



Newsletter

Manawatu Branch APRIL 2017

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Branch Committee

Chair: Gordon Batchelar.
Deputy Chair: Roger Openshaw
Committee: Arthur Evans:
Grahame McIver: Gordon Bennett:
John Lowen: Cath Purdie.
Ian Knowles: William White. Robert Crawley.

Delegates to Council.

Gordon Batchelar.
Arthur Evans.

Secretary/Treasurer. Meg Vining
Reviewer: Helen Sussmilch.

Annual meeting and luncheon

All members, spouses, and partners are welcome to our meeting and luncheon. (See details below)

Date: Wednesday 31st May 2017

Meeting time: 10.00 am

Meal time: 12.00 Noon.

Venue: Hunterville Room. Hotel Coachman. 140 Fitzherbert Avenue. Palmerston North.

Parking available.

Membership

As of 31 March 2015 membership totaled 1,100

It now totals 1094 (see database)

Member Categories	31st March 2016	2 nd April 2017
Annuitant	577	596
Annuitant spouse	294	304
Surviving spouse	163	171
Pre-annuitant	20	20
Pre-annuitant spouse	19	18
Total	1070	1109

I/We will be attending the Luncheon on

Wednesday 31st May 2017.

Names.....

Address.....

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Phone().....

Number Attending.

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Chairperson's Report.

This year the committee worked on membership again and I am pleased to report that although we lost some members we have had a gain of 39. Some were new members and some were transferees inward. I was pleased to welcome on to our committee Robert Crawley. The number of committee members now stands at 10. More members will be welcome also.

The number of members who attended the last luncheon in November was 47 which was down on previous years, however I believe our Branch is in a good position for the future.

All committee members have expressed willingness to continue on the committee for the coming year. As I have reported over a number of years now, I believe that the way to obtain new members is by way of friendships at the clubs or organizations where there are members who have worked for Government Departments and are not GSA members, or maybe not have heard of the GSA.

This year our Branch have suggested and placed before the Board that the GSA have a badge to be worn by members. It would be a badge like Lions, Rotary and RSA wear and would be a help in recruiting as it would stimulate discussion at bowls, cards, dancing, RSA, Grey Power to name some of the places where retired Government workers go.

Again this year, our AGM will be held at the Coachman Hotel and I urge members to join the committee for an enjoyable meeting and lunch and to meet with our Board Liason Officer Dallas Elvey, along with our Guest Speaker Brian Purdie. The cost to members will be \$20.00 per person. My thanks to all my committee members for their work during the year with special thanks to Meg Vining for her invaluable support and help..

Secretary/Treasurer's Report

We had a very successful Secretaries training in Palmerston North last June with some 12/13 secretaries attending. Another training is planned for this year. I am very pleased to report that the MYOB accounting system is working very well. The Branch also bought a new computer which also is proving its worth. All in all, a good year.

It is timely now for me to thank Gordon and the committee for their unfailing support and help, not forgetting the staff at Head Office, Alan and Cathy who always give unstintingly of their time to help.

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SCAMS. Please remember IF IT SOUNDS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE, THEN IT PROBABLY IS. There are many unscrupulous people out there .

A reminder to members with spouses who are not yet members to please register your spouse on the GSA website or call your branch secretary? There is no extra cost for a spouse to join.

MEETING AND LUNCHEON. AGENDA

10-00 a.m. Welcome and Apologies.
Presidents Report.
Previous AGM meeting minutes.
Secretarys Report.

Guest Speakers. Dallas Elvey. Liason Officer.
Brian Purdie. Search and Rescue.

12-00 Noon Luncheon. MENU

Bread Rolls
Mixed Leafy Greens Salad with toasted seed and citrus dressing.
Roast Ham with gravy.
Chicken and Mushroom Casserole
Hot Roast Potatoes, Kumera & Pumpkin
Pavlova
Tea/Coffee.

Your meal has been subsidized by the Manawatu Branch. PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM ON PAGE 1 (ONE) AND RETURN TO THE SECRETARY BY SATURDAY 27TH MAY 2017.

Make cheques payable to "GSA Manawatu Branch" Endorsed "Account Payee Only" No cash via post please. Cost \$20.00 per person.

Reply to Secretary Meg Vining no later than Sunday 28th May 2017. Mail to : Meg Vining 40 Highbury Avenue. Palmerston North 4412.

PREVIOUS MEMBERS AND / OR SPOUSES OF N.Z.G. RAILWAYS.

SUPERANNUITANTS- MANAWATU BRANCH.

Following the notice published- November 2016 Manawatu Branch G.S.A Newsletter, I received two (2) phone calls from persons with interest.

Tentative arrangements were made at an establishment, where the tables would be waited upon....
With a greater subsidy!

Is there still an interest? Is there other ideas to be taken on board? Your outcome is awaited.

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Don't forget to let your Secretary know, if you are planning a move and also to let Datacom know.

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Here are a few snippets from a little book called "Disorder in the Court" These were actually said in Court, word for word.

Q. What is the date of your birth? A. July fifteen. Q What year? A. Every Year.

Q, What gear were you in at the moment of impact. A. Gucci sweats and Reboks.

Q. This myasthenia gravis, does it affect your memory at all? A. Yes. Q. And in what way does it affect your memory? A. I forget. Q. You forget. Can you give us an example of something that you've forgotten?

Q. How old is your son. The one living with you? A. Thirty-eight or thirty-five, I can't remember which.

Q. How long has he lived with you? A. Forty-five years.

Q. Did you blow your horn or anything? A. After the accident? Q. Before the accident. A. Sure, I played for 10 years. I even went to school for it.

Q. What was the first thing your husband said to you when he woke that morning? A. Where am I Cathy? Q. And why did that upset you? A. My name is Susan.

Q The youngest son, the twenty- year old, how old is he?

Q. Were you present when your picture was taken?

Q. How far apart were the vehicles at the time of the collision?

AND THEY WALK AMONG US!!!!

Annual Financial Report.
Statement of Financial Performance
Year Ended 31st March 2017

<u>2016</u>	<u>Income.</u>	<u>2017.</u>
5607	Subscriptions (deducted) GSF	5804.00
327	“ (deducted) NPF	445.00
180	“ (deducted)paid direct	206.00
1690	Functions	2135.00
161	Interest Received	110.00
<u>265</u>	Raffle.	<u> </u>
8230		8700.00
	<u>Expenses.</u>	
3264	Functions	3206.00
544	Membership/recruitment	
171	Printing & Stationery	214.00
	Telecommunications	150.00
179.	Technology	179.00
	Furniture	1267.00
2790	Secretary’s remuneration	3000.00
192	Postage	254.00
481	Committee Expenses	495.00
<u>38</u>	Sundry	<u> </u>
7824		8765.00
<u>406 Surplus</u>	deficit	<u>(65.00)</u>
8230		8700.00

Financial Position as at 31st March 2017.

8244	Accumulated Funds	8650
<u>406 Surplus</u>	Deficit	<u>(65)</u>
8650		8585

Represented by
Assets

2206	Cash Account	1911
1226	Savings	1350
<u>5218</u>	Term Deposit	<u>5324</u>
8650		8585

Signed..... Meg Vining. Treasurer.

Signed.....G. Batchelar. Chairman.

Signed.....Helen Sussmilch. Reviewer.

The Bank Statements for March 2017 had not been received at the time the accounts were reviewed.