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**Newsletter
Lake Taupo Branch
October 2017**

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**2017 End of Year Meeting,
Xmas Function and Lunch
Bridge Club Rooms Tauhara Road
Date Thursday 23 November 2017
Time: 10.30am
\$10.00 per person**

Programme:

- 10.30am: Introduction and Welcome;
Chairman's Report on the Annual Council Meeting;
- 11.15am Entertainment. Yet to be arranged.
- 11.45am Social time with a light lunch served at 12.00.

Branch Activities

Your Branch Committee has met twice since the Annual General Meeting to discuss remits to be presented at the September Annual Council Meeting and to plan the 2017 Christmas Function. Again this year there has been no activity on policy issues the Branch Committee has been required to take a position on. The final draft of the Petition to the Government on the issue of the 100% Cost of Living allowance (COLA) was discussed and signed off. The association requires more signatures to support this petition. A report on the future of the GSA was prepared by the Waikato Branch and a subsequent meeting was held with our Branch Chairman attending to discuss this report .An action list was prepared and taken to the 2017 Council Meeting. Some of the actions required minor changes to the Constitution. A copy of this document is available from your Branch Secretary. The Rotorua Branch has extended an invitation to our members to attend a function at Orakei Korako Thermal Park early next year. More details will be available later.

Annual Council Meeting

I attended the annual GSA Council Meeting in September as a Board Member. Diana Pye represented the Branch as our delegate.

An interesting address was given to the Council by Simon Tyler of the Government Superannuation Fund. His address explained how the fund is contributing to the annuities paid. The fund has in excess of four billion which is invested in New Zealand and Overseas equities, fixed deposits and commodities. Details of the Council Meeting will be noted in the National Newsletter.

In accordance with the GSA's Constitution the Council elected five board members. With just one nomination for President, no election was required to fill this position. Two nominations were received for Vice President.

The elected Board is:

- Janice Campbell Wellington, President
 - Bryan Whisker Wairarapa, Vice President
 - Board Members: Bill Robertson Wellington, Rob Brangwin Hawkes Bay, Tony Hamilton Northland, Mike Smith Wellington, and Dallas Elvy Wellington.
- Two positions on the Board are still to be decided.

This year I did not forward my name for nomination to the Board.

Membership

This year Branch membership has declined from the March 2017 total due to nine of our members either moving from the Branch or passing away. The branch gained one new member. As our membership becomes older this trend will continue.

May I extend my sympathy on behalf of the membership to those families that have lost loved ones.

The need to recruit new or lapsed members, and making contact with non members who are still contributing to the fund, is important to all branches, and especially so here in Taupo.

If you are aware of any one in these situations, please let the Secretary know who they are.

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. This prize is not offered to those who pay at the door. Once again the \$10 entry fee is subsidised by Branch funds.

In closing, I and the Taupo Branch Committee wish you all a happy Christmas and a healthy 2018. We look forward to seeing you at future meetings.

Winston Grantham
Chairman

Please return the reply form below by Friday 17 November 2017 to:

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

This will assist us in advising numbers to the caterer. If you require transport please indicate this on the return slip with a contact number.

Please make cheques payable to the GSA Lake Taupo Branch

I/We will be attending the social function on 23 November 2017 and enclose a cheque/cash for \$.....
(\$10 per person)

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

I require transport: Yes/No Contact phone
number.....