



## **Branch Newsletter Waikato-King Country April 2022**

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

We look forward to welcoming members to our AGM on 15 June. The GSA's National President, Tony Hamilton, will attend the meeting and address members.

### **AGM AND LUNCH HAMILTON, 15 JUNE 2022**

**AGM followed by Lunch – Wednesday 15 June – 11.00am**

(The Annual General Meeting is usually brief)

**Hamilton Contract Bridge Club**

**20 Richmond St**

*For transport, ring/leave message for Michael Law on (07) 8562353 or text Michael on 022 139 8050*

**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 27 July – 10.00 am to 12.00 noon**

**Hamilton Contract Bridge Club**

**20 Richmond St**

### **POST-COUNCIL COFFEE MORNING (NO CHARGE)**

**Wednesday 21 September – 10.00 am to 12.00 noon**

**Hamilton Contract Bridge Club**

**20 Richmond St**

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

### **POSTPONED REGIONAL MEETINGS**

**(See Page 2 of this Newsletter)**

### **ADVANCE NOTICE: CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

**HAMILTON, FRIDAY, 25 NOVEMBER**

The Pavilion, Hamilton Workingmen's Club,

46 Commerce Street Frankton.

Full details will be in our October newsletter.

## RESCHEDULED REGIONAL 2022 COFFEE MEETING AND LUNCHEONS

Sadly, we had to postpone this year's round of regional meetings because of the Omicron outbreak. We have now rescheduled these very popular gatherings for October. Lunch will be preceded by a quick summary of GSA activities and issues with time to ask questions.

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

**Note:** 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 pm, Wednesday 5 October, RSA Ngaio St

**Cambridge:** 12.00 pm, Wednesday 12 October,  
Cambridge Cosmopolitan Club, 88-94 Burns St.

**Te Kuiti:** 3.00 pm, (Afternoon Tea) Thursday 6 October,  
Stoked Café, Te Kuiti

**Taumarunui:** 12.00 Noon, Thursday 6 October,  
T&D Women's Club, Miriama St.

Attendance at regional luncheons 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.

### **Borrow Or Purchase The Excellent Gsa History**

Don't forget, Professor Openshaw's book, "*Safeguarding Super*", is available at your local library. Your Waikato-King Country Branch has donated copies of the GSA's centenary history to all the public library systems in our region: Hamilton City; Matamata-Piako District; Otorohanga District; Ruapehu District (Taumarunui library); South Waikato District; Waikato District; Waitomo District; and Waipa District. A copy has also been donated to the library of each of the three major tertiary institutions in our region: Te Whare Wananga o Aotearoa; The University of Waikato; and Wintec.

## WAIKATO-KING COUNTRY BRANCH 2022 AGM AGENDA

**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 2021 AGM**

**Matters arising from the minutes**

**Annual Report:** Jeremy Maysek (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 2022

Since our last AGM, as you no doubt realise, several of our scheduled activities were affected by Covid 19. The Council meeting was cancelled, our regional luncheons postponed, and we held two committee meetings by zoom. We did, however, have a very successful and enjoyable Christmas lunch in November. We also had a social morning tea followed

by a guest speaker in July. Despite these disruptions the committee effectively managed all branch business and continued to work in your best interests and that of the wider GSA.

### **Meetings**

Instead of the usual six meetings the committee met only five times. This was because in August 2021, being in lock down, and with a light agenda with no urgent matters we cancelled that meeting. Also, on account of Covid restrictions we held our October and December meetings by zoom. Nevertheless, we dealt with all branch and national matters effectively and in a timely manner. We continue to keep abreast with Board matters and offer our support and comment to the Board as we see appropriate. We welcomed Marjorie Thomas, our Board liaison member, to the June 2021 AGM when she spoke to the meeting. Marjorie also attended the committee meeting that follows the AGM.

### **Morning tea and guest speaker**

In July, we resumed our social morning tea and guest speaker programme where Brent Nielsen from Age Concern Hamilton gave an interesting and entertaining talk about the work of Age Concern to over 30 members. A report on Brent's talk is included in the October 2021 Branch Newsletter.

