



Newsletter

Manawatu Branch

September 2021

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Chairperson's Report. 2021

September 2021.

This report, my second as chair of the Palmerston North Branch of GSA, is necessarily a brief one. GSA activities have been somewhat restricted due to the continuing Covid-19 emergency, which has seen us back in lockdown. Our thoughts go out to our Auckland colleagues in GSA, who have endured the most restrictions due to higher levels of lockdowns than we ourselves have currently experienced.

At national level, we now have a new team responsible for the running of GSA's Wellington office. Robyn Doherty is our new Executive Officer, whilst Angelica Doria is Office Manager. The previous team, Karen Knobloch and Pamela Arul did a very fine job, and I am sure that the new team will prove every bit as willing and able as their predecessors were.

The September 2021 National Council meeting was postponed until late October, due to the Covid situation. A decision on whether to go ahead with the meeting on this new date will be made on 4 October, depending on the anticipated levels of lockdown we might reasonably expect by then. If the meeting does not proceed, it might well be postponed until early in the New Year.

On a brighter note, I look forward to meeting members at our forthcoming annual Christmas dinner celebration at Verdict. In the meantime, please take care of yourself and your loved ones during these challenging times.

Roger Openshaw

Chair,

Manawatu Branch.

Secretarial

The year has gone past quite fast from my perspective. However, the return to Lockdowns and the prospect of continued limitation on public gatherings as well being required to wear masks in public for the foreseeable future has put a dampener on activity. The possibility of seeing the country returning to pre-COVID normality is now unlikely for some considerable time. Nevertheless summer is on its way and hopefully will see the latest outbreak in Auckland finally eliminated.

While there have been a couple of Committee Meetings since our last Newsletter, there has been nothing of particular interest from the Secretarial desk, our Branch membership remains fairly stable and at present stands at 913.

Membership as at 30 September 2021

Membership Category	31 March 2021	30 September 2021
Annuitant	485	473
Annuitant Spouse	263	255
Surviving Spouse	141	141
Pre-Annuitant	28	24
Pre-Annuitant Spouse	23	20
Total	940	913

Finance

There has been very little activity on the financial front and accordingly our accumulated funds are in a very sound state with the Current Account balance sitting at \$11,552.00, plus a Term Deposit of \$5,819.

End of Year Function

This year the Committee have organised a Christmas Social Function to be held at the Verdict Cafe, 32 The Square, Palmerston North, on Wednesday 24 November 2021. The meal will be subsidised by the Committee and the cost to members is \$20.00 each.

Parking is available in the Square about 50 Mtrs from the Verdict and while Supergold card holders can obtain a free parking permit from PNCC or Grey Power this expires at 12.00, so you will need to pay a parking fee.

Christmas Luncheon

Christmas Luncheon to be held at the Verdict Café,
32 The Square, Palmerston North,
on **Wednesday 24 November**

11.00am – 11.30am Meet & Greet

1130 Welcome by Prof. Roger Openshaw – Chairperson

12 noon Lunch

MENU

HONEY GLAZED CHAMPAGNE HAM ON THE BONE

ROAST CHICKEN BREAST STUFFED WITH CRANBERRY AND BRIE

CREAMY AIOLI POTATO SALAD

CRUNCHY SLAW

GARDEN SALAD

BEETROOT SALAD

ITALIAN PASTA SALAD

BASKET OF BUNS

DESSERT

BOWL OF ASSORTED BERRIES

MINI PAVLOVA

APPLE STRUDEL AND CREAM

TEA AND COFFEE

Please complete the form over and return to the Secretary at 302C Kimbolton Road,
Feilding 4702 by no later than 17th November 2021 or E-mail details to
Manawatu@gsa.org.nz.

Please allow three days if forwarding by post

I/We will be attending the Luncheon on Wednesday, 24th November at Verdict Café in
The Square

Name(s).....

Address.....

Phone ().....

Number Attending..... (Cost \$20.00 per person)

Payment may be made by:

Internet Banking: WESTPAC Acct "Manawatu Br Government Superannuitants
Association, Account No: **03-0726-0578952-00**, (please ensure you enter your
name in the Particulars **panel**)

Or

At your Bank by **Bank Deposit** (Account details as above); please
ensure your name is included as Depositor.