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2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

followed by lunch.
(\$10 per person)
Venue: Taupo Bridge Club

Date: Thursday 23th May 2019 at 10.30am

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| 10.30 a.m. | Introduction and welcome.
Apologies.
Annual Report.
Election of committee.
Election of reviewer.
Address by Rob Brangwin Taupo Representative
on the GSA Board
General Business |
| 11.15 a.m. | Our Guest Speaker |
| 11.45 a.m. | Social time with complimentary drinks
followed by a light lunch. |

Branch Report.

It's that time of the year when the Branch holds its Annual General Meeting. As members of our local Branch you are asked to attend this year's meeting at the Bridge Club Rooms at 10.30am on Thursday 23th May 2019. The meeting will open with the usual AGM formalities after which Rob Brangwin, the Taupo representative on the GSA Board, will give an update on current GSA Board activities.

It has been a quiet year for the Branch, we are still awaiting the outcome of the petition on COLA which was presented to Parliament earlier this year.

In September Les and I represented you at Council in Wellington. Again quite a quiet meeting with no great issues to resolve. This shows that the Association is on top of its main programme with only a few issues left to get solved.

A new President was elected, Tony Hamilton from Whangarei. Tony is a former teacher and well into the IT side of things. He is hoping to meet up with most Branches this year, though unfortunately he will be in Hawkes Bay when we have our AGM. Perhaps we can get him to our Christmas meeting.

Your Committee met on two occasions during the year. Items discussed at the first meeting pertained mainly to remits for the annual Council Meeting the second meeting discussed and established the Branch's position on the National Council not being able to appoint a vice president and the legal implications on the procedure to be followed should a vice president need to be appointed before the next Council meeting. This is a complex question and may be further discussed in the National Newsletter.

Other agenda items discussed have been the organisation of our AGM and Christmas function, and the Council Meeting update.

Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker Charlette Wickham will speak about Dr Newton Wickham, known to everyone as Wicky, periodontist, adventurer, visionary, health and fitness advocator, a great character who led a full, varied and interesting life. She will speak about his many activities, and the worthwhile part he played during World War 2 in North Africa and Italy as a young officer in the NZ Dental Corps treating casualties in his mobile dental unit close to the battle front.

Membership

Our branch membership has continued to decrease this year to 221. At our Annual General Meeting our long-standing committee member Ian McDougall is standing down. Ian is a Life Member so will still take part in anything the Branch does. He has been a valuable member of the committee for many years – we thank him for his support and wish him well in his “retirement”. We have one Branch member who has put his hand up to join the committee and if anyone else would like to join the committee it would be greatly appreciated.

Before closing I will take this opportunity to give any member or their family who is not in the best of health or has sadly incurred the loss of a loved one, our blessings. We also remember the atrocity that happened in Christchurch and pass on to any of our Canterbury/Westland members who knew members who were killed or injured on the 15th of March our most heartfelt wishes.

We look forward to as many of you as possible coming to our AGM and enjoying the camaraderie of the day. Rob Brangwin our Board delegate from Hawkes Bay will be with us for the day and may be able to enlighten us further on the petition.

Financial Position

Our financial report reviewed this year by Alan Hamilton, a past branch Treasurer shows a surplus for the year’s trading. Our budget this year allows us to maintain our usual subsidised cost of \$10 for our functions.

Active Web Site

The organisation has an active web site, www.gsa.org.nz, which you can access at any time to keep up to date with G.S.A. activities. Please access this informative site, on GSA activities.

Diana Pye
Chairperson.

If you wish to pay your \$10.00 per person entry into the GSA Bank Account the account number is : West Pac

030430-0257922-00. Remember to provide your names and the number attending.

Or alternatively

Please return the reply form below by Friday 17 May 2019 to:

Colin Crowe, 11 Logan Avenue, Wharewaka, Taupo 3330 (phone 07-3786627)

This will assist us in advising numbers to the caterer.

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I/We will be attending the G.S.A. A.G.M. and social function on 23 May 2019

Name _____ Number attending: _____

I enclose a cheque for \$ _____