



NELSON BRANCH NEWSLETTER

April 2023

Committee 2022/23

<u>Chairman</u>	John Russell
<u>Vice Chairman</u>	Tony Greep
<u>Treasurer</u>	Denis Wastney
<u>Secretary</u>	Margaret Palermo
<u>Minute Secretary</u>	Nick Farr
<u>Committee Members</u>	Alec Waugh, Mick Alder and Monty Tawhai

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Secretary: Margaret Palermo

Contact: 0800 888 472 or 538 0233

Crisis “Your branch needs you”

The above heading says it all. The Nelson branch of the Government Superannuation Association is facing a **Crisis** due to the lack of new branch committee members. If we do not get some new members on to the Committee at this AGM, the branch may be absorbed into another branch. Here are some of the services the 723 branch members will miss:

- Without a chairperson, the branch will lack leadership and direction.
- Without a secretary, there will be no one to check, and record branch membership details on the national database or provide support to individual members.
- Without a Treasurer, there will be no one to administer the branch finances, prepare annual budgets or assist to organise members meetings,
- Without elected Committee Members attending National Conference on behalf of the Nelson Branch and input at branch meetings in direction and issues facing the branch.

If we do not get members to fill these positions by the AGM of 2023 then the National Board will take and use all moneys and investments of the branch. We need your help, please stand for the Nelson Branch Committee.

Please give the Nelson branch your support to retain your representation.

John Russell

Branch Chairman.

AGM 2023 and function is being held on

Tuesday 30th May commencing

11.30am at Club Waimea

Lower Queen Street, Richmond.

This year the committee have decided to subsidise your meal by 50% so the cost will be \$20.00

Please get in touch with treasurer Denis by email wastneyd@xtra.co.nz or

5457299 or 027 616 6071 to inform him you will be attending or drop your money into his letter box (which has a lock) at 13 Essex Terrace, Stoke with your name and how many attending or direct debit to

GSA account **031 354 0027969 00.**

Please register for the AGM and function 23 May. Unfortunately, if members do not attend no refund is possible as the lunch is prepared on the numbers given and prepaid to the caterers

We will be requiring at least 4 new members on the committee 2 of those members to take over the chairman' and secretaries' position

As the above letter said It is now ***extremely important*** that we have new members coming onto our committee otherwise the branch will be amalgamated with another branch or administered from head office. One member has expressed an interest but we do need more to support our membership.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS. EMAIL ADDRESS OR DEATH

It would be much appreciated if you have a COA etc that you contact the secretary at nelson@gsa.org.nz or phone 0800 888 472. It is very important that we keep our database up to date.

When a member dies contact Datacom (GSF) 0800 654 731 or gsa@datacom.co.nz

Datacom (NPF) 0800 628 776 npfenquiries@datacom.co.nz

have the persons membership number on hand

Cost of Living Increase:

By now you should have received your letters from Datacom about a very nice increase to our pensions.

A message from the President

The Nelson Branch committee asks YOU to put your hand up and join the committee.

To keep the Branch operating the committee needs new members otherwise amalgamation with a nearby branch will be likely.

Getting involved is rewarding.

You help our members to continue having a voice with Government, which the Association has had for over 100 years. You personally stay in touch with what is going on and with member interests and concerns. The GSA also helps to support surviving spouses.

Achieving a generational shift on your Branch committee will really benefit your Branch.

If you are able to get involved, please contact our secretary Margaret Palermo on **538 0233** as soon as possible to register your interest.



Tony Hamilton
GSA President

Report from combined Meeting with Marlborough Branch on 9 March 2023.

Nelson and Marlborough have always enjoyed a close relationship which results in participation at each other's social functions and combined meetings on a regular basis. Four committee members attended from Marlborough and five from Nelson. The chairman from Marlborough is also Vice President of the National Board and represents Nelson at the national level.

Discussion ensued about the 100-year anniversary, branch administration, surviving spouse support, the difficulty of finding new committee members and the future of our branches due to increasing ages of members.

As a senior citizen was driving down the freeway, his cell phone rang. Answering, he heard his wife's urgent voice warning him, "Herman, I just heard on the news that there's a car going the wrong way on Interstate 77. Please be careful!"

"Hell!" said Herman, "It's not just one car. It's hundreds of 'em!"

Annual Financial Report Nelson Branch 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

31 Mar 2022	31 Mar 2023	Note	Explanatory Notes
\$	\$	<u>Income</u>	
6,026	5,666	Subscriptions (deducted GSF)	Amounts recd 4 weekly
380	372	Subscriptions (deducted NPF)	Amounts recd 4 weekly
162	74	Subscriptions (paid direct)	Received annually
2,825	890	Functions	Total amount paid by members
3	3	Interest	Gross interest received
0	0	Donations	Donations/Sponsorship
40	0	Book Sale	100 year GSA book
9,436	7,005	Total Income	
		<u>Expenditure</u>	
4,412	1,722	Functions	Social function's part paid by members
467	170	Communications	Telephone, Postage, Laptop, maint etc
252	829	Organisation	Committee meetings, travel, printer
2,430	2,520	Office Function	Rent paid for office functions
60	60	Review of accounts	
172	231	Newsletter Printing	
7,793	5,532	Total Expenditure	
1,643	1,473	Surplus / (deficit)	SECRETARY
31 Mar 2022	31 Mar 2023	Financial position as at 31 March 2023	
18,901	21,277	Accumulated funds 2021/2022	
1,643	1,473	Add surplus or deduct deficit	
31	119	Term Invest & On call interest. (Term matures 19 April 2023).	
20,575	22,869		
		Represented by assets	
4,722	6,195	Cash account	
16,555	16,674	Term deposit \$11,606 / On call account \$5,068	CHAIRMAN
21,277	22,869	Total cash/bank	
0	266	Accrued Interest (If over \$100)	
0	0	Accounts receivable - Any amounts due at year's end	
0	0	Less Liabilities	
0	0	Less Accounts payable	
21,277	23,135		

Nelson Building Society \$11,606.50 @ 2.5% expires 19 April 2023.

Subject to review