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## TARANAKI BRANCH GSA NEWSLETTER

### Government Superannuitants Association, Taranaki Branch: Chairman's Report: April 2022

Another six months have become history and we now get shortening days and the prospect of winter in a couple of months. For some it can be a problem with less light, and not being able to get outdoors as much as we might wish. However, it is still warm, and hopefully you are grateful for that.

At our Christmas meeting we were well entertained by our guest speaker Leslie Dowding whose speciality is storytelling, which she is particularly adept at. While much of her work has been with children, she has a repertoire to suit any age group.

At the National level, there have been two attempts to hold Council meetings, firstly a re-scheduling of the annual meeting to Labour Weekend, and later, to hold a Special meeting at the end of January. Both were cancelled due to restrictions around Government conditions due to the Covid situation.

Another casualty of the times is that there has been no sign that the Government has taken the action necessary to achieve the 100% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for the pre 1985 retirees. On 7<sup>th</sup> March we received a paper from Tony Hamilton detailing the current situation where the finance minister has advised that it remains under consideration but will not necessarily be included in this year's budget.

It was pleasing to receive notice of the indexation adjustment of 5.95% of our annuity for the remainder of us as it is obvious that most of us are living with significantly increased living costs.

Our National President Tony Hamilton is attending our AGM on 18<sup>th</sup> May to update us on what is happening at the National level. As well as attending the meeting he will be with us for lunch, and it will be a great opportunity to discuss any issues you have.

Alex Fahey has indicated that he will not be standing for the Committee this year. Alex has given over a long period of his life in serving the Railways Superannuitants Association, and latterly our Association. He has been on our Branch Committee since they merged with the GSA. Alex is a Life Member of our Association.

This leaves the current committee at the minimum Constitutional requirement of five members, some of whom have continued for several years now to ensure the viability of the Branch.

I have been the senior delegate to Council for ten years. We are now in the situation of barely having a viable Branch, and there is a need for some of the younger members (relatively speaking, but there are some) to step into these roles, and, for someone to understudy my role. I started knowing that I don't have a significant background as an administrator, and nor am I an innovator with the ability to generate new initiatives to advance the objectives of the Association. I only ever saw myself as a caretaker (I did advise members of this), and although I now have a much better overall picture and knowledge of the Association, there must be those who can become the next generation running this Branch. I don't believe that people should be pressured into involvement. The alternative is to volunteer, and it must happen if you believe in maintaining the viability of this Branch. If it doesn't happen, the fate of the Branch will have to be decided by the Board. I don't believe that Taranaki members will be as well served by any other arrangement that may be decided on.

To ensure that we will not be crowded, the committee has arranged for the hire of one of the larger meeting rooms at the Plymouth Hotel for our AGM on 18<sup>th</sup> May, and to try and ensure that we have a quorum to conduct the mandatory business, I have set up a Zoom meeting to commence at 1030 am. The meeting ID is: 863 642 6531, and the pass code is ZwnX3D.

If the business isn't completed within the 40 minutes allowed, then you will need to log in again using the same details (to restart the meeting will also take me a few minutes). If you have a computer and are unable to attend the meeting in person, or consider that the risk is too high, then this does provide another option for you.

While we again face increased costs at the Plymouth Hotel, the Branch is funding the room hire and the morning tea, so the cost to members is approximately half of the lunch cost. Because of the costs involved and the imperative to have a quorum (minimum 20 members), we would appreciate replies to Denyse as soon as possible indicating whether you will be attending in person, or via Zoom.

If there are other ways that you can see to deliver benefits back to the membership, the committee are always willing to consider new ideas.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible at the AGM.

Les Sharp Chairman, Taranaki Branch.

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Wednesday 18 May 2022**

### **Venue**

**PLYMOUTH INTERNATIONAL HOTEL  
220 COURTENAY STREET NEW PLYMOUTH  
HOBSON ROOM**

### **Format**

<b>10 am</b>	Morning Tea or Coffee and welcome
10.30	AGM
10.50	Tony Hamilton National President on the Board's activities
11.05	Age Concern Presentation
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.

If you only wish to attend for the morning tea the subsidised cost is \$5.00 per person.

Please pay by direct debit to GSA Taranaki Branch 15 3953 0455999 00 or cash on the day.

**Please telephone Denyse Salisbury, ph. 06753 4998 or 021 0428268**

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**by Wednesday 11 May if you can join us.**

**We look forward to seeing you all there.**

## **AGENDA FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Opening of meeting.

Minute's silence for the members who have died during the year.

