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**NELSON BRANCH**  
**NEWSLETTER**

DECEMBER 2017

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**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>
<b>Committee</b>	<b>Diane Ward, Lois Valpy, Mick Alder, and Bill Hodge.</b>

**DISTRICT LIAISON MEMBERS**

**TAKAKA Nick Farr 027 276 2540**

**MOTUEKA Bill Hodge 526 6795**

**Monty Tawhai 528 7620**

AGM 2017 was held at the Waimea Club and 46 members attended. We had a lovely buffet lunch and get together and we would like to welcome BILL HODGE as a new member of our committee.

**LIFE MEMBERSHIP**



**Diane, you have been a wonderful servant of the Nelson Branch from 2000 to 2017 and over the years have been on the Committee as Secretary & Chairwomen, and on the GSA Board**

**We are really proud of you and all your Achievements over the years.**

## CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

**At the Waimea Club, Upper Queen Street, Richmond commencing 11.30am**

**Lunch 12.30pm.**



### LUNCHEON MENU

**Roast Beef and Pork, carved to order**

**HOT Fish pieces**

**Roast potatoes and 3 other veg**

**Selection of 8 salads**

**Hot Christmas pudding with custard**

**Pavlova and strawberries**

**Chocolate mouse**

**Cheesecake**

**Jelly and Fresh Fruit Salad**

**Cream cake selection, Tea and Coffee**

Cost will be \$20.00pp so please post cheque and enclosed slip to Denis Wastney, 13 Essex

Terrace. Stoke, by Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November

Our apologies but cancellations cannot be accepted after 5<sup>th</sup> December.

Alternate payment by direct debit into account GSA Nelson 031354-0027969-00

Please add your name as reference when you direct debit also could you send enclosed slip .

Many thanks.

THIS YEAR WE ARE LUCKY TO HAVE THE SUN CITY UKUELELE PLAYERS WHO WILL ENTERTAIN US, SO COME ALONG WITH YOUR SINGING VOICES AND JOIN IN THE FUN.

DON'T FORGET WE WILL HAVE RAFFLES.



## **MOTUEKA VISIT:**

The committee would like to thank all of you who attended the Motueka RSA for a get together and lunch. We would also like to thank the staff of the RSA for a lovely lunch which was enjoyed by all. Many thanks. We were delighted with the number who attended and it was great to meet members from other areas. Also thanks to Bill Hodge who organized the lunch. Next year we plan to have another get together but more will be revealed in our next newsletter.

## **CHANGE OF ADDRESS:**

We would very much appreciate it if you have a change of address, phone number, email address, it is very important that you contact our Secretary and even more importantly that you contact Datacom. If they cannot contact you, they will stop your annuity until they hear from you. Also, if there is a death, a relative or friend should contact the Secretary and Datacom. Datacom for GSF members please ring 0800 654 761, NPF members ring 0800 628 776 and branch Secretary 0800 888 472. Thank you..

## **REPORT ON THE 2017 GSA CONFERENCE:**

Denis Wastney and John Russell were chosen to represent the Nelson Branch at the GSA conference held in Wellington on Saturday and Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

After the usual Apologies, Minutes, Credentials and Annual Reports the meeting started on the most important question of the FUTURE OF THE GSA. Earlier in the year Waikato Branch had presented a paper to the Board outlining their view of the Future of the Association. After the board viewed the paper they arranged a meeting for all branches to send a representative to Wellington. I, John Russell, represented the Nelson Branch at this meeting. Out of this meeting a paper was produced for branches to pursue and discuss at the GSA Annual Meeting. The conference started on the first of the workshops. Both Denis and I were placed in the workshop representing smaller branches. After lunch we were placed in the second workshop representing the South Island, when we heard the concerns of the smaller branches around the country.

At the plenary sessions delegates discussed the Waikato paper that had been distilled into 12 points. The meeting passed the following motions that Council accepts the paper as a blueprint for the planning of the long term future of the Association and that the membership be increased to \$2.00 per annuity payday.

Some other matters at Conference were. 1. Alan Peck has resigned from his Executive Secretary position so a new EC will have to be found. 2. Our long time member Diane Ward was presented with a Life Membership of the Association. 3. Janice Campbell was re-elected President and all other sitting members were re-elected to the Council. Diane Ward did not stand for the Board this year. As Diane and I had to leave Conference early, I did not know the result of the last motion to have badges made for members of the GSA.

As this will be the last Newsletter before Christmas, the Nelson Branch Committee Members would like to take this opportunity of wishing you all a very Merry Christmas.

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL AT THE CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON.**

Please post this slip with your cheque also if you are doing a direct debit. Many thanks.

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