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# Newsletter Wellington Branch April 2023

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## Branch Committee

Kevin Duggan, Suzanne Holgate, Kay Monks, Elizabeth Smaal, Bryan Whisker, Ray Woolhouse and Edgar Spark.

## Life Members

Virginia Breen, Peter Chambers, Ian Clunies-Ross, Dallas Elvy, Bill Robertson, Elizabeth Smaal, Mike Smith, Leicester Stewart, Peter Stewart, Terence Stock, Ian Swift, David Thorp, Bryan Whisker, Priscilla Williams, and Ray Woolhouse.

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## Annual General Meeting

All members are cordially invited to the Annual General Meeting at the Petone Working Men's Club, 47 Udy Street Petone at **11 am on Tuesday 13 June 2023** followed by a luncheon. This will be subject to Government restrictions relating to Covid that are applicable at the time.

The agenda for this meeting and the minutes from the last meeting will be emailed to those who provide an email address on receipt of your booking to attend the AGM and luncheon.

If you wish to receive the papers but have no email address, please contact the branch Secretary by **1 June 2023** for the papers to be picked up at the meeting. Please also advise the Secretary by **1 June 2023** if you have any special dietary requirements.

Members who wish to attend the AGM and luncheon will need to RSVP by returning the booking tear-off slip and paying \$20. Non-members \$34.50 per person. RSVP details on the tear-off section.

For the Wellington Branch to go on and prosper, we need members to step up and become office holders. Please give serious consideration to joining our committee. If you are willing, please let us know.

**Nominations** for Branch official positions close 1 week before the AGM. Contact the Secretary at [wellington@gsa.org.nz](mailto:wellington@gsa.org.nz) or call 0800 888 472 by **6 June 2023**.

## Annual Report

It is my pleasure to present the 102nd Annual Report of the Wellington Branch of the Government Superannuitants Association for the year ending 31st. March 2023.

This year the easing of Covid restrictions meant we were able to organise our social events with a greater certainty that arrangements would not be disrupted, this also resulted in attendance numbers increasing towards traditional levels.

Our AGM was held at Petone Club in June and was well attended. Election of office holders took place and the following were duly appointed – Chair Mike Smith, Deputy Chair Ian Clunies-Ross, Branch Committee Kevin Duggan, Suzanne Holgate, Kay Monks, Elizabeth Smaal, Bryan Whisker and Ray Woolhouse.

Our Branch Board liaison, Alan Peck updated the meeting on Board matters including changes to our rules where Covid highlighted some shortfalls regarding proxy voting and electronic communications.

Our July mid-winter luncheon was held at the Angus Inn, Lower Hutt and those who attended were treated to a very pleasant meal and an informative and interesting address by Murray Edridge, the Wellington City Missioner.

In September the Branch held the traditional working lunch at the Masterton Club for the benefit of our Wairarapa members. This was also well attended with numbers being boosted with Wellington based members travelling over the hill to attend and enjoy the pleasant surroundings.

The Christmas luncheon was once again held at Te Marua Golf Club and a good attendance of 90 members enjoying a festive meal in a semi-rural surrounding.

The National Council met in September and two members of our Branch Ian Clunies-Ross and Dallas Elvy were awarded life membership of the association for their meritorious contributions to this organization.

Our system of sub committees for finance, social, recruitment, honours and policy matters has continued to work well. I am most appreciative to the committee and to Catherine who worked together during the year to provide for the smooth and efficient running of the Branch for your benefit.

For the Wellington Branch is to go on and prosper,

we need members to step up and become office holders. Being a member of our committee is not onerous and it is important that we take into consideration diverse and varying ideas when dealing with matters relating members. We need willing people to help with the organisation of the social activities and the statutory obligations of this organisation. Our committee meets two monthly for an average duration of 2 hours and my aim is to make the meetings a pleasant experience for all involved.

Please give serious consideration to accepting nomination to join our committee. If you are willing, please let us know.



Mike Smith  
Chair Wellington Branch

## The Mackenzie Trust How we may help you

The Mackenzie Trust was established in 2017 with the objectives of providing assistance with travel to enable those who would like to attend GSA Wellington Branch functions but are unable to do so because of lack of support, declining health, reduced mobility or other like reasons. Currently the Trust covers the cost of buses hired for transport to functions.

If you, or someone you know, would like to attend any GSA function, but need extra help with transport, please complete the booking form at the end of this newsletter. If you tick the box "Mackenzie Trust Extra Help Request", someone will contact you.

### **Mid Winter Luncheon:**

This luncheon will be held at the **James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor on The Terrace on Tuesday 18 July at 12noon**. Mix and mingle from 11.15 am. Members are encouraged to use public transport as the hotel is easily accessed from Lambton Quay via the lifts in James Cook Arcade opposite the main ANZ Bank on Lambton Quay. Take the lift to the hotel foyer followed by an internal lift to Level 17 where the luncheon will be held. If, for mobility reasons, you require a hotel parking please note this on the booking form so that this can be arranged for you. Please contact the branch Secretary by **11 July 2023** if you have any special dietary requirements. Members and spouses \$35 pp. Guests (non-members) are welcome, \$40 per guest.