Apologies

Confirmation of minutes of previous Annual General Meeting

Presentation of Chairman's Report

Matters arising

Presentation of Financial Report

Matters arising

### **Election of Officers**

Chairperson

Vice Chairperson

Committee

Vote of thanks to outgoing committee members

General Business

Meeting closure

**Meeting of the AGM Taranaki Branch of the Government Superannuitants Association**

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

**Opening:** The Chairperson, Les Sharp declared the meeting open at 10.30am.

**Present:** 26 members, including Marjorie Thomas Board Member & Doreen McCaffrey the outgoing Secretary.

**Apologies** were received from: Rosalie Rangi, Margaret Bake, Jim Hanright,

Moved: Alex Fahey Seconded by Ian McKillop 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 2020 AGM were taken as read. Moved Major Mawson Seconded Judith Jones Carried

**Financial Statement:** Les Sharp moved, seconded by John Schicker that this be accepted. Carried

**Chairman's Report:** Moved Les Sharp Seconded Ian McKillop. Carried

**Election of Officers:**

**Chairperson:** As there were no other nominations it was moved by Ian McKillop and seconded by Mel Harper that Les Sharp be re-elected Chairman. Carried

**Vice-Chairperson:** 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

**Committee Members** – Dennis Salisbury, Ian McKillop, Alex Fahey, Denyse Salisbury & Rosalie Rangi were re-appointed as the committee.

This was moved by Les Sharp and seconded by Mel Harper. Carried

**Reviewer:** It was moved by Denyse Salisbury and seconded by Les Sharp that Ann Hatch be elected Reviewer. Carried

**Secretary/Treasurer:** Confirmation that Denyse Salisbury has been appointed as Secretary/Treasurer this was moved by Les Sharp and seconded by Alex Fahey Carried

The Chairman advised the meeting that Doreen McCaffrey was stepping down as the Branches Secretary/Treasurer a position that she had held for twelve years, and Denyse Salisbury had taken over the role from the 1<sup>st</sup> April. He thanked Doreen for her contribution to the committee and presented her with flowers and a gift as a token of our appreciation.

Marjorie Thomas the Board member from Hawkes Bay spoke to the meeting on the Board's activities.

The meeting closed at 11.40am.

**Taranaki Branch  
Financial Statements for 31 March 2022**

Year to 31 March 2021	Year to 31 March 2022	Financial Performance (Profit/Loss)	
\$	\$	Income	
3,172.02	3,681.79	Subscription (deducted GSF)	
289.38	331.59	Subscription (deducted NPF)	
104.00	114.40	Subscription (paid direct)	
510.00	1,195.00	Functions Received	
172.61	52.67	Interest Received	
0.00	0.00	Donations	
0.00	120.00	Other (Centennial Book Sale)	
4,248.01	5,495.59	<b>Total Income</b>	
		<b>Expenses</b>	
1,700.00	3,667.50	Functions	
565.55	522.26	Communications	
82.22	0.00	Organisation	
800.00	400.00	Remuneration/Honouraria	
0.00	156.67	Office Function	
6.00	69.00	Financial	
0.00	0.00	Income Tax	
0.00	0.00	General	
3,153.77	4,815.43	<b>Total Expenses</b>	
1,094.24	680.16	<b>surplus (deficit) for year</b>	
		<b>Financial position (Balance Sheet)</b>	
31 March 2021	31 March 2022	Accumulated funds 1 April (previous year)	
12,854.00	13,948.00	Surplus/Deficit (current)	
1,094.00	680.16	<b>Total (Accumulated Funds current)</b>	
13,948.00	14,628.16		
		<b>Represented by</b>	
		<b>Assets</b>	
5,948.29	6,628.45	Cash Account	Signed:
		Savings account	
8,000.00	8,000.00	Term Deposits 1 \$4000 12 month 2.00%	
		2 \$4000 6 month 1.30%	
13,948.29	14,628.45	<b>total cash/bank</b>	
		\$0.00 Accrued Interest	Secretary
		\$0.00 Accounts receivable	
		<b>less liabilities</b>	
		\$0.00 Accounts payable	Chairperson

I have reviewed the financial statements above for the year ended 31 March 2022.  
 A review is limited primarily to enquiries of branch personnel and an analytical review of compliance policy and procedures as applied to the financial data. I have not performed an audit and accordingly express no audit opinion.  
 On the basis of my review, nothing has come to my attention that causes me to believe that the above statements do not give a true and fair view.

Reviewer

Signed..... Name..... Date.....

(to be reviewed)