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TARANAKI BANCH GSA NEWSLETTER

Once more, the six months since I was last doing this has disappeared very quickly. Part of that is the result of time spent travelling and that included a trip to Omarama where I became a little better acquainted with flying gliders in the local terrain.

Your committee has held two meetings since our Christmas gathering and have considered a number of issues in support of the Board.

One of these was to endorse the recommendation that the Board appoint one of its elected members to the position of Vice President because the position was not filled at last September's Council meeting. This was due to the only nominee, Tony Hamilton, being elected as President.

This Branch has submitted that the Board draft a change to the constitution to make provision to prevent the situation developing again. It would not happen anyway if there were at least two nominees for the position, which would then have to be voted on by Council, or in last year's case, the remaining candidate would be appointed.

The Board has proposed that the cost of printing Branch newsletters be met by the Branch as a means of adjusting the balance of costs, which was significantly altered when Head Office took over the printing and distribution of Branch newsletters. While the newsletter will still be centrally printed and distributed, the proposal seems reasonable as the cost of posting newsletters to those who don't have email is the greater proportion of the cost, and the centralised distribution gives the best opportunity to continue to get the best price from NZ Post.

The most significant task undertaken by the Board has been the petition to Government on the issue of 100% Cost of Living adjustments for the pre-1985 retirees and their surviving spouses. While it seems to be an excellent sign of progress as opposed to the previous Government's stonewalling, I'm not yet aware of whether there has been positive progress. Our Board representative, Mike Smith, will be bringing us up to date with Board progress with that, and other work being done by the Board.

Our Christmas meeting saw a good turn-out of members, who hopefully enjoyed themselves, and the interesting address by our president; Tony Hamilton, followed by the opportunity to spend time with him during and after lunch.

The guest speaker for our AGM will be Sue Oliver from the New Plymouth Cemetery Group. This group voluntarily clean up New Plymouth cemeteries. What they do is greatly appreciated. I understand that Sue is a very entertaining speaker. I thank Alex Fahey for arranging this.

The Committee has now received enough interest from South Taranaki members to commit to a trip to Hawera on Wednesday 24th July for a lunch meeting at the South Taranaki Club. A bus is being organised to leave from the TSB Stadium and the maximum cost per person will be \$15.00 each. The actual cost will depend on the level of interest and the final decision for this will be made by the committee after 18th June. The bus will be able to stop at the main town stops between New Plymouth and Hawera.

If any Hawera members require transport, then the committee will consider subsidised transport for them or organise for another member to offer them a ride. The cost of the Roast pork meal will be \$10.00 per person.

Our 2017 trip was attended by around 42 members. It would be great to match, or better that.

Les Sharp

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 22 May 2019

Venue THE QUALITY HOTEL, NEW PLYMOUTH

Format 10am Morning Tea or Coffee and welcome

10.30 AGM

10.50 Mike Smith on the Board's activities

11.05 Sue Oliver

11.40 Mix and Mingle – drinks

12 noon Lunch

Members, spouses and friends are invited to this meeting.

The subsidised cost is \$20 per person which includes morning tea and lunch.

If you are paying by cheque please make cheque payable to: Taranaki GSA or pay by direct debit to GSA Taranaki Branch 15 3953 0455999 00

Please ring Doreen McCaffrey, phone 753 3240 or email taranaki@gsa.org.nz by Friday 17 May if you are able to join us. We look forward to seeing you there.

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AGENDA FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Apologies and a minute's silence for those who have died during the year.

Minutes of 2018 AGM Matters arising

Chairman's Report Matters arising

Financial Report Matters arising

Election of Officers

Chairman	Les Sharp
Vice Chairman	Ian McKillop
Committee	Rosalie Rangi John Schicker Alex Fahey Dennis Salisbury and Denyse Salisbury (all sitting members)

Membership

Our current membership is 536. Sadly 23 members have died since our 2018 AGM and we have welcomed 11 new members, some of whom have transferred from other branches.

Early notice

The Christmas meeting will be held on the 27 November 2019

South Taranaki meeting

Please contact Doreen by 10 July if you are able to come to this meeting which will be on the 24 July. Also advise if you require transport. **Thank You**

**Taranaki Branch
Financial Statements for 31 March 2019**

31Mar18	31Mar19	Financial performance
\$	\$	Income
3085	3558	Subscriptions (deducted GSF)
309	318	Subscriptions (deducted NPF)
40	106	Subscriptions (paid direct)
1905	1755	Functions
208	137	Interest
		Donations
5547	5874	<i>income</i>
		Expenditure
3630	3450	Functions
97	165	Communications
	2048	Organisation (Purchase of lap top computer)
800	800	Remuneration
		Office function
		Review
	4	General (Bank Fees)
4527	6468	<i>expenditure</i>
1020	-594	<i>surplus (deficit)</i>
31Mar18	31Mar19	Financial position
11327	12348	Accumulated funds 1 April 2018
1021	-594	Surplus (deficit)
12348	11754	
		Represented by
		Assets
6348	3754	Cash account
6000	8000	Term deposits 1. \$4000 12 mth 3.05% Feb 20 2. \$4000 6 mth 2.95% Aug 19
12348	11754	<i>total cash/bank</i>

Reviewed by P Cotterill 8/4/19