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**Gisborne Branch**  
**April 2016**

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**Gisborne Branch GSA Annual General Meeting**



The AGM will be held this year on the 26<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 12.00pm at the Gisborne Tapatouri Sport Fishing Club on the Gisborne 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 where we held our last Christmas function. 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 Mark Leys from Auckland, who is our Liaison Board member. He will address the meeting from the Boards point of view.

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 Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> the day of May 2016.

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 some present committee members may not be in a position to continue with their existing position for the coming year.

**GSA Facebook**

The Executive Officer has recently set up a GSA Facebook Page and a GSA Facebook Group. Joining Facebook is a very simple process. Just log in to Facebook and go to search and search for Government Superannuitants Association. Alternative go to the GSA website ([www.gsa.org.nz](http://www.gsa.org.nz)) then go to ([Follow us on Facebook and join our Facebook Group](#)). Click on [Facebook](#) for the Facebook page or click on [Facebook](#)

[Group](#) to join and publish whatever is on your mind. A Page is essentially a Facebook Profile for an organisation or group, club etc. Pages allow an organization to publish content and interact with individuals.

Pages are used by organisations, that need to represent their “brand” on Facebook. A page is really a one way means of communication. Anyone on FB can comment on a post on a Page and follow the Page it but it is not possible to start a conversation on that Page. You can only respond to what the Page owner has posted. The Executive officer controls what and when items get published on the GSA Page, and can also remove comments. Anyone can see and comment on a Page. A Group ( [www.facebook.com/groups/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/)), can be

thought of as an online club. Groups are usually better suited for a more personal interaction, where people join and chat. The biggest advantage of a Group is that any members of the group can upload their own content or start a conversation. A group can either be private or public—the GSA group is private, meaning that permission is required from the Executive Officer to join. He will usually only allow GSA members to join and is able to administer and supervise the Group and delete posts if considered inappropriate. The

Group is a closed group, open to GSA members and others involved with the GSA. Members wishing to participant, apply to join the Group and, once joined, are free to talk about and publish whatever they wish. Discussion is moderated, where necessary, but there is no restriction on what Group members can discuss.

In a nutshell, go to the Page if you want the latest GSA news and updates. Go to the Group if you want to be part of a conversation and share your views.

## Gisborne Vintage Railway

### EXCURSIONS



1. **MURIWAI** – A two hour journey which departs Gisborne at the Train Station and heads south over the Gisborne Airport and into the fertile Poverty Bay countryside. stopping at Muriwai for a photo opportunity and cup of tea.

2. **BEACH LOOP** – A three hour journey which departs Gisborne at the Train Station and heads south over the Gisborne Airport and into the fertile Poverty Bay countryside before winding its way up towards the Wharata's. A stop here for a picnic lunch and photos occurs before heading back to Gisborne.

3. **CRUISE SHIP** – Visitors to Gisborne via Cruise Ships

are often treated to an excursion on Wa165 and this can be booked through your cruise ship activities. Depending on the time you have a trip to Muriwai or Beach Loop are the options.

4. **GROUP TRIPS** - Wa165 can be booked for a special excursion trip just for your special group occasion.

Wa165 was born in the N.Z.R. shops at Hillside, Dunedin in 1897 and was the first locomotive to be built in these shops. It was put into service in March 1898 and commenced work at Wellington in April 1898, transferred to Palmerston North depot in 1899 and then to Taihape in 1910. In early 1911 it went to Petone workshops for an overhaul prior to being shipped to Gisborne section in July 1911. This locomotive remained in the Gisborne section until the line south was opened in 1942, then transferred to the Napier depot but continued to appear in Gisborne from time to time on shunting duties. In 1943 Wa165 went to the Hutt shops for her last "A" class overhaul, and in 1946 was on the move again, being transferred to the Frankton depot. It was withdrawn from service in 1959, and on 25th August, 1961, Wa165 was finally written off the N.Z.R. books.

It was during 1960 that the Gisborne Junior Chamber of Commerce discovered Wa165 slowly decaying on a railway siding at Frankton better known as "Rotten Row". As it had had spent 31 of its 62 working years on the old Motuhora line, they considered it only befitting that it be returned to Gisborne as a stationary exhibit. The veteran Wa class 2-6-2T locomotive No 165 arrives back in the Gisborne district at midday on the 26th May, 1961. It was cleaned up and put on display at the Gisborne Industries Fair in mid June of that year. In October 1985 a group of rail enthusiasts got together and formed a society, Gisborne City Vintage Railway Society, with the aim of rebuilding the locomotive to its 1897 condition. On the 5th April 1986 Wa165 was moved to M.E.Jukes & Son's yard in Stanley Road. Now that it was undercover everything was dismantled bolt by bolt, piece by piece and recorded before storage, some being stored in drums of oil. On examination many parts were missing and others beyond repair. One of these was the boiler, too unsafe to repair. The wheels also needed attention; these were sent to NZR



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Workshops in Auckland then on to the Hutt workshops. Engineering in Greymouth was given the task of making the new boiler, first boiler all welded for a steam locomotive in New Zealand. This finally arrived in Gisborne in June 1993 and was lifted onto the framework. The job of putting Wa165 together piece by piece took until 1999. Then finally on the 29th November 1999 NZ Railways inspectors took the restored Wa165 out for its first test run. On the 22nd October 2000, Wa165 was taken out for its first public run and since then many thousands of happy people have taken a ride on the restored Wa165. This is a trip that the Gisborne GSA members could participate in as a social activity. Due to their expensive cost for operating the locomotive the tickets will be greater than the cost for the Takitimu trip, but would be a memorable experience.

