



**Branch Newsletter
Waikato-King Country
April 2023**

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A warm greeting to all members in our Waikato-King Country Branch

Below we set out all our events for 2023. The first is our Branch AGM which will be held on 21 June 2023. In Hamilton, we will also host a Coffee Morning with a guest speaker on 12 July, and hold another meeting on 20 September to report back on the GSA's National Council.

In the regions, we will host a lunch and general information meeting in Matamata on 27 September; another in Cambridge on 4 October; and another in Taumarunui on 5 October. We will also hold a coffee meeting in Te Kuiti in the afternoon of 5 October.

AGM AND LUNCH HAMILTON, 21 JUNE 2023

AGM followed by Lunch – Wednesday 21 June – 11.00am

(The Annual General Meeting is usually brief)

Hamilton Contract Bridge Club

20 Richmond St

For transport, ring/leave message for John Cameron) Ph 027 473 5950

Please fill in and return the tear-off form at the bottom of page 4

JULY COFFEE MORNING (NO CHARGE)

Speaker to be advised

Wednesday 12 July – 10.00 am to 12.00 noon

Hamilton Contract Bridge Club

20 Richmond St

POST-COUNCIL COFFEE MORNING (NO CHARGE)

Wednesday 20 September – 10.00 am to 12.00 noon

Hamilton Contract Bridge Club

20 Richmond St

Our popular coffee gatherings enable us to mix socially at no cost. If you wish to attend either event, please advise our Branch Secretary, John Evered (email waikatokc@gsa.org.nz; Phone: 0800 888 4720).

REGIONAL LUNCHES AND COFFEE MEETING

(See Page 2 of this Newsletter)

ADVANCE NOTICE: CHRISTMAS LUNCH

HAMILTON, FRIDAY, 24 NOVEMBER

The Pavilion, Hamilton Workingmen's Club,
46 Commerce Street Frankton.

Full details will be in our October newsletter.

REGIONAL LUNCHEONS AND COFFEE MEETING

Following the success of the rescheduled 2022 regional gatherings, we have changed the dates permanently in order to enable our Branch delegates to report back on the GSA's Annual Council. Branch representatives will also provide a summary of GSA activities and issues. There will be plenty of time to ask questions.

Members are especially invited to bring spouses and/or partners. Members may also bring along potential members such as friends who receive Government Superannuation but who are not yet members of our Association.

Note: As these events will be held before our next newsletter, we will write to and/or email all members living near the venues well before the event.

Matamata: 12.00 Noon, Wednesday 27 September,
RSA Ngaio St

Cambridge: 12.00 Noon, Wednesday 4 October,
Cambridge Cosmopolitan Club, 88-94 Burns St.

Taumarunui: 12.00 Noon, Thursday 5 October,
T&D Women's Club, Miriama St.

Te Kuiti: 3.30 pm, (Afternoon Tea) Thursday 5 October,
Stoked Café, Te Kuiti

Live outside these areas? No problem as attendance at regional luncheons and the Te Kuiti Afternoon tea is not restricted to members who live in those areas. Other members are also most welcome. If you live outside the above areas and would like to attend a luncheon, please contact our Branch Secretary two weeks in advance.

WAIKATO-KING COUNTRY BRANCH 2023 AGM AGENDA 10.30 AM for 11 AM Start, Wednesday, 21 June

Welcome: Members and spouses, especially honorary life members

Period of silence: To remember members who have passed away since the last AGM

Apologies

Approval of the minutes of the 2022 AGM

Matters arising from the minutes

Annual Report: Joan Currie (See next page of this newsletter)

Financial Report: John Evered

Address by GSA Representative

Elections: Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Committee

Appointment of Reviewer of accounts

Presentations to retiring committee members

General business

Lunch

Waikato King-Country GSA Annual Report For Year Ending 31 March 2023

As this is my first chair's report, please bear with me if it is a little short. Those of you who have attended meetings, talks and our 2022 AGM will be aware that at that meeting, I was elected Chairperson for the Waikato-King Country Branch of the GSA. It's a task that I was happy to take on, following the excellent job that Jeremy Maseyk did over the previous 3 years.

So, what has happened since the AGM in June 2022?

COMMITTEE

I am pleased to advise that we have a new member on our committee, Jackie Woodland. I am sure that she will bring some new ideas and valuable insights into the committee.

The committee met only five times in this last year as the December meeting was at first delayed then eventually postponed due to the by-election in Hamilton West. Our secretary, John Evered is the electorate manager and was, of course, very busy.

GUEST SPEAKER AND MORNING TEA

We had a great morning tea in July with a speaker from Waka Kotahi aka NZTA. He asked us some quite pointed questions which we were not always able to answer. He did, however, point out that the yellow chevrons seen on corners with a number on them are more designed for the trucking industry rather than for motor vehicles. This did raise a little titter amongst the members present, as many commented that they had thought in the past that the speed mentioned was rather slow, but now understood the significance of this.

NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

This was held as usual on the first weekend of September, traditionally fathers' (and grandfathers') day weekend. Our Branch was able to have future Councils moved to the following weekend. We are also pleased that our own Michael Law was voted onto the Board and is now our liaison between the Board and our committee.

REGIONAL MEETINGS

In 2022, we changed the dates of our regional meetings to September/October. This proved to be an excellent decision. The meetings were well attended. And we were able to provide members with a timely update of the interesting topics that had been discussed at Council.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Again, we had a most excellent luncheon at the Hamilton Working Men's Club. The food was excellent and the atmosphere was great. We will be back. As you will be aware, when organizing these events, we have to advise the caterers of the number attending and the Branch is obliged to pay for that number. We appreciate that there can be unforeseen circumstances that result in absences. Nevertheless, if you have agreed to attend and then are unable to, please let us know as early as possible.

MEMBERSHIP

The latest numbers suggest that the Branch had a total membership of 1,240 as at 31 March 2023.

FELLOW MEMBERS

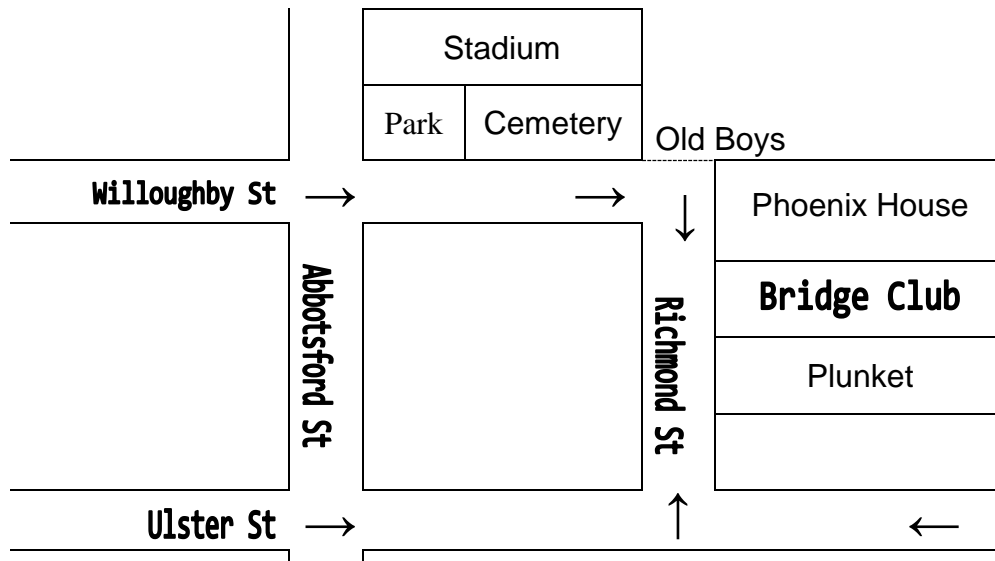
Most importantly, our thoughts are with all the GSA members affected by the severe flooding on the East Coast, in Auckland and in Northland. We hope that things settle for them in the near future.

Finally, although we meet every two months, please be assured that your committee is doing all it can to keep this Association a viable entity for the future benefit of all members, including younger members and surviving spouses.

Joan Currie
Chair

Venue for the AGM/LUNCH 11am, Wednesday 21 June 2023

Hamilton Contract Bridge Club, 20 Richmond St.



From south: (1) Go north on Anglesea St, go straight on Willoughby St, turn right into Richmond St.

or: (2) Go north on Victoria St, veer left on to Ulster St, turn left into Richmond St

From north: Go south on Te Rapa Rd, go straight on Ulster St, turn right into Richmond St.

Parking: Plenty of off-street parking in front of, and behind, the Bridge Club building.

Reply to AGM/Lunch invitation

(You may decide to come to the AGM but not stay for lunch. This is fine, just turn up on the day and no money is payable.)

Please reply by Friday 9 June by selecting one of the following two options:

- Fill in the reply slip and post it to: The Secretary (address below); or
- Email your response, including dietary requirements, to: The Secretary (waikatokc@gsa.org.nz).

Payment:

- Make a direct payment to the GSA Waikato-KC bank a/c (details below); or
- Arrange with John Evered to make a cash payment on the day

The Secretary, GSA Waikato-King Country, P.O. Box 482, Hamilton 3240

Email: waikatokc@gsa.org.nz

Phone: 0800 888 472

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I/We will attend the AGM/Lunch No attending: _____ @ \$15.00 = \$ _____

Name(s) (for name tags):

Special dietary requirements

Payment - tick the appropriate one: Cash on the day Direct Payment