously sent to all the Wairoa GSA members with an invitation to attend the meeting with us to participate in a luncheon and express any concerns they may have. Regardless of the poor weather conditions five committee members drove from Gisborne to this venue,

with six Hawkes Bay members travelling from the Napier district. Four Wairoa members also attended the meeting. The meeting commenced with all attending introducing themselves, expressing any concerns they may have and their expectations from this meeting. Rob Brangwin a Hawkes Bay committee member and the Board liaison member for these Districts, chaired and addressed the meeting. He stated that the Board is putting together a petition to be presented to the Government on their lack of achievement for the 100% Cola agreement, which effects our oldest and most vulnerable members. The Board hope this petition will be included in the Annuity News and to be presented at all District AGM this year for members to sign. The meeting also looked at topics such as the amalgamation of the two Districts, recruiting new committee members, social activities and future joint meetings in Wairoa. There was no outcome from these topics with the exception of future annual joint meetings in Wairoa. The 2ate7 Café was great venue for the luncheon but rather noisy, so it was agreed to hold the next meeting in February to March 2018, at another venue more suitable for the meeting and provide finger food for the luncheon. One of the Wairoa members was charged with finding such a venue. In summary all thought the meeting was of value and enjoyed the liaison and dining with other Districts GSA members.

**2016 to 2017, Gisborne Branch GSA committee members**

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