### **Wairarapa Luncheon:**

This luncheon is planned for **19 September 2023 at 11am** at the Masterton Club, 98 Chapel Street, Masterton, covid willing! Please contact the branch Secretary by **5 September 2023** if you have any special dietary requirements. As this is considered a governance meeting, the luncheon is subsidised by the branch. The cost to members attending is \$20 pp. Non-members \$30 pp.

### **2023 Christmas Luncheon:**

We plan to hold our Christmas luncheon on **21 November 2023**. Details will be provided in our October newsletter but in the meantime please note this date in your diary. Do join us.

### **Attendance at Social and Governance Functions A Reminder**

The Wellington Branch organises four outings per year – two are social: mid-year lunch and the Christmas function. The other two could be classed as governance (working) meetings i.e. AGM and the September Wairarapa meeting. The meals at functions may be subsidised – therefore members pay the subsidised price and non-members pay the full cost.

A refund for non-attendance at functions should be provided only if the person notifies the secretary before the closing date when numbers have to be provided to the caterers. In exceptional cases, refunds will be assessed by the committee.

### **Recruitment of New Members for GSA**

This is now an urgent matter. Nationwide our membership has dropped from a peak of 28000 to 22000. If we are to continue as an effective lobby group to protect our 4weekly income as government policy changes we need to recruit those who receive the annuity but have not joined yet. Suggestions on how to do this will be discussed at the AGM.

### **Bereavement**

Older branch members will remember Marie Byrne who died on March 8th. She and her late husband Ted provided Secretarial services for this branch spanning 20years. Both became Life members of the GSA.

### **Wellington Branch Railway Social Club Mid-Winter Luncheon**

This is an informal group of former employees of Railways and any GSA members wishing to attend will be most welcome.

Mid-Winter luncheon will be held on Wednesday 12th. July 2023 at Petone Workingmen's Club. Cost \$25 per person. Cash only payable at the door. Please be seated by 12 noon.

For bookings, please contact Ray Woolhouse, Wellington (ph. 04 973 8158).

A booking is essential and must be made at least two days before the function. Late bookings cannot be accepted.

## Statement of financial performance

	Previous Year \$	Actual for Year \$
<b>Income</b>		
Subscriptions GSF deducted	36,545	34,091
Subscriptions NPF deducted	1,516	1,316
Subscriptions direct	2,211	2,156
Functions	4,169	5,115
Interest	761	1,215
Cent Book Sales	0	0
HK Branch Support	3,493	4,532
<b>income</b>	<b>48,695</b>	<b>48,425</b>
<b>Less expenses</b>		
Functions	6,940	7,203
Governance	606	1,400
Member Recruitment	220	348
Printing & stationery	982	312
Newsletter	2,215	6,250
Telecommunication	693	794
Branch Committee expenses	1,933	5,997
Remuneration	29,682	31,849
ACC Levy	76	34
Rent	2,583	2,458
Donation	500	500
Review of accounts	500	500
General Expenses	222	34
<b>expenditure</b>	<b>47,152</b>	<b>57,678</b>
<b>surplus (deficit)</b>	<b>1,543</b>	<b>(9,253)</b>

## Statement of financial position

	Equity	\$
Accumulated funds 1 April 2022		60,475
Surplus (deficit) less income tax		(9,253)
ST Funds		15,398
RSC Funds		237
		<b>66,857</b>
<b>Represented by</b>		
<b>Assets</b>		
Current account		19,864
Term deposits/investments		45,552
Accrued interest		1,253
Account receivable		377
Payments in Advance		600
Cent Book Stock		360
Total Assets		<b>68,006</b>
<b>Less Liabilities</b>		
Accounts Payable		1,148
Total Liabilities		<b>1,148</b>
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>66,857</b>

## Annual General Meeting and Luncheon\* - Tuesday 13 June 2023

I/We shall be attending the AGM luncheon at the Petone Working Men's Club, 47 Udy Street, Petone.

The AGM will begin at 11.00 am.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick if using free bus. Bus will depart from **platform 9 Wellington Railway Station at 10.20am.**

Please tick for Mackenzie Trust Extra Help Request, someone will contact you.

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ \$20 per member/ \$34.50 per guest. Please pay \$ \_\_\_\_\_ by either:

Direct credit account 38 9014 0085421 00. **Quote name, annuity number and the reference AGM**, or:

I will bring \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the meeting in an envelope marked **with the above highlighted details** and then return this slip to the Branch Secretary GSA Wellington branch at PO Box 11993, Manners Street, Wellington 6142 by **1 June 2023**

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Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick for assistance with hotel parking, someone will contact you.

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Lunch to be served at 11am.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick for Mackenzie Trust Extra Help Request, someone will contact you.

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\* Please note a smorgasbord meal will be provided as before with cost subsidised by the Branch.