



Newsletter
Gisborne Branch
April 2019

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Gisborne Branch GSA 2019, Annual General Meeting.



The AGM will be held this year on the 22nd of May 2019 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. This year after members have been made welcome our guest speaker Tony Hamilton, who was elected at the 2018 Council meeting the President of the GSA, will give his presentation. This is a great opportunity for the Gisborne branch to meet the President and to get information on the board's success and their future aspirations. On the completion of the address by the President it will be followed by the luncheon and then the AGM. Prior to Tony's presentation members are asked to order & pay for their lunch at the counter. The committee will be providing wine & orange juice on the tables for the luncheon. As the caterer requires the number of people attending this meal, it is important that previous notification be sent to the secretary Des Omundsen, e mail, domundsen10@gmail.com or gisborne@gsa.org.nz or phone 027 350 3058, informing the number of your party attending, by Monday the 20th day of May 2019. 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 as 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. \$14.50

Paua Fritters

Battered paua fritters served with salad & fries. \$16.50

Prawn Cutlets

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

Battered Scallops

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

Battered Oysters

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

<u>Hot Grilled Ham</u>	
Hot ham of the bone served with rosemary new potatoes, salad & pineapple rings.	\$13.50
<u>Seafood Combo</u>	\$13.50
<u>Prawn Twisters</u>	
Ten prawn twisters drizzled with hollandaise sauce.	\$12.00
<u>Paua Nuggets</u>	
Four battered pada nuggets served with fries.	\$9.00
<u>Nachos</u>	
With cheese and sour cream.	\$12.50
<u>Shrimp Cocktail</u>	\$15.50
<u>Seafood chowder</u>	\$15.00
<u>Tata Platter</u>	
Large mixed platter of fresh fish bites, prawn twisters, crab sticks, squid rings, spring rolls on a bed of chips.	\$28.00
<u>Baked Potato</u>	
With nacho mince, grilled cheese & sour cream.	\$12.50
<u>Tata Burger & Fries</u>	\$15.00
<u>Bib Boy Burger & Fries</u>	\$17.00
<u>Fish Burger & Fries</u>	\$15.00

Tatapouri reef Ecology tours.



Tatapouri is the only place in the southern hemisphere where you can feed wild Stingrays by hand. Reef tours time depend on tides, weather and sea conditions. The reef tours are suitable for all ages and bookings are essential. The tours are operated around low tides daily and take around one and a half hours. Waders are provided by Dive Tatapouri, note waders only go to shoe size 13 and waste size 18. Put on your waders for the famous Reef ecological tour and savour the moment because this is an experience of a Lifetime and is

considered one of the most popular and unique things to do in New Zealand. These glorious sea dwellers are so friendly, the team at Dive Tatapouri can call them to swim shore wards on command. The secret is the Stingrays love a cheeky potato as a reward. Even the kingfish have figured out it's a win-win situation, sweeping through your legs for scraps and showing off their mesmerizing green and blue hues in the Sun. Dean Savage with his wife Chris owns dive Tatapouri and tell visitors of Maori Legends and methods once used by Maori to manage this incredible natural resource at hand. You will see during your Reef tour, short tail stingray, eagle rays, yellowtail kingfish, trevally, kahawai, crayfish, octopus and conger Eels.

Gisborne Senior Citizens Association and the Orphans Club.

G	government
S	superannuitants
A	association <small>Founded in 1920</small>

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The Senior Citizens Club are seeking the over fifties in the district to come and join and participate in the fun, games and fellowship. The hall of entertainment is situated on 30 Grey Street (river end) and is well heated in the winter. It has been a part of our community for over 75 years and they offer a variety of programs which may suit. Indoor bowls on Tuesday and Friday's 9 a.m. till 11:30 a.m. Cards (Five Hundred) Mondays 1:15 p.m. till approximately 4 p.m. Housie Fridays 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. they also have a fitness group on Tuesday and an enliven group Wednesday. There is a monthly concert on the first Thursday every month 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m., featuring visiting artists and their own Orphan band with all types of music, songs mirth and Melody. The cost for the concert is \$3 which includes afternoon tea. They also have a club library and have bus trips out of town from time to time. The subscriptions per annum is \$15 and with another \$3 you get a monthly newsletter with information about coming events. Stuck for transport the sunshine bus will pick up and deliver you to and from the venue if previously arranged.



