



**Horowhenua/Kapiti Branch**  
**April 2019**

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*Our Next Members Meeting is the*  
**Annual General Meeting**  
*Set down for*  
**Thursday 16 May 2019**  
**AGM from 11:00 am**

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

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

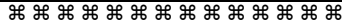
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**National Newsletter**  
The latest national newsletter *Annuity News* is enclosed. It includes items of specific interest to GSA members. It has been prepared for your benefit so please take the time to read it.

**AGM Meeting 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 you should proceed to the dining room where the caterers will serve diners with meat and you then self-serve your vegetables. A dessert will also be provided and self-serve tea/coffee is available.

**AGM Venue & Meeting 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 Mr Dallas Elvy who will speak on current GSA issues. Other business will include presentation of the Branch Annual report and financial statements and the election of branch officers. Parking is available in the Otaki RSA car park and on the roadside nearby. Complete the slip below if you wish to attend.

**New Secretary - Please Note**  
Members should note that the address for the secretary has changed to that shown at the top right of this page. This means that Levin members who are used to dropping mail into the letterbox of our past secretary must no longer do so.



**Please Help**  
If you have email please consider using this as your option for receiving newsletters. The cost of printing and postage, which both continue to rise, will be eliminated and we, and the environment, all gain. Send an email to the Secretary to advise the email address you wish to use



**Please cut along perforation and return only this section to the Secretary at the address above**  
*Please ensure you post this slip to arrive with the Secretary by Monday 13 May 2019*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ will attend the AGM meeting. - \_\_\_\_\_ persons @ \$10 = \$\_\_\_\_\_. Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment** a) is enclosed  - (cheque payable to **H/K GSA Inc**)  
or b) has been made on \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/2018 by internet banking into **38-9014-0275903-01**

*If you pay by internet banking you must also confirm by email or forward the attendance slip*

# Government Superannuitants Association Horowhenua/Kapiti Branch

## Branch Annual Report for the Y/E 31 March 2019

The Horowhenua/Kapiti branch of the GSA has continued to support members' interests both in the district and at national level.

At a national level GSA safeguards the provision of the schemes and the removal of anomalies and deficiencies. It also advocates to the Government on principal issues affecting members. It presented the petition on CoLA and is awaiting a response.

At the annual Council Meeting it was noted that this branch was in a strong position in relation to many other branches. This reflects careful management of the branch's affairs over time and the accumulation of expertise concerning the issues that can face individuals who encounter difficulties.

Information of a general nature about GSA affairs can be found in the *Annuity News* which is regularly distributed. We continue to welcome those who arrive in our area and to assist those who are involved in obtaining their entitlements. Our condolences to those who have suffered a loss of a family member and we hope that you have found us supportive.

Our Secretary, Paul Gardner, has been a mainstay of the committee for many years. He has decided to retire, and we thank him for all his work and management of GSA services. He will remain as treasurer. Steps are being taken to seek a replacement secretary.

My thanks to the branch committee for their work over the year and their combined wisdom in dealing with policy, legal and other issues that are regularly considered.

The branch's membership make up at 31 March and a summary of the branch financial performance for the year are given below.

Roger Pitchforth  
Branch Chairperson

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### Financial Report to 31 March 2019

The full branch financial report for 2019 will be available at the AGM. Key items are listed below.

Subscriptions	\$9040	Cost of Functions	\$3382
Functions	\$1797	Remuneration	\$2000
Interest	<u>\$1594</u>	Postage & Other	<u>\$ 567</u>
Total Income	<b>\$12431</b>	Total Expenses	<b>\$ 5949</b>
Increase in branch funds \$6,482		Total accumulated funds \$65,790	

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### Horowhenua/Kapiti Branch Membership Statistics at 31 March 2019

Annuitants	Spouses of Annuitants	Surviving Spouses	Pre Annuitants	Spouses of Pre Annuitants	Total 1264
<b>656</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>17</b>	

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### Farewell Message from Paul Gardner

I have been involved with the Horowhenua/Kapiti branch committee since before the year 2000 when I started by helping manage the branch membership records. Shortly afterwards I took over all of the Branch Secretary role. There have been major changes during my time in the role, most of which have greatly reduced the work, particularly the centralisation at National office of newsletter production and distribution and the internet based accounting system. I have enjoyed all the varied tasks that I have been involved with and the contact with individual members has been a highlight of course. I will continue to be involved as a branch committee member and Branch Treasurer after 31 Mar 2019. I thank my fellow committee members and chairpersons for their support, tolerance and understanding over the time of my tenure.

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