



Horowhenua/Kapiti Branch October 2019

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*Our next meeting in **Waikanae** includes
a Luncheon and is set down for*

Thursday
07 November 2019
from 11:30 am

At

**Plateau Function Centre
Parkwood Village
off Ngarara Road
Waikanae**

Partners are welcome.

*Our Next Meeting in **Levin** includes
a Luncheon and is set down for*

Thursday
14 November 2019
from 11:30 am

At

**Western House
149 Tiro Tiro Road
Levin**

Partners are welcome.

END OF YEAR MEETINGS

There will be a brief update on current GSA issues at each of our meetings as well as a guest speaker. Please arrive in time for a prompt 11:30 am start to the meeting. Because of catering requirements, you must notify the Secretary and make payment in advance. The cost has been set at \$25 in each case after a subsidy from branch funds.

Waikanae Meeting - Refer to Page 4 for further details.

Guest Speaker – We are delighted to have Tony Taylor, Emeritus Professor of Psychology as guest speaker at our Waikanae Meeting.

Venue – Plateau Function Centre – Pukeko Street - Parkwood Village Waikanae

This is a comfortable purpose-built venue for a meeting and luncheon with experienced in-house caterers. Parking is available adjacent to the venue.

Luncheon - A two course (main and dessert) meal is available.

The charge is \$25 per head payable in advance.

Note that there is a limit on the number who can attend.

Levin Meeting - Refer to Page 3 for further details.

Guest Speaker – We are delighted to have David Walshaw of Kapiti Olives as our guest speaker for our Levin meeting.

Venue – Western House – 149 Tiro Tiro Road, Levin

Western House has a dining area and a bar. Parking is available outside the venue.

Luncheon - A two course (main and dessert) buffet style meal is available.

The charge is \$25 per head payable in advance.

National Newsletter

This newsletter is included with a copy of the GSA National Newsletter – The October issue of Annuity News covers business at Council 2019 including the newly elected Board, This issue continues the policy of covering only GSA related items and the resulting reduction in size also means a reduction in production costs. It is important that members keep themselves informed of GSA matters by reading this publication.



Spouse Members Welcome

Our branch has many members who have taken the step of enrolling their spouse as a GSA member which they did at no cost. This has been really meaningful by boosting the GSA membership numbers. Also, at the time of the demise of the pensioner, it provides continuity with the GSA for the surviving spouse. If you have overlooked enrolling your spouse then take advantage of this reminder and contact the Branch Secretary on 0800 888 472 to start the process (or email horokapiti@gsa.org.nz)



Branch AGM 2019 – Election of Officers

The local branch AGM was again held at the Otaki RSA Clubrooms on 16th May 2019. The Branch committee members elected were

- Chairperson:- Roger Pitchforth
Committee:- Ian Bryce
Paul Gardner
Trish McKelvey
Shirley Reid
Edgar Spark
David Swallow
Brian Tyler

Paul Gardner will continue in the role of Treasurer.

CoLA Petition

The CoLA petition is with the Parliamentary Committee and no decision has been made.

New Branch Secretary

Our branch has been fortunate to have recruited, in early June 2019, a new branch secretary (Bridgitte Galloway). Bridgitte has been picking up all the complexities of GSA membership roll maintenance as well as newsletter production and branch committee meeting requirements. If you have dealings with Bridgitte you will find her pleasant and keen to be of help. The role of Branch Secretary is critical to the continuation of the branch itself and although Bridgitte is not a GSA member she always has the interest of members in mind.

GSA Membership Roll Numbers

At the end of August 2019 our branch membership stood at 1221 made up of

<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	
631	660	– Ordinary Members
221	235	– Surviving Spouses
333	333	– Members' Spouses
36	35	– Current Contributors & Spouses
<u>1221</u>	<u>1263</u>	

The reduction is due to natural attrition with a very few new member enrolments. The major source of prospective members is those who have long been retired but have failed to support our association.

