



Newsletter

**Manawatu Branch
OCTOBER 2018**

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Branch Committee

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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 28th November 2017

Meeting time: 10.00 am 10-30 am Entertainment

Meal time: 12.00 Noon.

Venue: The Green Room. Hotel Coachman. 140 Fitzherbert Avenue. Palmerston North.
Parking available.

Membership

As of 31 March 2018 membership totaled 1,059

It now totals 1074 (see database)

Member Categories	31 st March 2018	30 th September 2018
Annuitant	572	565
Annuitant spouse	266	295
Surviving spouse	163	160
Pre-annuitant	15	28
Pre-annuitant spouse	13	26
Total	1059	1074

<p>I/We will be attending the Luncheon on Wednesday 28th November 2018.</p> <p>Names.....</p> <p>Address.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Phone().....</p> <p>Number Attending.</p> <p>Cheque.....</p>
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Chairman's Report.

This time last year I was concerned at the lack of members who were prepared to stand for the Committee of our Branch. Well since this year's AGM we have had 3 members resign for various reasons, i.e. ill health, work, etc., from the committee. This makes it very hard to run the Branch with only 8 members. We need some younger members with some new ideas to keep the Branch running smoothly. Board officials in the future must come from a committee of younger members with the time to run the Branch which means 5 meetings per year of no more than 2 hours per meeting including morning tea. I know there are a number of members in our Branch that could be committee members and Branch officials. I do not want Manawatu Branch to be one of the first to amalgamate. You can see from the newsletter that we have 5 categories of members, we need one member for each

category so please give thoughts to becoming a committee member before the AGM in May and contact our Secretary Meg Vining for further details.

I would like to welcome our newest committee member Sid Murdie. Sid joined after the AGM and already is proving to be a most capable and willing committee member.

I now wish to thank all the committee for their work during the year and special thanks to our Secretary/Treasurer Meg Vining who is always willing and helpful.

Ellen and I wish everyone "The best for Christmas and the New Year"

Gordon Batchelar.

Chairman.

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Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Greetings to you all.

I hope you managed to get through the winter without too many coughs/flu etc., It is pleasing to have the temperatures getting higher isn't it?

We changed the venue for the Pot Luck Lunch in September. We met at Hancock Community House, in King Street Palmerston North where some 14/15 members plus Peter and I met and had a lovely chatty time. Interesting to find just where some of our members originated, several from the deep south. We have pencilled in the 20th February 2019 for the next one. If you would like to attend and haven't registered your contact details with me, please do so. You will need to contact me directly so that I can put you on the Pot Luck Lunch email list. This list is different from the one in the GSA database. I noted in the last newsletter the actual cost of the General Luncheon was \$35.00 and that it is subsidised by the Committee by \$15.00 making the cost to members \$20.00. We have managed to keep the same cost for the November luncheon, and as last time you can make a Direct Payment if you wish. The details are further down in this newsletter. You can still pay by cheque if that suits you best.

We plan to have entertainment at this November luncheon so we will be keeping the reports as short and sweet as possible. No guest speakers this time. We hope you will approve of the new format for this meeting. It is the Christmas meet after all.

We had 3 members resign from the committee for various reasons, Cath Purdie, Grahame McIver and Gordon Bennett. We thank them for their work on the committee and wish them well.

It now just remains for me to thank Chairman Gordon Batchelar and the members of the committee for their unfailing support at all times. Also to Peter Joe, my partner who is always there for me, and to wish everyone "Every good thing for Christmas as for 2019"

Meg Vining,

Secretary/Treasurer.

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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 .

Scammers are also sending messages purporting to be from COUNTDOWN, QUANTAS, PAK N SAVE, NEW WORLD AND MANY OTHERS. They look great as they tell you, you have won a gift voucher etc., and ask you to verify/click on a link

THESE ARE SCAMS. I'VE CHECKED WITH THE COMPANIES AND WHILE THEY ARE AWARE OF THE SCAM THERE IS LITTLE THEY CAN DO.

PLEASE DO NOT CLICK ON THE LINK. JUST DELETE THE EMAIL NEVER NEVER GIVE OUT YOU BANK

DETAILS

The latest one per phone, just a few weeks ago told me that IRD was going to put \$6000 in my bank account because I always paid my bills, always paid my tax and Wait for it! I had never been in Jail and all they needed was my Bank account number. Needless to say when I told him the call was being monitored by Police, they hung up real quick.

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.

GOLD CARD HOLDERS. Are you aware of the discounts etc., you can get by using your Gold Card? You can go on line (or get someone to do it for you?) type in Gold Card , then go to Information for card holders and there you will see details of everything. You just need to click on the information you need. Something else you might like to check out. I (as a member of Grey Power) get my power at what for me is a cheaper option than my previous supplier. It is called Pulse Energy and you may like to check it out.

MEETING AND LUNCHEON.

AGENDA

10-00 a.m. Welcome and Apologies.

Presidents Report.

Previous November 2018 meeting minutes.

Secretarys Report.

Entertainment

12-00 Noon Luncheon.

MENU

Bread Rolls

Salad Selection.

Mixed Leafy Greens Salad with toasted seed and citrus dressing. GF

Hot Selection.

Lemon and thyme roast chicken supreme GF

Steamed baby potatoes with mint sauce GF/V

Steamed seasonal vegetables with olive oil infused with lime GF/V

Carvery

Honey Glazed champagne ham on the bone GF

Dessert Selection

Chocolate torte V

Raspberry & White Chocolate Cheesecake V

Fruit Salad GF/V

***GF= Gluten Free**

***V= Vegetarian**

Your meal has been subsidized by the Manawatu Branch. PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM ON PAGE 1 (ONE) AND RETURN TO THE SECRETARY BY SATURDAY 24th November 2018. Remember the mail is only delivered to me on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

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

If you wish to pay via Internet Banking the Bank A/c No is 030 726 0578952 00 Make sure you put your name in the Reference. Please do this by Friday 23rd November 2018

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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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A True Christmas Story.

Not long ago and far away, Santa was getting ready for his annual trip, but there were problems everywhere. Four of his elves got sick, and the trainee elves did not produce the toys as fast as the regular ones so Santa was beginning to feel the pressure of being behind schedule.

The Mrs Claus told Santa that her mom was coming to visit. This stressed Santa even more.

When he went to harness the reindeer, he found that three of them were about to give birth and two had jumped the fence and were out, heaven knows where. More stress.

Then when he began to load the sleigh, one of the boards cracked and the toy bag fell to the ground and scattered the toys. Totally frustrated Santa went into the house for a cup of tea and a shot of whiskey. When he went to the cupboard, he found the elves had hit the liquor and there was nothing to drink. In his frustration, he dropped the coffee pot and it broke into hundreds of little pieces all over the kitchen floor. He went to get the broom and found the mice had eaten the straw it was made from.

Just then the door bell rang and Santa cussed on his way to the door. He opened the door and there was a little angel with a great big Christmas tree. The angel said "Where would you like to put this tree Fat Man?"

And that my friend, is how the little angel came to be on the top of the Christmas Tree.

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