**Cranky Old Man**

When an old man died in an Australian hospital, the nurses went through his meager possessions. They found this poem. Its quality and content so impressed the staff that copies were made and distributed to every nurse in the hospital. It has since appeared in the Christmas editions of magazines around the country and appearing in mags for Mental Health. This old man, with nothing left to give to the world, is now the author of this 'anonymous' poem winging across the Internet.

What do you see nurses? What do you see? What are you thinking. when you're looking at me?  
A cranky old man. not very wise, Uncertain of habit with faraway eyes?  
Who dribbles his food and makes no reply. When you say in a loud voice . 'I do wish you'd try!'  
Who seems not to notice the things that you do and forever is losing a sock or shoe?  
Who, resisting or not lets you do as you will, with bathing and feeding. The long days to fill?  
Is that what you're thinking? .Is that what you see? Then open your eyes, nurse .you're not looking at me.  
I'll tell you who I am. As I sit here so still, as I do at your bidding, as I eat at your will.  
I'm a small child of Ten with a father and mother, Brothers and sisters who love one another  
A young boy of Sixteen with wings on his feet, Dreaming that soon now a lover he'll meet.  
A groom soon at Twenty my heart gives a leap. Remembering, the vows that I promised to keep.  
At Twenty-Five, now I have young of my own. Who need me to guide and a secure happy home.  
A man of Thirty my young now grown fast, Bound to each other with ties that should last.  
At Forty, my young sons have grown and are gone, but my woman is beside me to see I don't mourn.  
At Fifty, once more, Babies play 'round my knee, again, we know children My loved one and me.  
Dark days are upon me my wife is now dead. I look at the future I shudder with dread.  
For my young are all rearing young of their own and I think of the years, and the love that I've known.  
I'm now an old man and nature is cruel. It's jest to make old age look like a fool.  
The body, it crumbles grace and vigour, depart. There is now a stone where I once had a heart.  
But inside this old carcass, a young man still dwells, and now and again my battered heart swells  
I remember the joys. I remember the pain. And I'm loving and living life over again.  
I think of the years, all too few gone too fast. And accept the stark fact that nothing can last.  
So open your eyes, people, open and see. Not a cranky old man . Look closer . . . . see .. . . . . ME!!

## The Kiri Te Kawana Retirement Village



The village was named after internationally acclaimed New Zealand opera singer Dame Kiri Te Kanawa who captivated residents and the wider community with her performance at the glittering official opening in 2012. The village is owned by Ryman Healthcare, which has been providing beautiful homes and exceptional care for retired New Zealanders for more than 30 years. Kiri Te Kanawa Retirement Village is nestled amongst landscaped gardens with a beautiful rural outlook with coastal and mountain views. Close to shops, medical centre and Gisborne hospital, the village features architecturally-designed independent townhouses, serviced

apartments and a care centre. It provides a full range of retirement living options along with the very best of resthome, hospital and dementia care provided by friendly, professional and caring staff. In fact the resthome and hospital are the largest in the Gisborne area. We are just so lucky in our village, it has a vibrant community spirit and everyone gets on so well. We have several residents who have renewed old friendships after moving into the village and we also have residents who have family connections within the village.” Pip Griffin, Sales Advisor at the village, says one thing that defines the village is the friendliness of the residents. As well as appealing to many Gisborne locals, the village has residents from throughout the country. Many are returning to their roots, but several from larger cities are attracted by how surprisingly affordable it is. Kiri Te Kanawa residents benefit from the exclusive Ryman *Peace of Mind Guarantees*. These are unmatched in the industry and offer security and protection in planning your retirement living options. Pip will guide you through the advantages of these guarantees which include fixed weekly fees\*, repayment protection and an assurance that you will not be subjected to any capital loss. The continuum of care offered in the village from rest-home through to hospital and dementia care offers certainty to our residents of our continuing support. Serviced apartments offer the best of both worlds for residents who enjoy independence, but require some daily assistance. They are secure in the knowledge that extra help is always close at hand, should they need it. Many residents also receive rest-home care in their serviced apartments and enjoy the spacious surroundings of their apartment and the village resort-style amenities. If you’re looking for a more active life-style, Kiri Te Kanawa has it all! The village residents have embraced Ryman *Engage*: a programme which includes the exclusive Triple A exercise programme and a monthly plan of activities and outings. They also enjoy the all-weather bowling green, heated indoor swimming pool and spa. If relaxing is more your style, you can watch a film in the movie theatre, catch up on the news in the library, or enjoy a chat with friends over a coffee and some delicious home-made baking. Many people in the community are unaware that the village offers short-term care in serviced apartments. Respite care is ideal for people who require some extra help after a recent hospital admission, or simply to have a short holiday and experience village life. To find out more about Kiri Te Kanawa Village please call Pip Griffin 06 863 3636 to discuss your individual requirements and receive an information pack. The website also offers further information. [www.rymanhealthcare.com](http://www.rymanhealthcare.com)

