



## Annual General Meeting

This meeting is set down to be held at the Wanganui East Club, Wakefield Street Wanganui East on Thursday 18th May 2023 commencing at 11:15 a.m.

### Order of Business

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting – copies to be published
4. Matters arising from the minutes
5. Annual Report – this has been prepared by the Chairman and is part of this newsletter
6. Financial Report – copies will be available on the tables
7. Election of Officers and the Committee
8. Appointment of Reviewer
9. Speaker – Board liaison representative – Alan Peck
10. General Business

The committee has again arranged to have the meeting and lunch at the Wanganui East Club. At recent meetings held at the Club our members have been provided with a quality menu which was thoroughly enjoyed. We expect to have a similar quality meal which is likely to consist of a choice of two meats and battered fish together with a range of hot vegetables and cold salads. A limited selection of desserts will be available at cost to the member.

The Club intends to serve the meal (one course) buffet style. We are sure that the Club will do everything it can to present a quality meal, served promptly and with pleasant interaction.

**The cost to you will be \$15.00** payable at the door. The Branch is subsidising the balance of the cost of the meal at the rate of \$10.00 or thereabouts. Like all food suppliers, costs have risen significantly so these have to go back on to individual members. We are also required to meet GSA policy guidelines which state that subsidies should not exceed half the cost of any social activity for example the cost of the meals.

Also, a range of beverages, purchased at you own cost, will be available from the bar at the conclusion of the meeting.

**RSVP** please to Marian Barclay on 06 343 2789 or to Marian's email address [jmbarclay10@gmail.com](mailto:jmbarclay10@gmail.com) by Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023 to inform her that you are coming to the lunch or to give your apology. You can leave a message on her answerphone or send a message on email and you can be assured that your replies will be acknowledged if you leave your contact details.

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National Office has continued with the mailing out of our newsletters. This may mean you receive very advanced notice of the AGM, so mark the date on your calendars. Be prepared to join members of the GSA in another Wanganui Branch meeting and hopefully gain more information about the workings of the GSA and its organisation.

Our speaker at this meeting is Alan Peck, who was a past Executive Officer for GSA and is currently a member of the GSA Board. He is very knowledgeable about GSA matters so be prepared to ask Alan some informative questions. Alan is now well known to many of our members and we look forward to welcoming him to our AGM.

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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 at [raglen411@gmail.com](mailto:raglen411@gmail.com).

## Wanganui GSA Chairperson's Report for A.G.M May 18<sup>th</sup> 2023

It was great to receive some good news during these unusual times. An inflation (cost of living) adjustment of 7.22% to our annuity from April 1<sup>st</sup>, was very welcome. I am forever grateful to those members of our organisation who helped inflation proof the super scheme in the late 1970s. Without this change, our annuity would have steadily decreased in both value and spending power.

This reminds me of the importance of our organisation. The G.S.A. has fought for over 100 years to both improve and keep the benefit of our scheme relevant and a worthwhile addition to our annual income. Check out the website [www.gsa.org.nz](http://www.gsa.org.nz)

Organisations such as G.S.A. can only function efficiently if members are prepared to support them by being prepared to volunteer for the various committees, councils, working groups etc.

Our local Wanganui branch has functioned well over the years, and this is due to a number of dedicated members who have been prepared to give their support and knowledge by serving on the local committee.

There needs to be a quorum of at least 20 Branch member or 10% of the Branch membership, which, ever is the smaller, for an Annual meeting to proceed (Clause 6.8 of the GSA Constitution). I am hoping for the usual good turnout of members at this AGM.

A new committee will be selected at our upcoming A.G.M. I hope that most of our current members will be re-elected, but we would welcome some new faces. We meet 3 or 4 times a year, mainly to organise our 2 general meetings, and prepare for the annual Council meeting in September.

I would be extremely disappointed to see our branch follow a couple of others in having to merge with another due to a lack of local support. We need to retain our autonomy and meet in Wanganui, not in some other city. Your support is vital if we want to remain a local organisation.

Special thanks to our current committee:

Neil Elgar (secretary), Brian Algar (treasurer), Marian Barclay, Rod Davies, Lance Patterson, and Robin Paul.

Our current Board liaison member, Alan Peck, will be attending our meeting. He is happy to answer any questions you may have about our organisation. The Board's current priorities include;

- Approval of the 2023 -24 National Office budget, and oversight of Association finances and financial management;
- Support to Branches through the Board liaison role;
- Continued work on member recruitment and retention strategies, with emphasis placed on remaining contributors, surviving spouses and exploring how to better attract and appeal to annuitants and pre-annuitants who are not yet members.

I hope to see a good attendance at our annual meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup> at the Wanganui East Club.

Trevor Hall

Chairperson.