

**Secretary/Treasurer**

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Hawke's Bay Branch Newsletter April 2019

AGM and Lunch. Tony Hamilton, the new President of the GSA, is joining us and will be our keynote speaker. He is a lively chap who speaks his mind so we expect an interesting discussion. We will be at East Pier again – a popular venue for the last couple of years. You are welcome to bring your spouse, partner or a friend. The cost of the lunch is generously subsidised by the Hawkes Bay GSA. We do hope to see you!

AGM and Lunch Thursday 23 May 2019

Venue: East Pier. 50 Nelson Quay, Ahuriri, Napier

Time: 11 am: Refreshments and socialising.
11.30 am: AGM and speaker
12.30 pm: Lunch

Cost: \$ 25 per person.

To book your place(s) please contact Yvonne Whittle:

Email: ywhittle7@outlook.com Phone: 835 1567.

Transport Assistance: Please contact Yvonne if you need help with transport.

Options for payment: Pay at the door with cash or cheque made out to Hawke's Bay Government Superannuitants' Association.

AGM Agenda

Agenda items at the AGM include the Branch Annual Report, election of the Committee for 2019/20, the Branch Financial performance, and approval of last year's minutes. Papers for these all follow in this newsletter.

Hawke's Bay Branch Annual Report

Membership. As at 1 April, we had 919 members. This is a very small decrease (less than 1%) from last year. We have been saddened to lose 23 Annuitants: we now have 522 Annuitants as members. The number of Surviving Spouses has held steady at 136. It has been very pleasing to see that we have more Spouses of Annuitants (231 – up from 226 in 2018) and an increase in the number of Pre-annuitants (16 – up from 11 in 2018) and their Spouses (14 - up from 9 in 2018).

Chairman's report. A year has passed since our last AGM, which was well attended, and much has happened. More so at Board level with the presentation to Government of the GSA petition re-100% COLA adjustment, in an endeavour to put right the wrongs of the past. Time will tell how quickly Government deal to and respond to it.

Our Christmas function went off very well, chaired by Rob Brangwin (in my absence). Many thanks to Rob for this and special thanks to those who attended. If you were unable to attend make an effort to come along this year; it's an excellent function with both venue and entertainment to match.

Since the last Council meeting in September 2018, the GSA has operated without a Vice President. While having done so without too many problems, anomalies like this should not continue. Unfortunately this seems to be a growing trend, even at Branch level. We need new members on committee at all levels. Please if you think you can contribute in any way, come along to our Branch meetings and maybe come on committee. We would like to see you there. Just ask our Secretary Deb or one of the committee for information on dates, times and venue. New faces bring forth welcome new ideas!

As I am not seeking re-election, I wish the incoming Chairman all the best, knowing the person will be well supported by the committee.

Finally, enjoy the meeting, especially the Guest Speaker. This is the first time we have had the President attend our AGM. He is entertaining and knowledgeable and I'm sure will give a very interesting talk on Association matters.

Ray Green

Branch Chairman

The Committee. So far for 2019/20, we have the nominations below. We will also take nominations at the AGM. If anyone is interested in finding out more, please contact Deb on hawbay@gsa.org.nz or 0800 888 472.

Nominations for 2019/20 Committee.

Chair: John Swinburn

Vice-Chair: Marjorie Thomas

Committee: Ray Green, Yvonne Whittle, Rob Brangwin.

Reviewer: John Swinburn has been our reviewer for a number of years and we thank him for his sterling service and wise advice. As John has accepted nomination as Chair he will be unable to continue in this role and we are currently seeking a new Reviewer for 2019/20.

Secretary/Treasurer: Is appointed by the Committee. Currently Deb Renton-Green

Hawkes Bay Branch Financial Performance for 12 months to 31 March 2019

Treasurer's Report. Your branch remains in a strong financial position, finishing the year with a small surplus. Branches receive 40% of the GSA subscription income, so the increase to \$2 per annuity payday has boosted our income. We have continued to subsidise functions as a way of saying "thank you" for your membership. There has been a small (2%) but not unexpected increase in the cost to GSA of functions, but the level of subsidy remains within GSA policy guidelines. Due to illness we were unable to hold meetings in Wairoa or Waipukurau, which reduced our Committee expenditure (Organisation). Your Committee places importance on outreach to members away from main centres and has planned to continue these meetings in 2019/20.

