



Wanganui Branch

Annual General Meeting

This meeting is set down to be held at the Wanganui East Club, Wakefield Street Wanganui East on Thursday 19th May 2022 commencing at 11:15 a.m.

Order of Business

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting – copies of these will be on the tables
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 our end of year meeting held on the 25th of November 2021 the catering staff at the Club provided our members 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 deserts will be available to complete the two-course meal.

Unfortunately, the Club is unable to give us a definite decision as to how the meal will be served as it will be dictated by food handling regulations which apply under the then current COVID provisions. 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 \$15.00 or thereabouts. We are required to meet GSA policy guidelines which state that subsidies should not exceed half the cost of any social activity.

Also, a range of refreshments purchased at your own cost will be available from the bar immediately after the conclusion of the meeting.

RSVP please to Marian Barclay on 06 343 2789 or to Marian's email address jmbarclay10@gmail.com by Wednesday the 11th of May 2022 to inform her that you are coming to the lunch. 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. We would appreciate receiving any apologies.

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 and be prepared to join members of the GSA in another 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.

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

Wanganui GSA Chairperson's Report for AGM May 19th, 2022

It was great to receive some good news during these unusual times. An inflation (cost of living) adjustment of 5.95% to our annuity from April 1st, was very welcome. I am forever grateful to those members of our organisation who helped inflation proof the super scheme in the late 1970's. 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 GSA 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

Organisations such as GSA 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 some dedicated members who have been prepared to give their support and knowledge by serving on the local committee.

A new committee will be selected at our upcoming AGM. 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.

I hope to see you at our annual meeting on May 19th at the Wanganui East Club.

Trevor Hall Chairperson.