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Hawke's Bay Branch Newsletter

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Christmas Function

Ever popular, this year's Christmas function promises to be even better. We have Superintendent Tania Kura joining us as guest speaker. Tania is the Eastern District Commander for Police. She will talk with us about her career, what has led her to this important and influential position, and what her goals are for Eastern District. We are also delighted to have the choir from Havelock North School performing for us again.

This function is subsidised by your local branch so we have managed to keep the cost to you relatively low.

Venue: Magdalinos Room, Havelock North Function Centre, Te Mata Road. (Please enter by the door at the side by the carpark).

Date: *Thursday 6 December 2018*

Timing: 11 am for refreshments and socialising. Glass of bubbles on arrival.
 11.30 am. Guest Speaker and entertainment, followed by lunch.

Cost: \$ 20 per person.

Who can come: Members, spouses, partners, friends.

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

Email: ywhittle7@outlook.com

Phone: 835 1567

Transport: If you need help with transport please also contact Yvonne.

Please pay at the door with cash or cheque made out to Hawke's Bay Government Superannuitants Association.

Ray Green, Chair, and your Committee wish all of you the very best for Christmas and 2019



Council 2018

Our two Hawke's Bay nominees Rob Brangwin and Marjorie Thomas have both returned to the Board of the GSA. Congratulations to you both!!

Ray Green, our Chair, along with John Swinburn, attended the annual GSA Council held 1 - 2 September at the West Plaza Hotel in Wellington. Ray comments this was a great venue and a full on weekend, much to discuss, and much discussion given to topics, nothing left out.

The GSA at Branch and national levels remains financial and has strong reserves. This is despite the inevitability that over time membership will decline as members age.

There is a focus on maintaining the existing branch structures as long as these are sustainable and equally a strong central office to continue to serve the interests of members.

We congratulate Tony Hamilton who was elected GSA President. Janice Campbell, our retiring President, was awarded Life membership of the GSA. This met with very strong approval from the members present at Council. Congratulations Janice ! You certainly earned this award. Janice will be missed by us and by the board.

Final Comments from Ray Green, Chair

The 100% COLA Petition has been submitted to Mr. Greg O'Connor, MP, on the steps of Parliament and thus the first steps to resolving this dispute have finally been initiated. So watch this space for further updates. At least this time we will get a hearing, as opposed to the previous Government who completely ignored us.

As a closing note, and at risk of sounding repetitive, this Branch is still seeking members to join our Committee. New members bring new ideas and this is what keeps the Branch in touch with the membership.

Hawkes Bay Committee.

Chair: Ray Green

Vice-Chair: Marjorie Thomas

Committee members: Yvonne Whittle, John Swinburn, Rob Brangwin

Ted Duffill was re-appointed at the AGM but subsequently decided he would not be able to serve on the Committee. We thank Ted for his service for a number of years and wish him and Ngaire all the very best for the future.

The Secretary (contact details at top of newsletter) will be happy to put you in contact with any member of the Committee.