Hawkes Bay Branch Financial Performance for 12 months to 31 March 2019

Year to 31 March 2018	Year to 31 March 2019	
\$	\$	
		Income
5,522	6,443	Subscriptions
3,815	3,760	Functions
561	435	Interest
	12	Other Income
9,898	10,650	TOTAL INCOME
		Expenditure
6,835	6,975	Functions
0	0	Communications
776	509	Organisation
1,600	1,600	Sec/Treasurer expenses
150	150	Review of accounts
26	30	General
9,387	9,264	TOTAL EXPENDITURE
511	1,386	<i>Surplus (deficit) for year</i>

Financial Position as at 31 March 2019

31 March 2018	31 March 2019	
21,658	22,169	Accumulated Funds
511	1,386	Surplus (deficit)
22,169	23,555	
		Represented by assets
4,567	5914	Kiwibank cheque account
2,602	2641	Kiwibank on call account
15,000	15,000	Kiwibank term deposits
22,169	23,555	Total cash/bank

Signed: Secretary/Treasurer:

T. A. A. Green 1/4/19

Signed: Chair:

A. F. Green 9/4/19

I have reviewed the financial statements above for the year ended 31 March 2019. A review is limited primarily to enquiries of branch personnel and an analytical review of compliance with policy and procedures as applied to the financial data. I have not performed an audit and accordingly I do not express an audit opinion. On the basis of my review nothing has come to my attention that causes me to believe that the above financial statements do not give a true and fair view.

Reviewer:

Philip... 4 April 2019.

**Minutes of the 70th Annual General Meeting
Hawkes Bay Branch of the Government Superannuitants Association
East Pier Hotel, Napier. 24 May 2018 at 11.30 am**

1. **Welcome.** Ray Green, Chairman, opened the meeting, welcomed everyone, and introduced the Committee and speakers. The Chairman reminded the meeting that while all were very welcome, only members could move or second a motion or vote.
2. **Attendance and apologies.** 84 people attended the meeting. Attendance list attached. Apologies were received and sustained from 10 members. This included Rob Brangwin who was representing the Board at the Taupo Branch AGM. Moved Rex Proctor / Seconded Marjorie Thomas
3. **Bereavements.** All present stood in memory of those members who had passed away.
4. **Minutes of last meeting.** The minutes of the 2017 AGM were circulated to all members in the newsletter and taken as read. Confirmed as accurate. Moved Ted Duffill / Seconded Marjorie Thomas.
5. **Matters arising.** No matters arising.
6. **Branch Annual Report.** The Branch Annual report was circulated to all members in the newsletter and taken as read. The annual report was adopted. Moved Erica Tenquist / Seconded Ted Duffill.
7. **Financial Report.** The report on income and expenditure and the financial position of the Hawke's Bay Branch, together with the Secretary/Treasurer's report was circulated to all members in the newsletter and taken as read. The Secretary/Treasurer advised the accounts had been reviewed. The financial report was adopted and approved. Moved Trevor Gorst/ Seconded Bob Denby.

8. **Election of Officers.** The following were confirmed duly elected.

Position	Name	Proposer	Secunder
Chairperson	Raymond Green	Y Whittle	J Swinburn
Vice-Chairperson	Marjorie Thomas	J Swinburn	D Renton-Green
Committee member	Ted Duffill	Y Whittle	D Renton-Green
Committee member	John Swinburn	D Renton-Green	M Thomas
Committee member	Yvonne Whittle	M Thomas	D Renton-Green
Committee member	Rob Brangwin	D Renton-Green	Y Whittle

9. **Election of Reviewer.** John Swinburn was appointed Reviewer. Moved M Thomas / Seconded C Harrison
10. **Presentation to Christine Harrison.** Marjorie thanked Christine for her many years of service on the Committee.
11. **Notice of Motion to Council.** The Committee wishes to put the following motion to Council: "That Board member liaison visits to branches be made as and when necessary". Moved John Swinburn. Seconded Ray Green. The motion was carried.
12. **Board member – Bryan Whisker.** Bryan gave a wide ranging and interesting talk covering GSA business.
13. **Speaker – Marjorie Thomas.** Marjorie gave an engaging and illuminating talk about the personal experience of growing up in a 'Huntington's family' and the hope for future medical management and cure for this horrible disease.

The meeting closed at 12.40 pm

Confirmed. Chairperson.....

Date:.....