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Dear Lake Taupō Branch Member

You will be aware that I wrote to you last year because it was necessary to reschedule your branch AGM in order to guarantee the presence of a quorum. I was delighted that the outcome from the re-scheduled AGM was positive and that an excellent turnout ensured a successful meeting. Nevertheless, I find myself in a similar position of having to write to you again this year following your 2025 branch AGM.

The AGM was held on 29 May. There were 16 attendees, which ensured a quorum. At this meeting a resolution was passed with a vote of 14 to 2. The resolution was:

“Due to the continued difficulty in obtaining sufficient support and attendance at AGMs and other functions and the on-going falling membership of the Branch that this meeting direct the Committee to advise National Office to consider amalgamation with another Branch in terms of Section 6.5 of the GSA Constitution.”

This resolution effectively means that the process of exploring amalgamating the Lake Taupō Branch with another branch has been initiated by a near unanimous vote at the AGM. I note, however, that no notice of this motion was provided to members before the AGM took place, meaning that only those members who attended the AGM were aware of it.

Your Branch is now one of two branches with less than 200 members, and I understand that as numbers decline and members age it is becoming increasingly difficult to maintain the levels of activity that were possible in previous times. It is possible that amalgamation will become a feature of the GSA in the future. Nevertheless, although I need to take this resolution seriously, I wish to consult with all Branch members to satisfy myself whether or not amalgamation has the wider support of branch members including those who were unable to attend the AGM.

Therefore, in accordance with Article 8.11 of our Constitution, and on behalf of the Board, I am directing the Branch Chair to convene a Special General Meeting of the Lake Taupō Branch at:

10.00am, Thursday 10 July, at St Pauls Union Church, 172 Tamamutu Street, Taupō.

Morning tea will be available for all attendees.

The meeting will be attended by a Board representative and the Executive Officer who will be able to explain the amalgamation process and any alternative options open to your branch. The above resolution will be tabled and a vote of all members present will be conducted. The result of this vote will be taken as final. Should the vote be in support of amalgamation, it is expected

that the process could be completed in time for implementation at the 2025 Council in September.

In the event that you are unable to attend the SGM but wish to have your views recorded you should email the Executive Officer at gensec@gsa.org.nz Your views may be presented at the meeting should you wish.

I encourage you to take an active interest in the future of your branch and register to attend the SGM by contacting your branch secretary, Colin Crowe, Phone: 0800 888 472 or email: taupo@gsa.org.nz

Alternatively, you can contact your Chair, Diana Pye, on 07 386 7927, or 021 133 3004 or email: dimpy@xtra.co.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan Straker', written in a cursive style.

Alan Straker
President
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