### **Christmas Luncheon**

Fortunately, Covid did not disrupt our Christmas luncheon, held at the Hamilton Workingmen's Club. This year the lunch was self-service buffet style which enabled everyone to get their meals more quickly than in the past and select their own portion sizes. Gauging by the positive feedback the buffet style is popular so we will continue with this format in future.

### **Regional meetings**

As the Omicron virus was predicted to be at its peak in March 2022, when we had scheduled our regional luncheons and coffee morning, we postponed these meetings until October this year. We will send the invitations with details to members nearer time.

### **Council meeting**

Covid 19 restrictions caused the GSA Council meeting scheduled for early September 2021 to first be re-scheduled to late January 2022, and then cancelled. However, we did vote for a new Board via email postal ballot: 3 new members and 4 returning members from different regions with a variety of skills and interests. President Tony Hamilton from Whangarei is our liaison Board member until the next Board election in 2022.

### **Membership**

As of February 2022, the Waikato King-Country branch membership stands at 1286, made up of 686 annuitants, 377 annuitant spouses, 192 surviving spouses, 17 pre-annuitants, and 14 pre-annuitant spouses. National GSA membership is 23476.

### **Committee**

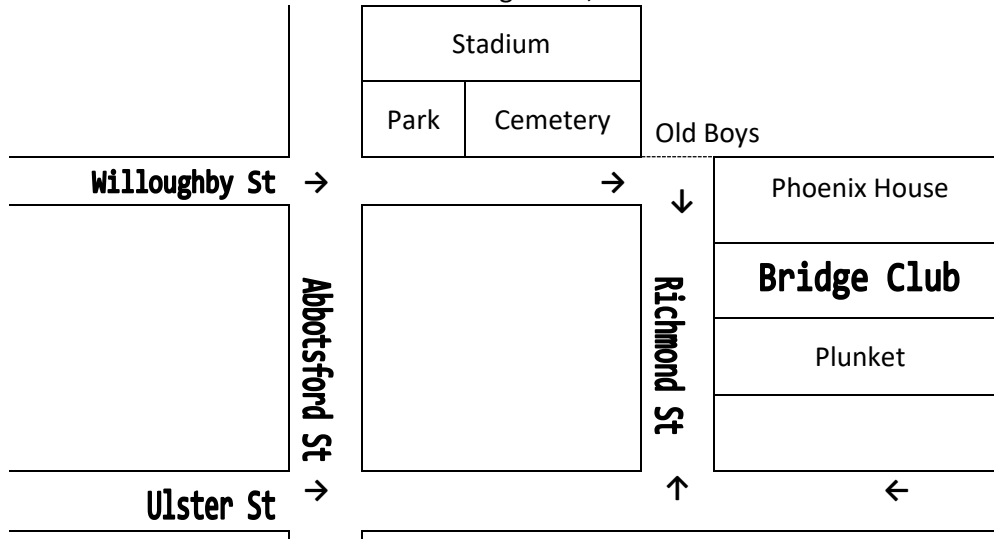
While this has been a year of disruption your committee has still worked effectively, attending to all branch business and providing support and comment to national affairs as we saw appropriate.

This report marks my third year as your chair, so I am standing down at this AGM. It has been a stimulating, and at times challenging, but rewarding three years. I thank all the committee for their continued support, good ideas, effort in running events and attending to committee business. All are standing again this year and while this gives us continuity and institutional knowledge it is important that we have new people with fresh perspectives and ideas to keep our branch lively, strong and advocating effectively on your behalf to protect our annuities. The work of the committee is not particularly onerous, and it can be interesting, rewarding and even fun. So, if you feel you would like to participate, please put your hand up and stand for the committee.

Jeremy Maseyk  
Chairperson

**Venue for the AGM/LUNCH 11am, Wednesday 15 June 2022**

Hamilton Contract Bridge Club, 20 Richmond St.



**From south:** (1) Go north on Anglesea St, go straight on to 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 to 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 27 May 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

**Direct payment details:** Account no: 02 0316 0159181 00 Code: *Lunch* Reference: *Your name*

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

Email: waikatokc@gsa.org.nz

Phone: 0800 888 472

**I/We will attend the AGM/Lunch**      No attending: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$12.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) (for name tags):

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Special dietary requirements

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