



Newsletter
Lake Taupo Branch
October 2019

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**2019 End of Year Meeting,
Xmas Function and Lunch
Bridge Club Rooms Tauhara Road
Date Thursday 21 November 2019
Time: 10.30am
\$10.00 per person**

Programme:

- 10.30am: Introduction and Welcome;
Chairperson's Report on the Annual Council Meeting;
- 11.15am The entertainment will be provided by the The Odd Notes Band who will provide a selection of music.
- 11.45am Social time with a light lunch served at 12.00.

Branch Activities

Your Branch Committee has met on two occasions since the Annual General Meeting to discuss remits to be presented at the September Annual Council Meeting and to plan the 2019 Christmas Function. Your Committee has not been asked to state its position on any policy over the last year. The National Newsletter discusses any current policy items.

Chairperson's Report

Again, the year is almost over – how time flies when you are having fun!

To all of you who have lost a loved one please accept my sympathy, or if you or someone in your family is in ill health I hope that you will soon be on the mend.

Although we have not had a lot of work to do this year at Branch level, we did welcome two new members to the committee, Pieter Braun from Kuratau and Marie Grantham from Taupo.

We are hoping to canvass local schools and other public offices to bring in all the pre-annuitants to keep the Association alive with younger blood. So, if you know of any who receive the GSF or NPF annuity – or are still paying in - please get in touch with Colin our Secretary so he can bring them in. Another note is that when a member passes away the surviving spouse must let GSF know as soon as possible so that her/his annuity is not stopped.

They must also let GSF know that they wish to continue as a member of the GSA so that they are not forgotten. Please put this in your Personal Data book and let your family know (or solicitor if no family) that this must happen.

At the AGM next year, we will be having our GSA President in attendance. Tony Hamilton is really looking forward to meeting you so it would be great if we could have a good turnout.

So, note the 21st of May 2020 on your calendar. Remember this is the 100th anniversary year of the GSA and we hope to celebrate it later in the year.

We hope a fair number of you can join us for the End of Year luncheon and don't forget to bring any friends whom you think should join the Association if they were previously (or still are) in public service. Remember you can pay by internet banking, so if your bank no longer accepts cheques it makes it easier.

Annual Council Meeting

I went to Council to represent the Branch again this year, along with my husband Les, who acted as the second delegate. I am pleased to be able to tell you that Rob Brangwin is still our Branch liaison officer representing the GSA Board and we will welcome him back this summer to our end of year luncheon. Notable items that came out of Council this year are that there will be no increase of subs. This was voted on by delegates and the majority did not wish to impose another increase at the current time. We had two speakers this year, one from the National Party and the other from the Labour Party. Both agreed, that the COLA petition should go forward and await the result.

Christmas Function

We look forward to welcoming you at our Christmas meeting and enjoying a social occasion. Again, this year the Committee is offering a first prize draw of a \$50 motor trade voucher and a second prize of a \$25 grocery voucher. The draw will be based on the number allocated to you on payment of your \$10 entry fee to the Secretary.

Finally, on behalf of the Lake Taupo Branch of the GSA I would like to wish all of you a wonderful Christmas and all the best for the New Year and look forward to seeing you in November.

So, enjoy your summer and Christmas break wherever you are.

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 15 November 2019 to:
Colin Crowe, 11 Logan Avenue, Wharewaka, Taupo 3330 (phone 07-3786627)
This will assist us in advising numbers to the caterer.

Please make cheques payable to the GSA Lake Taupo Branch

I/We will be attending the social function on 21 November 2019 and enclose a cheque/cash for \$..... (\$10per person)

Name (please print clearly):.....