



# Northland Newsletter

April 2022

## Chairman's Update – April 2022.

The Covid-19 pandemic continues to disrupt the activities of the Government Superannuitants Association. Our main event, the National Council meeting scheduled for early September, was postponed for 6 weeks and then cancelled, as restrictions continued to impact on attendance. In its place, a Special National Council meeting was planned to be held on our Anniversary weekend in late January, but this was also cancelled at the last minute due to the red traffic light system. This is the second successive year that National Council has been impacted by covid. In 2020 the Wellington celebrations commemorating 100 years of the GSA were curtailed.

Fortunately, the pandemic has not greatly impacted on our regular Northland branch meetings which have continued albeit with social distancing, mask wearing etc

Currently with high levels of vaccination and the Omicron outbreak predicted to be passed its peak, it is hoped restrictions will be sufficiently eased to allow this year's National Council meetings to be held in Wellington on the 3 and 4 September. This will allow our usual report back meetings with members to be held in Whangarei on 13 September, and the Far North in Mangonui on 21 September.

We have also delayed this year's AGM until 26 May at the Kamo Club when hopefully most of the previous restrictions will have eased and we will be starting to return to a more normal life. We look forward to a good attendance at this year's AGM.

Datacom have recently posted out details of our adjusted annual annuity taking account of the cost-of-living increase which has risen to 5.95%.

For prospective new members phone on 0800 888 472, or join on-line [www.gsa.org.nz](http://www.gsa.org.nz)  
Roger Barber, Chairperson.

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**Come to our**

**AGM and Mid-Year Function**

**At the Kamo Club**

**Thursday May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Guest Speaker will be**

**National President Tony Hamilton**

**in his role as Board Branch Liaison**

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**Christmas Function 2021**

**A great performance by the Nur Belly Dancers**



The top photograph shows a group of belly dancers in colorful costumes (red, yellow, blue, green) performing on a wooden stage in a large room with a disco ball and ceiling fans. The bottom photograph shows a similar performance from a different angle, with dancers in green, yellow, and red costumes, and an audience member's head visible in the foreground.

## Notes from your COMMITTEE

As always we are seeking keen individuals for the committee. Please talk to any one of the current Committee if you are interested. The meetings for 2022 will be held at the Kamo Club at 9:30 AM

Thursday April 21<sup>st</sup>

Thursday August 11<sup>th</sup>

Thursday November 3<sup>rd</sup>

All members are welcome to attend and observe.

### Your current committee

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### The Personal Data booklet

is designed to record a wide range of information and a completed copy of this kept in a file with your statements from Datacom will be extremely useful for a surviving spouse.

It will also be very helpful for a surviving spouse if your GSA six digit number is written on the front of the file. If you don't have a booklet, or can't find it, contact your Branch Secretary at **0800 888 472**.

### Receiving the Annuity News and the Branch Newsletter

With postage costs continuing to rise the Association is making a request to members to consider receiving our publications via email.

If your personal information needs updating (address, phone number etc). DATACOM also needs to hear about information changes.

Please contact us either by email ([northland@gsa.org.nz](mailto:northland@gsa.org.nz)), by phoning one of your Committee members or using

**0800 888472.**

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By Robin L Shepherd.

PATRON.

This year has been like none before  
When Covid sneaked inside the door  
And changed the way I live my life  
With worries fuelled by daily strife  
Plans well laid are put on hold  
I've stayed at home like I've been told  
I wear a mask and sanitize  
Zoom for meetings compromise  
The way I would rather be  
Meeting, greeting, smiling free  
But, No, my world will be constricted  
My hopes and wishes then conflicted  
By Covid spectre everywhere  
Leaving me to bow in prayer  
And be thankful that my life is spared  
By vax and government rules declared  
And that I now have learned to use  
Computer tech to air my views  
And found new joy in vege plants  
And the cooking skills of my Aunts  
The freedom of my own back yard  
And the pleasure of just playing cards  
And having time to cogitate  
And worry not of being late  
Because my world's inside my gate

**Contact your Association  
at any time by dialling  
0800 888472**



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Don't delay. Place your order directly with National Office by email at [national@gsa.org.nz](mailto:national@gsa.org.nz) or phone 04-4727006

