



Newsletter
Lake Taupo Branch
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**2021 End of Year Meeting,
Xmas Function and Lunch
Bridge Club Rooms Tauhara Road
Date Thursday 25 November 2021
Time: 10.30am
\$10.00 per person**

Programme:

- 10.30am: Introduction and Welcome;
Chairperson's Report on the Annual Council Meeting;
- 11.15am The entertainment will be provided by the The Odd Notes Band who will provide a selection of music.
- 11.45am Social time with a light lunch served at 12.00.

Branch Activities

Your Branch Committee has met on two occasions since the Annual General Meeting in November 2020 to discuss Internet Banking, the 2021 Council Meeting the 2021AGM and the Xmas Function. Your committee has not been asked to state its position on any policy over the last year. The National Newsletter discusses any current policy items.

Chairperson's Report

Well, 2021 seems to have flown, I hope you have all been able to live with all the lockdowns and for those with family in Auckland have by now been able to see or visit them. I am sure you will all have had your vaccine and done your bit to keep New Zealand as healthy as possible. Walking each day is good for your health, perhaps you have bought one of those gadgets they advertise on TV – but wait – there's more!! Living where we are on top of a hill with SH1 at the bottom, I try to go North, South, East and West in rotation. West is the best as it takes me down to the Marina in Motuoapa. Most of you live in town so you have more choice in your scope for walking.

Sadly, this year we lost two of our active members. Life member Ian McDougall died in May this year. Ian's contribution to the Branch was immense, in the early 1990s with Basil Stilwell he assisted with the establishment of the Lake Taupo Branch and from that point held every committee management position in the Branch. He attended many Council Meetings over the years and took a very active stand on GSA policy. Ian was made a life member in 2009.

Pieter Braun had been an active Committee member since 2019 and contributed to the Committee's position on GSA issues. He was Cathie's full-time carer and will be missed greatly.

I would like to pass on the Branch condolences to Ian and Pieter's families and also any of you who have lost family during this year and to any of you who are in not the best health we wish you a speedy recovery and hope to see you at our End of Year Function.

On GSA matters there is not a lot to tell you. Both the Executive Officer and Office Assistant have resigned to go on to full time jobs in the city, Angelica Doria has been appointed as Office Manager and Robyn Doherty our new EO. The Council meeting which was due at the beginning of September has been rescheduled for Labour Weekend. Unfortunately, that was the only weekend that the West Plaza had free so finding flights etc. may be a bit difficult for some delegates. If we are not at Level 1 only one delegate from each Branch will be going to Council – so let's hope the country is freer by then. I therefore am unable to report on any Council matters in this newsletter but hopefully by the time we have our luncheon we will have a new Executive representative and I will try my best to get him (or her) to our November meeting. As yet, we do not know who this is as Rob Brangwin is resigning from the Executive – we thank Rob for his input to the Branch and I am sure he will find it less of a responsibility from travelling the country to all the different branches he is responsible for. Our AGM was well attended and we enjoyed having the GSA President Tony Hamilton come for a visit and talk. It was of course a very quick AGM as there was no need for any votes for committee and Colin had done a great job with the accounts. Our speaker from Age Concern was very entertaining and we were very grateful to her for all the info she passed on to us. At the time of writing, we are still in Level 2 so ***Roll on Level 1.***

Christmas Function

We look forward to welcoming you at our Christmas meeting and enjoying a social occasion. Again, this year the Committee is offering a first prize draw of a \$50 motor trade voucher and a second prize of a \$50 grocery voucher. The draw will be based on the number allocated to you on payment of your \$10 entry fee to the Secretary.

Finally on behalf of the Lake Taupo Branch of the GSA, I would like to wish all of you a wonderful Christmas and all the best for the New Year and look forward to seeing you in November.

So, enjoy your summer and Christmas break wherever you are.

Diana Pye
Chairperson

If you wish to pay your \$10.00 per person entry into the GSA Bank Account, the account number is :
Westpac
030430-0257922-00. Remember to provide your names and the number attending.

Or alternatively

Please pay your \$10.00 cash on entry at the door remember cheques are no longer acceptable.
Please advise of your attendance by email to crowesroost@xtra.co.nz, or by phoning 378-6627 or return the reply form below by Friday 19 November 2021 to:

Colin Crowe, 6 Uku Way Wharewaka, Taupo 3330.
This will assist us in advising numbers to the caterer.

I/We will be attending the social function on 25 November 2021 and enclose cash for \$..... (\$10per person)

Name (please print clearly) :

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