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Horowhenua/Kapiti Branch October 2017

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

Tuesday
21 November 2017
from 11:30 am

At

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

(Apologies not required)

Partners are welcome.

Guest Speaker – Randal Heke
Scott Base Construction Team leader

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

Thursday
23 November 2017
from 11:30 am

At

**Western House
149 Tiro Tiro Road
Levin**

(Apologies not required)

Partners are welcome.

Guest Speaker – Sharon Crosbie
Radio Broadcaster and Administrator

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 \$20 in each case after a subsidy from branch funds.

Waikanae Meeting - Refer to Page 4 for further details.

Guest Speaker – Randal Heke Our own Randal has agreed to speak to us on his experiences as leader of the group constructing Scott Base in the Antarctic during the 1950's and the building techniques needed for that extreme environment.

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 \$20 per head payable in advance.

Levin Meeting - Refer to Page 3 for further details.

Guest Speaker – Sharon Crosbie This well known broadcaster and administrator will provide an insight into her successful career in the publicly funded NZ radio industry.

Venue – Western House – 149 Tiro Tiro Road Levin

This is an attractive colonial style villa setting with experienced and friendly proprietors who provide consistently attractive meals. Parking is available outside the venue. There is a bar facility available.

Luncheon - A two course (main and dessert) buffet style meal is available.
The charge is \$20 per head payable in advance.

National Newsletter

This newsletter is included with a copy of the GSA National Newsletter – Annuity News (No.96) which covers business at Council 2017 including the newly elected Board, Council decisions made surrounding the long term viability of the GSA including an increase to subscriptions and the management of accumulated funds by National Office. It contains much of general interest to members. It is important that members keep themselves informed of GSA matters by reading this publication.

How Long Will We Last?

Late last year the subject of the long term future of the GSA was raised by the Waikato/King Country branch and taken up by the GSA Board. The concern was that the current planning system does not identify problems that will soon arise from an acceleration in the rate of our falling membership and a consequent reduction in the Association's revenue through reduced subscriptions income. The reduction in member numbers will be quite rapid over the next ten years. The subject of the long term future of the GSA was a major part of the 2017 Council meeting in September. The recruitment of members for branch committees is expected to become increasingly difficult and amalgamations of branches will have to be considered. Ways of reducing the Association's expenses and increasing revenue were proposed and will be further investigated by the Board during its current term.

GSA Membership Roll Numbers

At the end of September our branch membership stood at 1306 made up of

<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	
693	728	– Ordinary Members
241	246	– Surviving Spouses
351	365	– Members' Spouses
21	17	– Current Contributors & Spouses
<u>1306</u>	<u>1356</u>	

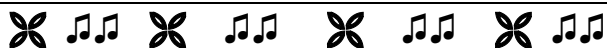
The reduction is due to natural attrition with very few new member enrolments. The major source of prospective members is those who have long been retired but have failed to support our association

Branch AGM 2017 – Election of Officers

The local branch AGM was again held at the Otaki RSA in May. The Branch committee members elected were

- Chairperson:- David Swallow
- Committee :- Ian Bryce
- Paul Gardner
- John Lewin
- Roger Pitchforth
- Trish McKelvey
- Jenny McGrath
- Jan Reid
- Edgar Spark
- Brian Tyler

Paul Gardner will continue in the role of Branch Secretary.



A Merry Xmas and Happy New Year to all readers from the members of the Horowhenua/Kapiti Branch Committee



