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**MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM  
GSA NELSON BRANCH**

## **NELSON BRANCH NEWSLETTER**

**OCTOBER 2019**

### **CURRENT COMMITTEE:**

<b>Chairman</b>	<b>John Russell</b>
<b>Vice Chairman</b>	<b>John Rogers</b>
<b>Minute Secretary</b>	<b>Nick Farr</b>
<b>Members Secretary</b>	<b>Margaret Palermo</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Denis Wastney</b>



### **Committee – Mick Alder and Alec Waugh**

Our AGM this year was attended by 35 members. We had a lovely buffet lunch but unfortunately could not entice more members onto our committee. Could you please think about coming onto the committee next year as we really need at least 3 men or women.

### **CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at The Waimea Club, Upper Queen Street, Richmond, Nelson commencing 11.30am, Lunch to be served at 12.15pm. We always have a great turnout and invite our new members to join in.

Once again Phil has a lovely menu for us.

Cost will be \$20.00pp so please post cheque and enclosed slip to Denis Wastney, 13 Essex Terrace, Stoke by 25<sup>th</sup> November.

Alternative payment by direct debit into account GSA Nelson 031 354 0027969 00.

Please add your name as reference when you direct debit also please return enclosed slip.  
Many thanks.

## **REPORT FROM GSA Council Annual Meeting – 7<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

This year Council Meeting commenced at 11am on the Saturday, a change from past years when we arrived the night before. Your delegates were John Russell and myself. Unfortunately our Nelson Branch observer was unable to attend we missed his input.

President Tony Hamilton called the meeting to order with a very warm welcome and a special thanks to spouses who were supporting delegates and head office staff members. He also introduced all current Board Members.

It was also great to have Jenny Barclay our Executive Officer at the meeting. She showed that she is a very efficient operator and her input at the meeting kept the whole process moving smoothly.

The Minutes of the 2018 Council Annual Meeting were quickly attended to with some very minor adjustments in Matters Arising.

### **We then moved on to 2018/19 Annual Report.**

In this Annual Report, President Tony acknowledged and thanked all Branch Committee members for their dedication and voluntary service. He also made it clear that Board Members represent all GSA Members not just their Branch Members. His theme is: **We are Team GSA, working together as a family. For all members.**

### **Finance Report: Presented by Dallas Elvy**

\* That the Finances were better presented than last year .without the need to present an updated set of accounts at the Council meeting. Surplus funds showed that Branches held just over \$53K and National Office \$26K

\* National Office had reduced its costs by Reducing Board meetings from 11 to 8, holding sub-committees meeting via Skype, and keeping a firm control on general spending

\* Membership Subscription – a remit that subs to increase 30c per pay failed to pass. This will mean some financial cuts in the future.

### **Strategic Plan Report:**

\*Members informed – going well with Annuity News & Branch Newsletters in combined postage working towards meeting faster time frames for this National Office now invoicing Branches for printing of Branch Newsletters.

\*Anomalies – we have not completely sorted the 100% COLA – although the last hurdle is for the Finance Minister Grant Robertson, who must decide where the funding for this will come from.

### **Centennial History: Mike Smith**

The editing has been completed and prices are being sought for economical print runs. The Book will be launched at Council Meeting 2020.

### **Election of Officers for 2019/20:**

President; Tony Hamilton – Northland – elected unopposed

Vice President – Alan Straker – Marlborough

Members:

Marjorie Thomas – Hawkes Bay 64

Dallas Elvy – Wellington – 63

Mike Smith – Wellington – 46

Alan Peck – Wellington – 43

Rob Brangwin – Hawkes Bay – 38

### **Life Member Awards:**

These were presented to Gavin Stuart (Canterbury/Westland) and Mark Leys (Auckland)/ Also acknowledged was Bill Robertson who had completed 22 years of service at both branch and National levels.

I have covered the highlights of the meeting as I saw them and I would like to acknowledge the efficient way the meeting was run by President Tony Hamilton – the fact that everyone was able to have their say, everything was covered and we completed the whole task early, clearly indicates that a shorter efficient Annual Council Meeting is possible.

Nick Farr – Nelson Delegate.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS:** It is very important that you advise us if you change address, email address, or phone number also if there is a death, a relative or friend should contact the Secretary on 0800 888 472 and Datacom 0800 654 731 or NPF members 0800 628 776.

### **GOLDEN BAY (TAKAKA) VISIT:**

On 17<sup>th</sup> September 2019, 12 members of the GSA Nelson Branch left Nelson to travel to Golden Bay to visit GB members and see some of the sites of interest they have in the area.

Our rental minibus left Nelson 7.30am, picking up members at Stoke, Richmond and Motueka arriving Takaka around 9.50am.

On the way over the Takaka Hill we saw the massive road works being carried out to repair the road which was badly damaged in the cyclones 2 years ago.

Upon our arrival at Takaka, the sun burst out from behind the clouds and it remained sunny but a little windy for the rest of the day.

GSA member Nick Farr and partner Barb explained that they had ordered this weather only the night before. Well done Barb & Nick.

