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**Horowhenua/Kapiti Branch  
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*Our Next Meeting in Waikanae  
is set down for*

Friday  
**27 November 2015**  
*from*  
**1:30 pm to 3:30 pm**

*At*

**Waikanae Bowling Club  
354 - 356 Te Moana Road  
Waikanae**

**(Apologies not required)**

*Partners are welcome.*

Guest Speaker – See Below

***Please advise Rob Armitage (0800 888 472)  
if you intend coming to this meeting.***

Afternoon Tea Will Be Served

*Our Next Meeting in Levin  
is set down for*

Wednesday  
**25 November 2015**  
*from*  
**1:30 pm to 3:30 pm**

*At*

**Levin & District Senior  
Citizens Association Hall  
Cambridge Street, Levin**

**(Apologies not required)**

*Partners are welcome.*

Guest Speaker – See Below

***Please advise Rob Armitage (0800 888 472)  
if you intend coming to this meeting.***

Afternoon Tea Will Be Served

**Waikanae Meeting - Venue & Guest Speaker**

The venue for this end of year meeting is the Waikanae Bowling Club. Off road parking is available.

The guest speaker is a representative of the Kapiti Expressway Project team and will be a competent and informative speaker. He/she will give an idea of the planning and overall management of this important project.

For catering purposes you need to advise if you are attending this meeting.

There will also be a brief address covering current GSA issues.

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It is acceptable for members to attend both meetings.

**Levin Meeting - Venue & Guest Speaker**

The venue for this meeting is the Levin & District Senior Citizens Hall on the corner of Cambridge Street and Montgomery Avenue in Levin.

Our guest speaker for this meeting is also from the project team involved in the Wellington to Levin “Highways of National Importance Project”. Although not yet finalised it is expected that this speaker will cover the planning and work completed to date on the project and also give an insight into what is likely to develop in the Levin sector.

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There will also be a brief address covering current GSA issues.

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### National Newsletter

Included with this newsletter is a copy of the GSA National Newsletter – Annuity News (No.92) which covers business at Council 2015, including the newly elected Board. It contains much of general interest to members. It is important that members keep themselves informed of GSA issues by reading this publication.



### Ex Railways Assn Members Social Event

**Wellington** - Xmas Luncheon is planned for Avenue Motel Levin on Wed 18<sup>th</sup> November 15  
Phone David Shaw - 06 367 0076 for prices and to book a place.



#### Useful Information from Q & A Items

The Annuity News has a section for Questions and Answers on items of interest to our members. All the material has been collected from actual enquiries received by the Executive Officer in Wellington. Of course complete confidentiality is maintained.

One interesting example is that if a member has divorced and made a settlement under the Matrimonial Property Act then on his demise the divorced partner ceases to be entitled to any part of the pension. If he had remarried then the new wife gets the surviving spouse entitlement and if he didn't remarry then no pension is paid at all.

There is a section being developed on the GSA website with more of the Q & A items



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



### GSA Membership Roll Numbers

At the end of August 2015 our branch membership stood at 1302 made up of

- 691 - Ordinary Members
- 248 - Surviving Spouses
- 345 - Members' Spouses
- 18 - Current Contributors & Spouses

At this time last year the total was 1399 and the decrease is due to natural attrition.



### Branch AGM 2015 – Election Of Officers

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

- Chairman:- David Swallow
- Committee:- Rob Armitage
- John Lewin
- John Pitchforth
- Trish McKelvey
- Graham Butterworth
- Brian Tyler
- Edgar Spark

Paul Gardner was re-appointed to the role of Branch Secretary.

### Secretary Honoured

The Horowhenua/Kapiti branch secretary (Paul Gardner) was awarded Honorary Life membership of the GSA at the 2015 GSA Annual Council in Wellington.

