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TARANAKI BRANCH GSA NEWSLETTER

Government Superannuitants Association,
Taranaki Branch: Chairman's Report: April 2023

Once more Autumn has arrived, and it is time to think about our AGM.

Last week I received my annual Cost of Living adjustment notice from Datacom, so likewise, you should all know what your annuity is for the next 12 months. We have to remain grateful that it was through foresight and negotiation by some of our former members that the current situation exists. While it may not reflect the true cost increases that we face, it does substantially buffer us from facing a steady reduction in our living standard, as those who preceded us did, and to an extent, those who still live with the failure of the Government to fully implement the 100% adjustment for the pre-1985 retirees and their surviving spouses.

Alan Peck, our Board representative, will be attending our AGM on 16th May, and will update us on the relevant matters that the Board is dealing with. We had planned to hold our meeting on the Wednesday, and the Whanganui Branch, which Alan also represents, had booked their meeting on Thursday 18th May, before we confirmed our arrangements. We then had to fit in with existing bookings at the Plymouth Hotel. Although costs have risen, the Branch will meet the cost of the morning tea for the AGM and that way we keep your cost to the same \$25.00 each, as with previous meetings. However, we may need to review costs for the future, and this can be discussed in General Business at the AGM.

Our guest speaker for the AGM will be Andrew Clennett, CEO of Hiringa Positive Energy (or his deputy if Andrew has an overseas commitment), who are developers of the Taranaki Hydrogen project.

Before we get to the interesting parts, we do have to elect a committee for the coming year.

I have been one of the Branch delegates to each Council meeting since 2011 and have chaired the Branch for 9 years so far. While I don't intend to stand down at present, I took on the role as a caretaker Chairperson at the 2014 AGM. My best skills do not include innovation or administration. I am prepared to continue for another year, as are two of the current Committee members who took on their role to preserve the viability of the Branch. However, if no one steps up to take these positions (minimum of 5 members), then the Branch is no longer viable, and the Board will decide whether there will be amalgamation with another Branch, or some other form of management. To avoid the loss of Branch independence, we need fresh volunteers for the Committee.

Les Sharp

Chairman; Taranaki Branch.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 16th May 2023

Venue	THE QUALITY HOTEL, NEW PLYMOUTH	
Format	10am	Morning Tea or Coffee and welcome
	10.30	AGM
	10.50	Alan Peck on the Board's activities
	11.15	CEO HiringaPositive Energy
	11.40	Mix and Mingle – drinks
	12 noon	Lunch

Members, spouses, and friends are invited to this meeting.
The subsidised cost is \$25 per person which includes morning tea and lunch.
Please pay by direct debit to GSA Taranaki Branch 15 3953 0455999 00 or cash on the day.

**Please ring Denyse Salisbury, phone 753 4998 or 021 0428268
or email taranaki@gsa.org.nz
by Tuesday 9th May if you are able to join us.
We look forward to seeing you there.**

AGENDA FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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

Minutes of 2022 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, Denyse Salisbury, Graeme Orr (all sitting members)

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE TARANAKI BRANCH OF THE GSA HELD WEDNESDAY 18TH MAY 2022 at the PLYMOUTH HOTEL.

AGM Minutes of the GSA Taranaki held at the Plymouth International Hotel on the 26th May 2021.

Opening: The Chairperson, Les Sharp declared the meeting open at 11am.

Present: 31 members, including Tony Hamilton National President, and guests Sharon Sheehan, Jill Stevenson, Eileen Andrews & Pauline Julian Guest Speaker from Age Concern.

Apologies were received from: Dennis Salisbury, Ian & Jill McKillop, Fay Hanright, Kathy Glass, Jane & Matt Capon, Sandy Weir, Barry & Kathleen Cashmore, Elizabeth Sparks.

Moved: Rosalie Rangi Seconded by Major Mawson that these apologies be accepted. Carried

A minute's silence was observed in remembrance of those members who had died since our last AGM.

Minutes of the 2021 AGM were taken as read. Moved Alex Fahey Seconded Judith Jones. Carried

Financial Statement: Denyse Salisbury moved, seconded by Peter Cotterill that this be accepted.

