



Newsletter
Lake Taupo Branch
2 October 2023

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**2023 End of Year Meeting,
Xmas Function and Lunch
Bridge Club Rooms Tauhara Road
Date Thursday 23 November 2023
Time: 10.30am
\$15.00 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 one occasion since the Annual General Meeting in June 2023. to discuss the 2023 Council Meeting and the 2023 Xmas Function. The National Newsletter discusses any current policy items.

Chairperson's Report

Welcome to Spring and hopefully a drier summer than last year. 2023 has been rather quiet with not much news to offer you on the GSA front. The AGM was well attended and you may like to know that Lake Taupo Branch topped the list in percentage of attendance of all branches. Well done and let's keep it that way. Our committee was given the addition of Eric Duder so it is great to have a new face to give perhaps new ideas on how to recruit members. Unfortunately Taupo isn't the sort of place where we get new members unless they retire here or move from another district. But if you do know of any person who receives a GSF annuity and isn't a member please suggest to them that they join. That also goes to widows/widowers whose spouse was a member – try to persuade them to come into the fold. Council this year was a quiet affair with only one remit and that was for the increase of the annual subscription. With the cost of nearly everything going up it was rather inevitable, especially as our membership is declining each year. The Board was elected unopposed with Alan Straker taking over the Presidency from Tony Hamilton. Alan is a great guy and comes from Marlborough where I was secretary for 20 odd years. We thank Tony for his input over the past six years and wish him well in his "retirement" – at least he won't have to make the long journey from Whangarei to Wellington for meetings.

One suggestion that did come up at Council was that members give their next of kin address to the Secretary and then if a member leaves their home to go into a rest home or leave the district our secretary will be able to get in touch with them. This of course is entirely optional but if you would like to do that please email or call Colin.

Finally, I look forward to seeing many of you on Thursday 23 November 2023 and those who may not be able to make the meeting I wish you and all your family a wonderful Christmas and may the Summer be warm but not as hot as Europe had this year!

Christmas Function

Again this year the Committee is offering a first prize draw of a \$70 grocery voucher a second prize of a \$30 Motor Trade voucher. The draw will be based on the number allocated to you on payment of your \$15 entry fee to the Secretary. We will also hold our raffle draws.

Diana Pye Chairperson

If you wish to pay your \$15.00 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 pay your \$15.00 cash on entry at the door.
- Please advise of your attendance by email to crowesroost@xtra.co.nz, or by phoning 378-6627 or return the reply form below by Friday 17 November 2023 to:

Colin Crowe, 6 Uku Way Wharewaka, Taupo 3330.
This will assist us in advising numbers to the caterer.

I/We will be attending the social function on Thursday 23 November 2023 and enclose cash for \$.....
(\$15 per person)
Name (please print
clearly):.....

