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**Newsletter 29**  
**Horowhenua/Kapiti Branch**  
**April 2016**

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*Our Next Members Meeting is the*  
**Annual General Meeting**  
*Set down for*  
**Wednesday 18 May 2016**  
**AGM from 11:00 am**

Luncheon to follow the meeting  
(\$10.00 per head)  
Partners are welcome.

at **Otaki RSA**  
9 Raukawa Street  
**OTAKI**

*Apologies are no longer required*

**National Newsletter**  
The latest national newsletter *Annuity News* (No. 93) is enclosed. It includes a message from the GSA President, a report on and statistics for the rate of CoLA over the last 10 years, as well as items of general interest to retirees. Please take the time to read it.

**Luncheon Procedure**  
When you arrive at the Otaki RSA you will be given a name tag and you are then welcome to use the bar and socialize until 11:00 am when the AGM will commence. After the AGM proceed to the dining room where the caterers will serve diners with meat and you then self serve your vegetables.

**Ex Railways Employees**

A luncheon is planned at The Avenue restaurant in Levin on 15 Jun 2016. To register, and for the charge per head, contact Mrs Joan Shaw on 06 367 0076.

**AGM Venue & Business**

The branch Annual General Meeting will take place in the main clubrooms at the Otaki RSA and will precede the luncheon. The AGM meeting will start at 11:00 am so you need to arrive in time to register and be seated by then. Our guest will be the GSA Board member Jim Turner who will speak on current GSA issues. Other business will include presentation of the Branch Annual report, the annual financial statements and the election of branch officers. Parking is available in the Otaki RSA car park and on the roadside nearby.

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**Transport Available**

If you would like to attend the AGM but are unable to travel on your own then it may be possible for a lift to be provided. This will be an informal arrangement but as long as you are prepared to fit in with others something should be possible. Let the Secretary know that you cannot otherwise attend and he will try to put you in touch with someone who has a spare seat.

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Cut off and return by **14th May 2016** to      The Secretary, GSA,  
34B Durham Street, Levin 5510

I/We will be attending the AGM luncheon at Otaki RSA:-

Attendee's Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Number of persons attending \_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00 per head = \$ \_\_\_\_ .00

Contact phone number (    ) \_\_\_\_\_      ***Payment must accompany this slip.***

**Government Superannuitants Association**  
**Horowhenua/Kapiti Branch**  
**ANNUAL REPORT : 2015/16**

I'm delighted to present this annual report for the Horowhenua/Kapiti Branch of the GSA for the year to 31 March 2016, as part of the notice of our Annual General Meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> of May, and which accompanies the latest edition of *Annuity News*. The arrangement first made last year by our National Office to print and mail both publications together relieves the Branch of both the cost and labour of getting them to you. We are most appreciative of this and other initiatives,

I wish also to record my sincere thanks for the continuing contribution of all members of the Branch Committee in meeting the needs of GSA members within our district – both in practical ways at Branch general meetings (and many of you have met them at those meetings) and in providing their advice on the conduct of GSA affairs both locally and nationally. Special mention must again be made of the contribution of our Secretary, Paul Gardner, whose outstanding service to the GSA, both nationally and locally, was recognized when he was awarded Honorary Life Membership of the GSA at the Annual Conference in 2015.

The accompanying issue of *Annuity News* has information on GSA affairs nationally, and I will not cover those matters here. If you do have any questions at all about the GSA please feel free to raise them with us, either directly or at the AGM. Jim Turner, our liaison member of the national Board and a past-President, who many of you will remember from a previous meeting, has agreed to address us at the AGM, and I'm sure that between us we'll be able to answer you.

Set out below are statistics of our membership at 31 March 16. A reminder that we still represent fewer than half of all who receive GSF annuities. Special efforts have been made this year to remind non-members of the value of membership of the GSA; a value that extends also to the spouses of members, who can join at no cost. You can help with this too.

Our annual meeting is in Otaki as usual, and end-of-year gatherings we will again be held in Levin and Waikanae. We had very successful meetings at all venues last year, and we hope to see you at them again. And please feel free – with notice - to bring along any other GSF or NPF annuitants who may be interested.

We look forward to seeing you.

David Swallow  
Chairman

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**Financial Report to 31 March 2016**

The branch financial report for 2016 has not yet been reviewed but the provisional figures are

Subscriptions	\$7566	Cost of Functions	\$1612
Functions	\$ 450	Remuneration	\$1825
Interest	<u>\$1577</u>	Postage & Other	<u>\$ 265</u>
Total Income	\$9593	Total Expenses	\$3702

Increase in branch funds \$5891      Total accumulated funds \$43081

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**Branch Membership Statistics**

The membership of Horowhenua/Kapiti Branch at 31March 2016 was 1273 made up of

Annuitants	Spouses	Surviving		Spouses of
671	of Annuitants	Spouses	Pre Annuitants	Pre Annuitants
	336	246	11	7