Carried

Chairman's Report: Moved Les Sharp Seconded Elizabeth Chapman Carried

Election of Officers:

As there were no other nominations it was moved by Denyse Salisbury and seconded by Rosalie Rangi that Les Sharp be re-elected Chairman. Carried

As there were no other nominations it was moved by Major Mawson and seconded by Alex Fahey that Ian McKillop be re-elected Vice Chairman Carried.

The committee members – Dennis Salisbury, Ian McKillop, Denyse Salisbury, Rosalie Rangi & Graeme Orr were appointed as the committee. This was moved by Les Sharp and seconded by Ted Grace. Carried

Reviewer: It was moved by Les Sharp and seconded by Elizabeth Chapman that Ann Hatch be elected Reviewer. Carried

The Chairman gave a vote of thanks to the outgoing Committee member Alex Fahey and thanked him for his service to the Railways & GSA committee. Alex was a delegate for the GSA Taranaki for several years and was a Life member. Alex then spoke of his experiences from the Railways & GSA. He said that we need to have more social functions.

General Business: Discussion about the venue and meal format. Which format was preferred by the members the set meal or Smorgasbord/Buffett style. The preference was for the set meal and as the venue had good parking access, we would keep this venue for future functions.

Discussion on what other events would the members like the committee to set up. Ideas that came forward were bus trip to either Hawera & Stratford, a luncheon or morning tea each month or second month which members would have to pay for themselves, visit the NP Club for a function (you have to be a member of the Club to attend unless you go as a guest for a member). All the ideas would be looked at but would need support from members for any of them to go ahead.

Tony Hamilton the National President spoke to the meeting on the Board's activities. He talked about the new Incorporated Society Act with the new law passed in April 2022. He said that the membership fees may have to be increased in time. The Board were always on the lookout for new Board members around the country. Services to protect your annuity (GSA) "Cola"

Workshops for Secretaries, Induction courses to upgrade skills and Treasurers role. He thanked our Branch for all the work being done in Taranaki.

Our Guest speaker was Pauline Julian from AGE Concern.

The meeting closed at 11.30am.

..... TARANAKI Branch 2023
Financial Statements for 31 March (current year)

Financial performance (Income & Expenses)	2023 31Mar (current)	2022 31Mar (previous)
Income		
Subscriptions received GSF	3401.69	3681.73
Subscriptions (received NPF)	287.77	331.59
Subscriptions (annual)	143.00	114.40
Function monies received	1565.00	1195.00
Interest received	230.31	52.87
Donations		
Other		120.00
Total Income	5627.77	5495.59
Expenses		
Functions	3903.25	3667.50
Communications	484.42	522.26
Organisation		
Remuneration/Honoraria	1600.00	400.00
Office function		156.67
Financial	69.00	69.00
Income tax		
General		
Total Expenses	6056.67	4815.48
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	- 428.90	680.16
Financial Position (Balance Sheet)		
	2023 31 Mar (current)	2022 31Mar (previous)
Accumulated funds 1 April (previous year)	14628.45	13948.29
Distributions paid		
Surplus/Deficit (current)	- 428.90	680.16
Total (Accumulated Funds current)	14199.85	1468.45
Represented by		
Assets		
Cash account	6199.85	6628.45
Savings account		
Term deposits	8000.00	8000.00
Total cash/bank	14199.85	14628.45
Accrued interest		
Accounts receivable		
Less liabilities		
Accounts payable		

Signed:

Term Deposits:
 1-\$4000 12 month 5.40%
 2-\$4000 6 month 5.00%

Secretary

Chairperson

I have reviewed the financial statements above for the year ended 31 March 20XX.

A review is limited primarily to enquiries of Branch personnel and an analytical review of compliance with policy and procedures as applied to the financial data. I have not performed an audit and accordingly I do not express an audit opinion. On the basis of my review, nothing has come to my attention that causes me to believe that the above financial statements do not give a true and fair view

Signed

Name

Date

(To be Reviewed)