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HAWKES BAY BRANCH NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2023

Welcome to the April 2023 edition of the HB Branch Newsletter.

2023 AGM & Luncheon

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Venue: Ocean Suite, East Pier Hotel, 50 Nelson Quay, Napier

Date: Thursday 18 May 2023

Timing: 11:00am Refreshments and socialising

11:30am AGM

12:00pm Lunch

Cost: \$25.00 per person (This is the cost after the branch subsidy has been applied)

Who is welcome: Members, spouses, partners and friends

Guest Speaker: TBA

To confirm your attendance please contact our Secretary/Treasurer, Desmond Sullivan:

Email: hawbay@gsa.org.nz

Phone: 835 1948

Payment: Pay at the door with cash or prior to the day via internet banking as follows:

Account Name: HB Government Superannuitants

Account Number: 38-9009-0663063-01

Please include your 'surname' and 'AGM' in the Particulars & Reference fields.

Cheques cannot be accepted because our bank no longer accepts these.

Email Address

If you have recently acquired new skills on the computer and now have an email address or you have recently changed your email address, please advise our Secretary/Treasurer of your address so he can update the members database. Just email your name to hawbay@gsa.org.nz from your email address.

Branch Committee

Your current branch committee members are:

Chairwoman: Geraldine Travers

Vice Chairman: Maree Harris

Committee: Marjorie Thomas, John Swinburn, Keith Simes, Lynnaire Nugent and Desmond Sullivan (Secretary/Treasurer)

The Secretary will be happy to put you in contact with any Committee member. The Secretary's contact details are at the top of this newsletter.

Please let the Secretary know if you have an interest in being a member of the committee.

Cyclone Gabrielle

All committee members hope you have survived the devastation of the cyclone. To those of you who might have been impacted by the flooding etc I hope you have all the support you need.

I have heard of some people being without power for 13 days.

From our Chairwoman

Government Superannuitants Association **Hawkes Bay Branch** **2023**

Chairperson's Report

Last year's AGM was held on the 19th of May at East Pier and was ably chaired by Marjorie Thomas who welcomed GSA National President Tony Hamilton to the meeting. As well as the usual business of the meeting a new committee was elected.

Your committee is made up of Desmond Sullivan our Secretary/Treasurer, Marie Harris, Lynnaire Nugent, Keith Simes, John Swinburn, Marjorie Thomas and myself Geraldine Travers.

2022 was a time of change with some key members of our committee deciding that they now wanted to relinquish their positions and the arrival of some new members including myself, which was brought about by the 'threat' that should we not be able to form a committee then we would be joined with another region. Provincial pride won out!

During the year the committee hosted a farewell lunch at Birdwood for retiring committee members: Rob Brangwin, Dave Halliday and Ian Ritchie and suitable presentations were made. These retirements gave rise to the perceived need for a branch policy around retiring gifts to ensure fairness and consistency. This is still under consideration.

The ongoing Covid situation has continued to present us with challenges, however as much as possible, we have attempted to maintain our usual schedule of events.

Our Secretary/Treasurer Des Sullivan is really the 'glue' who holds our branch together, and as a new chair, I have been extraordinarily grateful to him. I know that he is also very helpful to our membership with ready and helpful answers to queries.

The 2022 year concluded with a very pleasant Christmas lunch at the Havelock North Community Centre. This was well attended and follows our normal pattern of good attendance at events we organise. Such are the organisational powers of Desmond that we already have our bookings for this year's lunch.

At our August meeting Marjorie Thomas informed the committee that she would not be re-standing for the Board. Our branch has had someone on the Board for the last ten years and for the last five years, two members. I would like to thank Marjorie on behalf of us all for her sterling service on our behalf and I know she has represented our inter vigorously.

Thank you to you, our membership, who continue to support us and to my fellow committee members, and of course to Des for keeping the ship on course.

Minutes of the 2022 AGM

Minutes of the 74th Annual General Meeting
Government Superannuitants Association – Hawkes Bay Branch
Ocean Suite, East Pier Hotel, Napier
19 May 2022 at 11:30am

1. **Welcome** – In the absence of John Swinburn who could not attend due to COVID 19 Marjorie Thomas chaired the meeting. She welcomed everyone to the meeting and welcomed GSA National President Tony Hamilton
2. **Attendance and Apologies** - 38 members attended the meeting. The following apologies were received:

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| Dee Hubbard | Don Clark |
| Eileen Martin | Reg & Natalie Corbett |
| Jo Wright | Geraldine Travers |
| Keith Simes | Philip Schmidt |
| Marion Fell | Bob Denby |
| John & Pat Swinburn | Ana Millson |
| Ella Haigh | |

Motion: That the apologies as noted above be accepted.

Moved – Dave Halliday, **seconded** – Ray Green - **Carried**

3. **Bereavements** – The meeting stood for a moments silence in memory of those who have passed away since the last AGM.
4. **Minutes of the Last Meeting** – The minutes of the 73rd AGM had been circulated to all members with the April Newsletter and were therefore taken as read.
- Maree Harris pointed out that her apologies were not noted in the minutes.

Motion: That the minutes of the 73rd AGM be amended to include Maree Harris's name in the list of apologies.

Moved – Marjorie Thomas, **seconded** – Desmond Sullivan - **Carried**

Motion: That the minutes of the 73rd AGM held on 20 May 2021 as amended above be confirmed as being accurate.

Moved – Lynnaire Nugent, **seconded** – Helen Grant - **Carried**

- 5. **Matters Arising - Nil**
- 6. **Branch Annual Report** - The Branch Annual Report was circulated prior to the meeting and will be taken as read.

Motion: That the Branch Annual Report as circulated be adopted.
Moved – Erica Tenquist, **seconded** – Yvonne Whittle - **Carried**

- 7. **Finance Report** - The Financial Statements and Treasurers Report were circulated prior to the meeting and will be taken as read. The Secretary/Treasurer made comments on the increases in subscriptions income, and Functions & Secretary Expenses & Honorarium expenditure.

Motion: That the Financial Statements and Treasurer’s Report be approved.
Moved – Desmond Sullivan, **seconded** – Marjorie Thomas - **Carried**

- 8. **Election of Officers** – The following nominations were confirmed, and the members duly elected:

| Position | Nominee | Proposer | Secunder |
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| Chairperson | Geraldine Travers | Keith Simes | Desmond Sullivan |
| Vice-Chairperson | Maree Harris | Lynnaire Nugent | Desmond Sullivan |
| Committee | Keith Simes | Geraldine Travers | Desmond Sullivan |
| Committee | Lynnaire Nugent | Dave Halliday | Desmond Sullivan |
| Committee | Marjorie Thomas | Dave Halliday | Maree Harris |
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- 9. **Election of Reviewer** – The Committee recommends George Best as Financial Reviewer.

Motion: That Gerald Best be appoint Financial Reviewer.
Moved – Desmond Sullivan, **seconded** – Ray Green - **Carried**

- 10. **General Business**
Proposed amendment to Paragraph 8.2 of the GSA Constitution. The proposed amendment had been circulated prior to the meeting. Secretary Desmond Sullivan explained the reasoning behind the proposed amendment.

Motion: That this meeting endorse the proposed amendment to Paragraph 8.2 of the GSA Constitution and that the Secretary forward the proposal to the GSA Board as a Notice of Motion for the 2022 GSA Council Meeting.

Moved – Desmond Sullivan, **seconded** – Steve Fox – **Carried**

There being no further business the Chairwoman declared the meeting closed at 11:50am
The above minutes are confirmed

Signed: Date:
G. Travers
Chairwomen