



Newsletter
Waikato-King
Country Branch
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SEASONS GREETINGS

Your Committee extends very warm greetings to all our members.

At both the national and branch levels, the GSA has continued to deal with issues raised by individual members. As this newsletter goes to press, your local branch is again holding regional coffee meetings and luncheons, in Cambridge, Matamata, Taumarunui, and Te Kuiti.

We now look forward to our annual Christmas Luncheon.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The Pavilion, Hamilton Workingmen's Club, Frankton

FRIDAY 25 NOVEMBER

(Full details pages 3 and 4)

Our Christmas Luncheon offers all of us a great opportunity to get together again with our fellow GSA members. It also provides an opportunity for GSF annuitants who are not yet members to mix with us and learn more about why they should join. Thus, spouses, friends and any potential members are welcome. If you know of someone who is receiving Government Superannuation, but who is not a member of the GSA, please encourage them to come to the luncheon and to join our Association.

BRANCH COMMITTEE 2023

The Waikato-King Country Branch continues to enjoy a very stable Committee membership. However, we would also welcome interest from some of our younger members in order to ensure continuity.

At our AGM in June, Joan Currie was re-elected Branch Chair, following a very successful first year in that role. John Cameron was re-elected Deputy Chair. We have also welcomed as a new member, Jackie Woodland, who brings considerable governance and executive experience to our committee. At the AGM, we also took the opportunity to acknowledge the very significant contribution of a retiring member, John Moodie, who had remained on the Committee for some time after serving as both Deputy Chair and Chair.

Other members are:

John Evered (Secretary)
Jeremy Maysek (Immediate past Chair)
Judy Benton
John Law
Michael Law
Barry Maughan
Keith Wooderson
Jackie Woodland

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: JOAN CURRIE

BRANCH AGM (JUNE)

We had a good turnout; it's always good to catch up with members and meet some new ones. After the initial formalities, all attending the GAM agreed unanimously with a proposal to members increase the subscription in order to keep the GSA viable in uncertain times. The increase of 50 cents per four-weekly payday will raise the subscription to \$39 a year. It was with disappointment that we farewelled Dr John Moodie. He has been a staunch member of the committee over many years: Deputy Chair, Chair, before finishing off on a high as our parking warden. for our events.

GUEST SPEAKER AND MORNING TEA (JULY)

We had a great morning tea with the guest speaker Mike Bracken from the law firm, Ellice Tanner Hart. Mike gave an interesting talk on the pros and cons of EPOA's (Enduring Powers of Attorney). Something to assist us and our families to understand our future needs and what we would like done for us if we become unable to decide for ourselves.

NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING (SEPTEMBER)

It's always good to meet up with other members of branches throughout the country and to discuss the issues that are directly affecting all of us in the GSA. We also heard from the new CEO of the Government Superannuation Fund, Tim Mitchel, a well-travelled and very experienced money manager with a life time in the money management business. There are now 42,000 annuitants; annual annuities total over \$900 million. The second speaker was Jane Wrightson, the Retirement commissioner. A very interesting, down-to earth person, Jane had some unusual ways of expressing the business of retirement funding.

There was a change at the top with Tony Hamilton standing down as President. The new Board is:

President	Alan Straker (Marlborough)
Vice President	Sandra Guscott (Auckland)
Members	Robert John Beckham (Southland); Anne Gover (Southland); Michael Law (Waikato/King Country); Roger Openshaw (Manawatu); and Alan Peck (Wellington)

No elections were required.

The subscription increase to \$39 a year was agreed unanimously.

WAIKATO-KING COUNTRY REGIONAL MEETINGS (OCTOBER)

In addition to a morning tea in Hamilton (September), regional meetings have been held in Cambridge, Matamata, Te Kuiti, and Taumarunui.

MEMBERSHIP

Our current membership is 1268.

I look forward to seeing members at our forthcoming Christmas Function.

Joan Currie

JOIN US FOR OUR CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

We invite you to join your fellow superannuitants at this year's annual luncheon. This invitation is also extended to your spouse, your partner or a friend. Intending members are also welcome. We are happy to meet reasonable requests for help with transport: ring John Evered Ph 0800 888 472.

Note: Lunch will be a buffet; committee members will assist or serve those with mobility issues.

Date:	Friday 24 November
Time:	11.00 am – 2.30 pm
Cost:	\$ 25.00 per head
Venue:	THE PAVILION HAMILTON WORKINGMEN'S CLUB, FRANKTON (See directions on Page 4)

We hope you will be able to join us on this happy occasion. The venue has adequate parking. The bar will be open if you wish to share a convivial drink with friends.

Please reply by *Tuesday 7 November* by selecting one of the following three 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*

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I/We will attend the Christmas Lunch No attending: ___ @ \$25.00 = \$ _____

Name(s) (for name tags):

Special diet requirements: (please specify for each person requiring a special diet)

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

DIRECTIONS TO HAMILTON WORKINGMEN'S CLUB

The Hamilton Workingmen's Club is located at 45 Commerce St, Frankton.

It is best to enter Commerce Street from Norton Road. The Workingmen's Club is approximately half way down the first block, on the left-hand side. There is plenty of parking. From the parking area, good signage indicates the path to the Pavilion, which is to the right as you drive in.

From the North: Take Te Rapa Road into Ulster St. Turn right into Mill St. Turn left into Norton Rd. Turn Right into Commerce St.

From the West: Take Massey St. to Norton Rd. Turn right into Norton Rd. Turn right into Commerce St.

From the South: Drive to Tristram Street. Turn left into Tristram St (at Pak'n'Sav). Continue on Tristram St to Ward St. Turn left into Ward Street which becomes Seddon Road. Continue along Seddon Road to Norton Road. Turn left into Commerce St.

From the North-East, cross the Waikato River at a preferred bridge. Drive West down Mill Street to Norton Road. Turn left into Norton Road. Turn right into Commerce Street.

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