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# Rotorua Branch Newsletter

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## Obituary – Bruce Scott RVM OBE

*It is with deep sorrow that I must advise members that shortly after preparing this newsletter, our secretary/treasurer Bruce Scott, passed away on 11 October. Bruce supported our branch for many years and his contribution and hard work on our behalf will be sorely missed. Our sincere condolences have been passed to Bruce's family on this very sad occasion.*

*Russell Hallam  
Chair*

## CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON 2017

<b>When</b>	<b>Friday 24th November 2017.</b>
<b>Where</b>	<b>Commercial Travellers Club Moncur Drive, Rotorua</b>
<b>At</b>	<b>10 -30am</b>
<b>Programme</b>	<b>Brief update by Board member Mike Smith</b>  <b>Branch Notices</b>  <b>Guest Speaker – Craig Hamilton. Detective Senior Sergeant NZ Police Asset Seizure legislation</b>  <b>Social time and lunch</b>
<b>Menu</b>	<b>See overleaf</b>
<b>Cost</b>	<b>\$20 per person</b>
<b>RSVP</b>	<b>To Chair – Russell Hallam (with payment) by 19th November 2017. See overleaf</b>

## COUNCIL IMPRESSIONS 2017

For the benefit of those unable to attend our September ‘Council reporting back’ morning tea, I will briefly cover the issues discussed at the Council Meeting, which Chairman Russell Hallam and I attended as delegates of our branch.

The main focus of discussion was around the Waikato Branch paper on the future of the GSA – which recognised the fact that our 2017 membership of 27,000 members will be down to 9,000 in 10 years and 5,000 in 15 years. There are currently some 7,000 pre-annuitants – that is people in the GSF and still working. The issues that flow from those facts are – national and branch structures, subscriptions and finances. It is estimated that with natural attrition that the GSA will go out of existence in about 2070.

A number of recommendations were considered but can be summarised as follows. (i) That branch financial reserves be centralised in one place for the best return. (ii) That membership subscriptions be increased to \$2 per annuity pay day from April 2018 (iii) That the merging of branches while inevitable – should be determined on an “as required” basis.

Two significant recommendations that were discussed and voted against were the move to restrict the annual Council meeting to one day, and also to insist on branch social function being cost neutral, or subsidized to a maximum of 30%. Although these issues took some time to discuss – there was a general view that while we had a responsibility to plan for the future – that there was no need for undue panic or concern. The only two items of general business were a presentation from Roger Openshaw on his GSA History project, and a proposal to introduce a lapel badge similar to RSA and Rotary – which was lost when put to the vote.

The Board consists of 9 members, 7 elected and 2 appointed. The elections resulted in the status quo with Janice Campbell and Bryan Whisker being re-elected as President and Vice President respectively. The other five elected members were Rob Brangwin (Hawkes Bay), Dallas Elvy, (Wellington) Tony Hamilton (Northland) Bill Robertson (Wellington) and Mike Smith (Wellington) Mike Smith is the Board Liaison member for our branch, and the two appointed members have not yet been identified by the Board.

Four Life Members were appointed, and they were Diane Ward (Nelson) Elizabeth Smaal (Wellington) Bernard Rose (Christchurch) and Rob Grant (formerly of Waikato but now living in Rotorua)

Bruce Scott  
Secretary/Treasurer

## BE BETTER INFORMED

All members are encouraged to be well informed about the issues being addressed by your Government Superannuitants Association. Their whole role in life is to protect the value of *your* annuity. In order to keep abreast of issues both on the national scene, and at branch level – please make use of the GSA website... simply go to..

**[www.gsa.org.nz](http://www.gsa.org.nz)**

There you can click on to such things as –

Tax and your annuity, your Spouse's stake and activities in your Branch

### **E-MAIL ADDRESS**

Please make sure that the branch Secretary has your email address to make sure that you are kept informed and up to date with current events.

### **BUS TRIP.**

It is with regret that your committee has again had to cancel a proposed bus trip to the new velodrome in Cambridge. This is the second such trip that has been proposed, but then cancelled through lack of “on time” commitment. We thank those who made the commitment to attend and advise that we are looking at a joint outing with the Taupo Branch – early next year

We thank Avis Spender for her work in planning the cancelled Cambridge trip.

### **LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

Congratulations to Rob Grant on being made a Life Member of the GSA, and welcome to Rotorua on your move from the Waikato.



# CHRISTMAS LUNCH MENU

## BREADS

- Bakers Basket of Assorted Bread Rolls.

## SALADS

- A Chefs Selection of 3 Seasonal Salads.

## FROM THE CARVERY

- Champagne Ham with Crushed Pineapple and Wholegrain Mustard.

## HOT SELECTION

- Roast Garlic Buttered Potatoes.
- Honey & Orange Glazed Carrots.
- Chicken A'la King.
- Fluffy White Rice.
- Medley of Seasonal Green Vegetables

## DESSERTS

- Pavlova Topped with Fresh Fruit and Cream.
- Traditional Christmas Pudding.
- Brandy Custard.
- Fresh Fruit Salad.

Freshly Brewed Coffee & Teas.

\$20 per person.

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