



Newsletter

Manawatu Branch

OCTOBER 2019

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Branch Committee

Chair: Gordon Batchelar.
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 John Lowen. Annette Beasley. Roz Hallam.
 Robert Crawley. Sid Murdie. Russell Hallam.

Delegates to Council. 2019

Gordon Batchelar.
 Russell Hallam.

 Secretary/Treasurer. Meg Vining
 Reviewer. Helen Sussmilch,

Annual General Meeting and luncheon.

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

Date: Wednesday 27th November 2019

Meeting time: 10.00 am

Mealtime: 12.00 Noon.

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

Parking available.

Membership

As of 31 March 2019, membership totaled 1,042
 It now totals 1094 (see database)

Member Categories	31st March 2019	2 nd October 2019
Annuitant	545	528
Annuitant spouse	284	279
Surviving spouse	155	151
Pre-annuitant	31	31
Pre-annuitant spouse	27	26
Total	1042	1015

I/We will be attending the Luncheon on

Wednesday 27th November 2019

Names.....

Address.....

Phone().....

Number Attending.

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Chairperson's Report. October 2019.

I am pleased to report that after the Annual General Meeting, Russell Hallam and his wife Ros, have been appointed to the Branch Committee. Russell has also been appointed as Branch Delegate to Council.

He and I attended the Council Annual Meeting in Wellington in September. The conference started later this year at 11 a.m. Saturday and was closed at approximately 11-15 a.m. on Sunday morning.

Your committee this year has been preparing for our General Meeting in November which will again be held in the Hunterville Room, Hotel Coachman. 140 Fitzherbert Avenue. Palmerston North. Please keep the 27th November free.

I would like to hear suggestions on functions/activities that would be of interest to you as members.

We held a "Potluck Lunch" and only 12 members were present.

We have our own Association Guest Speakers at the General Meetings and A.G.M, however the committee would like to hear from you. Please hand any suggestions in at the General Meeting in November or advise our Secretary.

I particularly wish to thank Secretary/Treasurer Meg Vining, Roger Openshaw and members of the committee for their work during the year and thank you to Helen Susmilch, our Reviewer for her work in reviewing the accounts each year.

I would also like to thank Arthur Evans for approximately twenty (20) years of being our delegate, and observer and Gordon Bennett committee member and observer.

I wish all members and the Branch Committee a Safe and Happy Christmas.

Gordon Batchelar. (Chairman)

*A Pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity
An optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty
Winston Churchill.*

Secretary/Treasurers Report.

Our branch continues to carry on successfully and as such there is not a lot to report. The Potluck Luncheon although there were some newer faces attending which was pleasing, the fact that there was only 12 in total was disappointing. It was noticed that although small in numbers, there was plenty of chatter and laughter. We do lose members mainly through death and your Secretary endeavors to send a card and an information letter wherever possible. On the other side we do gain members, some by joining and some by transfer in, in which case a letter of welcome is sent. We do not lose many by transfer out.

Financially, all is well, and the Branch continues to be fiscally prudent with savings made whenever and wherever possible.

There is an increase in the cost of the meal this year. Total Cost \$40.00 which is offset by the subsidy of \$17.00 from the committee, meaning the cost per person to members is \$23.00. You will all be aware that costs of just about everything has gone up.

My thanks to the committee and their unfailing support and in particular to my "Man" Peter Joe who is always there to lend a hand. Peter and I wish everyone a Peaceful and Happy Christmas.

Meg Vining.

Secretary/Treasurer.

What do you get if you cross a fish and two elephants?

Swimming Trunks.!

What do you get if you cross a cow, a sheep and a goat?

A milky baa kid.!

What did the hat say to the scarf?

You hang around while I go on a head.!

SCAMS. Please be careful when answering calls that may be dodgy!! The usual ones telling you your computer has a fault, and the one telling you it is the police and that they need your help to catch the scammer and asking you to phone them with your details are SCAMS. Don't do it. SCAMMERS are very plausible. Ask to speak to their supervisor works well too. Remember there are very unscrupulous people out there. Hanging up is the best way to deal with these sorts of people.

Once upon a time, a blonde became so sick of hearing blonde jokes she had her hair cut and dyed brown. A few days later as she was driving around the countryside, she stopped her car to let a flock of sheep pass. Admiring the woolly creatures, she said to the shepherd "if I can guess how many sheep you have can I take one?" The shepherd, always the gentleman replied "Of course". The blond thought for a moment and for no discernible reason said "352"

This being the correct number, the shepherd was understandably, totally amazed and exclaimed "You're right. O.K. I'll keep to my end of the deal. Take your pick of my flock" The blonde carefully considered the entire flock and finally picked one that was by far cuter and more playful than any of the others. When she was done the shepherd turned to her and said "O.K. now I have a proposition for you. If I can guess your true hair colour can I have my dog back?"

MEETING AND LUNCHEON

AGENDA

10 a.m. Welcome and Apologies.

Previous Meeting Minutes

Presidents Report

Secretary's Report.

Guest Speakers.

Mayor of Palmerston North.

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12 Noon Luncheon

MENU

Bread Rolls

SALAD

Harlequin Coleslaw with a tangy mustard dressing

Beetroot Relish Salad

HOT SELECTION

Italian Beef Stew

Korean BBQ Chicken Breast

Herb Roasted Potatoes, Pumpkin & Kumara

Steamed seasonal Vegetables

DESSERTS

Chocolate Torte

Fruit Salad

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 23rd November 2019 Remember the mail is only delivered to me on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday.

Make cheques payable to "GSA Manawatu Branch" Endorsed "Account Payee Only" No cash via post please. Cost \$23.00 per person. To reach the Secretary by SATURDAY 23rd May 2019.

If you wish to pay via Internet Banking. The Bank A/c No is 030726057895200 Make sure you put your name in the Reference. Please do this by FRIDAY 22nd May 2019.