



Horowhenua/Kapiti Branch April 2022

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Our Next Members Meeting is the Annual General Meeting Tuesday 28 June 2022 from 11:00 am, at the Otaki RSA 9 Raukawa Street OTAKI

Luncheon to follow the meeting
(\$15.00 per head payable in advance)
Partners are welcome.

Guest speaker: Ian Clunies-Ross
(GSA Board liaison for our branch)

Registration details at bottom of next page

Apologies are not required

Branch Financial Administration

Another area of cooperation between our branches is the planned performance of our financial administration tasks by the Wellington Branch secretary from 1 April 2022. Our branch has previously had a separate treasurer role but most branches combine the treasurer duties with those of the branch secretary as is the case in Wellington. Horowhenua/Kapiti branch committee will retain complete control over the management of the branch funds and any expenditure will have to be pre-approved by that committee. This decision will ensure that our branch has ongoing administration of its financial activities and removes the role of the Horowhenua/Kapiti treasurer since that role will now be held by our branch secretary.

National Newsletter

The latest national newsletter *Annuity News* is enclosed. It includes items of specific interest to GSA members, and it is worthwhile to take the time to read it.

Membership Administration

The resignation of Jirayu Brennan as the Wellington Branch secretary means we are now serviced by Catherine Chang who assumed the role shortly after Jirayu left. This prompt recruitment of a replacement is confirmation of the value to our branch of having a contract with the Wellington branch to provide membership administration services. Their ability to access the Wellington pool of candidates and find a well-qualified replacement is pleasing.
Membership Queries, phone **0800 888 472**

Branch Secretary

David Ballantyne has held the role of Branch Secretary since the last AGM but has now decided to relinquish the role for personal reasons. Committee member John Laurenson was appointed on 24 March 2022. Members will have contact with John mostly through registering and paying for attendance at social functions as well as at those meetings.

Wellington branch Mid-Winter Function

The Wellington Branch invites Horowhenua/Kapiti members to the James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor, The Terrace on Thursday 28 July at 12noon. Mix and mingle from 11:15 am. Please contact the Wellington secretary (022 061 1423) by 11 July to confirm attendance/payment and any special dietary requirements. Cost \$40:00 pp

Annual Report for Year Ending 31 March 2022

Covid has continued to exert its influence over GSA activities for yet another year. As a branch, our regular committee meetings were somewhat disrupted, however, we managed to hold two successful end-of-year functions in November. At a national level, the 2021 Council meeting (and replacement 2022 Special Meeting) were both postponed due to Covid. Despite these challenges, the Association continues to function well at both a branch and National level.

The branch had a good response to its call for additional committee members in 2021, with a committee of nine. Three committee members will not be standing for 2022, and it is hoped that we can recruit some new faces for 2022, to maintain a strong and viable committee to support you, our members. We continue to build our working relationship with the Wellington Branch, who have been providing membership secretarial services to our Branch for the past two years. Recently, we have agreed for the Wellington Branch to deliver some of our Treasurer's functions, relieving our long serving Treasurer, Paul Gardner of these duties. I would like to thank Paul for his very significant contribution to the Branch. I would also like to acknowledge the contribution of Roger Pitchforth and Edgar Spark, two long serving members of the branch committee.

We will welcome Ian Clunies-Ross, our GSA Board liaison person, to address the AGM. Ian is both a Board member and a committee member of the Wellington Branch. He has been very supportive in building the relationship between our two branches, and assisting with the development of the shared service arrangements that we now enjoy.

Jeff Taylor
Branch Chairperson

Financial Report to 31 March 2022

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

Subscriptions	\$9651	
Cost of Functions		\$2618
Functions	\$1585	
Remuneration		\$3259
Interest	\$ 605	
Postage & Other		\$ 617
Total Income	\$11841	
Total Expenses		\$6494
Increase in branch funds	\$5347	
Total accumulated funds	\$81282	

Even with a reduction in membership, the total revenue from subscriptions has increased because of the decision by the GSA Council to increase the four-weekly rate each member pays.

Horowhenua/Kapiti Branch Membership Statistics at 31 March 2022

Annuitants	559
Spouses of annuitants	310
Surviving Spouses	195
PreAnnuitants	12
Spouses of PreAnnuitants	10
Total	1086

Last year's total was 1163.

Join the Committee

We welcome members to join the Branch committee which meets four times a year in addition to the AGM and end of year functions. If you would be interested in joining the committee please contact **Jeff Taylor (04) 298 8924** prior to the AGM.

Booking and Paying for AGM Luncheon

Option 1 (Internet users)

Pay the entry fee of \$15 per person by internet banking

(Bank account 38-9014-0275903-01)

THEN Send a confirming email to

horokapiti@gsa.org.nz

Option 2. (no internet access).

Contact secretary by phone (021 445 115) and Pay \$15 per person on arrival at the AGM

Please ensure you register your intention to attend the luncheon before 20 June 2022.