

Wanganui Branch



End of Year - Christmas Meeting

This meeting is set down to be held at the Wanganui East Club, Wakefield Street Wanganui East on
Thursday 25th November 2021 commencing at 11:15 a.m.

The meeting will feature a report on Council meeting highlights, entertainment, and a two-course meal. We hope that our meal will commence around 12:30 pm

Our guest speaker for this November meeting is Rachel Maia. Rachel is a Wanganui mum to 3 children, a passionate advocate for the wellbeing of young Kiwis, and the 4th ranked lower limb amputee para-climber in the world. Rachel has an amazing story to share with us about a major fall she had while para climbing and her ambition to continue as a top athlete.

The menu will provide a choice of roast meat, baked ham, and battered fish. A range of hot vegetables and cold salads will be available from the self-service buffet. There will a choice of deserts to complete the meal
Tea and coffee will be available free.

A range of refreshments purchased at your own cost are available from the bar

The cost to you will be \$15.00 payable at the door. The branch is heavily subsidising the balance of the cost of the meal. The subsidy meets the guideline requirements as promulgated by the GSA Board. We will be limiting the number of places available to 100 attendees.

RSVP please to Marian Barclay on 06 343 2789 or to Marian's email address jmbarclay10@gmail.com by **Friday the 19th November 2021** to inform her that you are coming to the lunch. We would appreciate receiving any apologies. Please leave a message on Marian's answerphone or on her email. Any message left will be acknowledged if you leave your contact details

National Office has continued with the mailing out of our newsletters. This may mean you receive very advanced notice of this End of Year – Christmas meeting so mark the date on your calendars and be prepared to join members of the GSA in another Branch meeting and hopefully catch up with past work buddies and gain more information about the workings of the GSA's organisation.

If you change your address, please advise Datacom. Freephone 0800 654 731 or email gsf@datacom.co.nz

Also contact your Branch secretary Neil Elgar – phone (06) 345 7139 or mail your information to Villa 74 Summerset Village 40 Burton Avenue Wanganui East Wanganui 4500 or email wanganui@gsa.org.nz or raglen411@gmail.com

PSA Holiday homes are available to GSA members. Phone 0800 103 090. Some of our members have taken advantage of these facilities and were pleased with the standard of accommodation.

If this planned meeting is cancelled because of COVID issues, members will be advised through newspaper advertising.

Chairperson's Report for November 2021

I am writing this report before our Annual Council meeting in Wellington which had to be postponed due to the Covid restriction in place on September 4/5, the date of the meeting.

I would usually report on some of the main items of discussion, but no luck this time. The meeting has been rescheduled for October 23/24 if alert levels allow this to happen.

Some of the major items on the agenda include:

- (a) Financial report: The previous year's expenditure will be discussed, and a new budget 2021/22 will be finalised.
- (b) Reporting on our strategic plan

Goal 1 Communication: Members and interested parties are kept informed.

Goal 2. Advocacy: The GSA is proactive in referring deficiencies and anomalies in the current provisions of the GSF schemes to the relevant authorities.

Goal 3. Organisation: The GSA works effectively in maintaining quality services to members and remains viable and committed.

Goal 4. Support for members: The GSA is committed to the welfare and support of its members.

Goal 5. Recruiting. The GSA actively pursues the recruitment of new members to ensure its continuing survival as an influential and relevant organisation.

Board Elections: In accordance with rule 8.2 of the constitution the Board must comprise a President, Vice President, and 5 members elected by Council, and up to 2 additional members may be appointed by the Board all being members of the Association. Three of our current Board (Dellas Elvy, Rob Brangwin, and Mike Smith) have decided not to put themselves forward for re-election. A number of new members have put their names forward for election to the Board. The need for an election demonstrates that our organisation is healthy, strong, and robust.

I hope that our local Wanganui Branch will continue being healthy, strong, and robust!! We are always hoping to welcome new members to our local committee. Our current committee is functioning well. Meetings are held when required, and the relevant tasks are completed on your behalf. I would like to thank them on the work they do.

I wish everyone well in your future endeavours. Hopefully we can travel overseas again in the not-too-distant future!!

Enjoy Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.

Trevor Hall. Chairperson