<b><u>Financial Performance for the year ended 31 March 2022</u></b>				
<b>New Budget Year to 31.3.23</b>		<b>Actual Year to 31.3.22</b>	<b>Budget Year to 31.3.22</b>	<b>Actual Year to 31.3.21</b>
	<b>Income</b>			
\$ 5,561.00	Subscriptions GSF deducted	\$ 5,572.00	\$ 4,670.00	\$ 4,669.00
192.00	Subscriptions NPF deducted	198.00	176.00	176.00
75.00	Subscriptions direct	88.00	114.00	114.00
1,816.00	Functions Received	1,816.00	2,000.00	868.00
144.00	Interest Received	114.00	146.00	293.00
<b>7,788.00</b>	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>7,788.00</b>	<b>7,106.00</b>	<b>6,120.00</b>
	<b>Less Expenses</b>			
3,200.00	Functions	2,619.00	3,200.00	2,183.00
1,350.00	Communications	1,091.00	1,227.00	1,141.00
450.00	Organisation	450.00	601.00	861.00
	Remuneration			
514.00	Office Function	514.00	620.00	588.00
200.00	Review of accounts General	200.00	200.00	100.00
<b>5,714.00</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>4,874.00</b>	<b>5,848.00</b>	<b>4,873.00</b>
<b>2,074.00</b>	<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>2,914.00</b>	<b>1,258.00</b>	<b>1,247.00</b>

**Financial position as of 31 March 2022**

	<b>Year to 31.3.22</b>	<b>Year to 31.3.21</b>
	\$	\$
Accumulated funds 1 April	21,043.00	19,796.00
Surplus (deficit)	2,914.00	1,247.00
Distribution	(10,000.00)	
	<b>13,957.00</b>	<b>21,043.00</b>
Represented by		
<b>Assets</b>		
Current Account	3,957.00	6,043.00
Term Deposit	10,000.00	15,000.00
Total assets	<b>13,957.00</b>	<b>21,043.00</b>
<b>less Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable	-	-
	<b>13,957.31</b>	<b>21,043.00</b>

Note: \$10,000 was unconditionally transferred to National Office in August 2021 (shown as 'Distribution').

Note: Term Deposit: ANZ \$10,000; Matures 19 September 2022; 1.60%

Note: The accounts have been reviewed.

**2022 Council Report back meeting**

**Whangarei**

**Tuesday September 13**

**Christ Church Hall**

**Deveron Street, Regent**

10:15 Cuppa

10:30 Report back

12:00 finish

No reply needed, just turn up

An email and postal reminder will be sent

**2022 Council Report back meeting**

**Mangonui**

**Wednesday September 21st**

**Mangonui Memorial Hall**

**Waterfront Drive (opposite the wharf)**

10:15 Cuppa

10:30 Report back

12:00 finish

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A pensioner walked up to a parking attendant who was putting a ticket on a car's windscreen. "You blokes are all the same, you never give a pensioner a break."

"Oh yeah," said the officer and wrote out a second ticket. "Typical," said the pensioner, "your mother probably worked in the fish market, and you were born under the filleting table."

"That's it," said the attendant, planting yet another ticket on the windscreen.

The pensioner began to walk away. "Hey, where are you going?" asked the attendant.

"To finish my shopping," said the pensioner, "That's not my car."

# ❖❖❖ Mid-Year Luncheon & AGM ❖❖❖

**Thursday May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

at the Kamo Club (Meldrum Street)



11:00 Gather and socialise

11:30 Welcome and update on Branch matters by Branch Chair, Roger Barber

11:45 AGM

12:00 Speaker: **National President Tony Hamilton in his role as Board Branch Liaison**

12:29 A blessing will be offered

12.30 Luncheon

Juice provided

Other drinks at own expense

**Special dietary requirements? Email / post so we can let the caterers know.**

*\$20 per person – the Branch provides a subsidy  
Superannuitant non-members welcome too - \$28 each*

If unable to email, please post first / last name/s to:  
Tony Hamilton  
PO Box 3286, Onerahi  
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Email: [tah3524@gmail.com](mailto:tah3524@gmail.com) – quicker and easier this way

no later than Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May

Northland Branch G.S.A  
Mid-Year Luncheon



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