



Horowhenua/Kapiti Branch

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*Our Next Members Meeting in **Waikanae** is our End of Year luncheon and is set down for*

Thursday, 11 November 2021
 from 11:30am

At

Waikanae Venue To Be Decided

Guest speaker

David Walshaw of Kapiti Olives

Partners welcome.

Instructions for making a booking to attend are herein.

Thursday, 18 November 2021,
 from 11:30 am

*Hosted in the Tararua Restaurant at
 Levin Cosmopolitan Club
Partners welcome.*

Instructions for making a booking to attend are herein.

Annuity News National Newsletter

The latest national newsletter *Annuity News* is enclosed. It includes items of specific interest to GSA members. It has been prepared for your benefit so please take the time to read it.

End Of Year Functions

Where possible members should pay the cost of attending our end of year functions by internet banking. Our Kiwibank account number is 38-9014-0275903-01. Please also send an email to the address in the banner above advising the names of the attendees and the date payment was made. The cut-off date for advising attendance is 5 November 2021.

If you are unable to access internet banking then you should complete and mail in the attendance slip below and bring the entry fee to the meeting.

On page 2 is further info and also an invitation to attend the GSA Wellington branch EOY function.

*Our End of Year function in **Levin** is a Luncheon and is set down for*

2021/22 Branch Committee

The following committee was elected at the Branch AGM at Otaki in May 2021:

Jeffrey Taylor (Chair)
 David Ballantyne (Secretary)
 Paul Gardner (Treasurer)
 Steve Anderton John Laurenson
 Eileen Ledger Roger Pitchforth,
 Edgar Spark Patrick Thomas.



Please either pay by internet banking and send an email in the requested format

Or

Cut along perforation and return only this section to.....The Secretary,

13 Kotare Street,
 Waikanae 5036

Name: _____ and _____

will be attending the **WAIKANAE** luncheon function

will be attending the **LEVIN** luncheon function.

- ____ persons @ \$20 = \$_____

Contact Phone number _____ I confirm that a cash payment will be made at the function.

Please ensure you post this cut off slip to arrive with the Secretary by 5 November 2021

Government Superannuitants Association Horowhenua/Kapiti Branch

Local Branch History (Prepared at the time the Railways Assn members joined the GSA)

The Horowhenua Branch was formed following a meeting on 18th May 1961 of 13 superannuitants then resident in Levin, Otaki, Waitarere Beach and Foxton. This “Establishment Committee” organized a general meeting on 6 July 1961 attended by the Chairmen of Manawatu and Wellington Branches and the National President along with other executives of those committees. Approximately 100 local superannuitants attended this meeting and 28 apologies were recorded. Horowhenua became the 16th GSA branch and the then National Association donated £10 towards the Branch establishment costs. The formation of the new GSA branch was reported in Levin’s daily newspaper “The Chronicle”.

The branch boundaries were “the Waikanae River” in the south and “a line from the Tararuas to the Tasman Sea running north of the Shannon and Foxton Borough boundaries” in the North. (Our southern boundary is now the southern limit of Paekakariki township.)

The first committee meeting on 13 July 61 was told that the membership stood at 129. Of these 84 were members recruited immediately prior to the general meeting of 6 July. The balance were transfers from the Wellington and Manawatu Branches. The Association had at that time approx 4500 members nationally out of a possible 12000.

The main issue confronting members at the time was the devastating effect of inflation on the fixed pensions being received by members. An example quoted was of a pension of £1000 in 1949 having a value of only £370 in 1961. Also, the attitude of the Government in NZ was compared unfavourably with that in Australia, the UK and elsewhere. It seems that the Government policy at the time was to make a linkage between Universal Super and the GSF pension. The branch name became Horowhenua/Kapiti in November 2002.

Branch Financial Report to 31 March 2021

The full branch financial report for 2021 was presented at the AGM. Key items are listed below.

Subscriptions	\$8211	Cost of Functions	\$2042
Functions	\$ 735	Remuneration	\$2411
Interest	<u>\$1037</u>	Newsletter & Other Costs	<u>\$1076</u>
Total Income	\$9983	Total Expenses	\$ 5529
Increase in branch funds \$4,454		Total accumulated funds \$75,935	

Horowhenua/Kapiti Branch Membership Statistics at 31 August 2021

Annuitants	Spouses of Annuitants	Surviving Spouses	Pre Annuitants	Spouses of Pre Annuitants	
570	317	206	18	14	Total 1125

Booking and Paying for End of Year Functions

If You Have Internet Access

then you should pay by internet banking and send a confirming email message. Your email message should have “*H/K Levin meeting*” or “*H/K Waikanae meeting*” in the subject line. It should include the names of the persons wishing to attend and confirmation of the date that payment was made.

No Internet

For those without internet banking facilities cash payment on the day will be accepted but if you make a booking and subsequently are unable to attend then the Branch may need to ask for payment anyway. You must also complete and return the cut off attendance slip at the bottom of Page 1.

If you have any questions contact

Paul Gardner (06) 368 8670 for Levin function and Jeff Taylor (04) 298 8924 for Waikanae function.

GSA Wellington Branch End Of Year Function

GSA Wellington branch invites you to join their Christmas luncheon at the *Te Marua Golf Club rooms, 675 Main Road North, Te Marua, Upper Hutt on Wednesday 24 November 2019* from midday to 2:15 pm approximately. The price is \$35per person. Booking essentials by 17 November. Contact Jirayu at wellington@gsa.org.nz or 04 3903557