The Savage Club was established in London in 1856 after Richard Savage, a not so famous poet and dramatist who lived 100 years earlier. Over the years many famous people visited the London Savage Club including members of the royal family, Mark Twain, Sir Ernest Shackleton, Prince Philip, Jack Hawkins and captain Robert Falcon Scott to name a few. Within 30 years of its inception, the concept had spread to

New Zealand and clubs were formed in Dunedin, Auckland and Invercargill. At its peak, there were 46 clubs in New Zealand with a total membership of 5000. The membership was closed which gave birth to a Breakaway movement called The Orphan's Club, so named because they felt cut off by the parent club, they could not be part of. In 1955, a group of like-minded men got together and formed the Gisborne Orphan Club, a place where they could socialize together and entertain each other with music, songs, Poetry and skits. Although operating in parallel with the Savage Club already functioning in Gisborne, The Orphan Club prospered and numbers swell to almost 100 members. The Gisborne Orphan Club meet for a concert on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Senior Citizens Club in Grey Street. During 2018 they had five Club concerts, a Sunday matinee concert and a quiz night. The Gisborne orphan club has 38 members and on the national scene there are only 23 clubs with a total of 1300 members. This is an issue the club would like to address in the future to be build resilience back into the club, a typical Club night starts quite formally with the singing of the New Zealand National Anthem and the opening ode, followed by sketches, songs, keyboard interludes, stories and an excellent supper. Auld Lang Syne is still part of their protocol. The last time I heard this was at dances in the sixties. The aim is to provide rational entertainment at all times. Their motto is tact, Talent and tolerance. The three Ts and their number one rule is you do not discuss religion or politics with in the club. Should you wish to enjoy the entertainment remember the concert on the 1st Thursday of every month at 1:30 p.m.

Wairoa, Hawkes Bay & Gisborne joint meeting.



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Due to ill health with some of the Gisborne committee this meeting was postponed from its original January February times to a date suitable to those attending later in this year. Once this date is arranged notification will be sent by letter to the Wairoa members with times, date and venue. Last years meeting at the Wairoa Catholic Church was enjoyable and beneficial to the Gisborne and Hawkes Bay Committee's. In conversation with the Wairoa members attending they received positive information from the two Board members attending from the Hawkes Bay committee. We do not want to let this positive joint meeting slip through our fingers and make the best of this opportunity open to us. The Committee would like to welcome a new Wairoa GSA member Ralph McNabb.

On the 31 March 2019 Statistics showed Gisborne Branch Members with

Annuitants:128. Annuitants Spouse:62. Surviving Spouses:22. Pre Annuitants:2 Pre Annuitants Spouses:2. Total Gisborne Branch members:216.

Gisborne Branch Annual Financial Report

TAKEN FROM GENERAL LEDGER (01 April 2018 to 31 March 2019)

101 Subscriptions GSF; \$1366.55
103 Subscriptions NPF; \$97.09
105 Subscriptions direct; \$41.06
110 Functions Received; \$135.00
120 Interest Received; \$4.87
205 Functions Expenses; \$455.08
250 Printing & Stationery: \$5.00
630 Review Expenses; \$50.00
805 Bank transactions account; Debit \$6099.24; Credit \$510.08; Balance **\$5589.16**

The Annual Financial Report for the Gisborne Branch will be presented to the members, after it has been audited, along with the Chairman's report as with previous years, at the Branch AGM on the 22nd day of May 2019. Don't forget the GSA President will be addressing this meeting, so it is your opportunity to have your questions on any dissatisfactions or queries you may have ready for him. I am sure he will make every effort to satisfy your queries. It is the first time in my memory that the President has planned visiting Gisborne let alone attend our AGM. We will not have a red carpet out for him but your attendance would go a long way in appreciation for his efforts.