



Wellington Provincial Gold Star Association

August 2020 Newsletter

Welcome to this our second newsletter

What a challenging and interesting few months it has been. For many of us we are fortunate to be almost back to normal. But we must also be thinking of the many who are on lesser incomes and especially for those who no longer have a source of income. It is indeed a very worrying time for many. As I write this we are moving back into level 2 in our area. Developments from this will be advised. We must of course remain vigilant.

The number of Gold Star presentations is now increasing as previously postponed presentations are now being arranged.

The deferred annual general meeting from April 2020 will now be held on 31st October 2020. More details on page 3.

John May and Mike Aamodt

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50 year Gold Star Presentations

A very pleasant function was held at Palmerston North Fire Station on 5th July to celebrate AAC Rodger Calder's 50 years service. Rodger started in Wainuiomata Fire Brigade and finished his service in Feilding Fire Brigade.

It was great to see Rodger in good form considering his health issues.

12th August saw the presentation of two 50yr medals to Boyd Atkinson and Don Bowker of Wellington at the Porirua Fire Station. The presentation was followed by a light luncheon. UFBA Representative Sandy Lawson spoke about the long service of both members. Then Colin Gray pinned the 50yr medal on Boyd Atkinson and Jon Graham pinned the 50yr medal on Don Bowker.



Back L—R. RM Bruce Stubbs, AC Mitch Brown, President Mike Aamodt, UFBA Rep Rtd SSO Joe Rush. Front, AAC Rodger Calder and Karen



Back L-R. Colin Gray, President Mike Aamodt, SO Jon Graham. Front L-R. SSO Boyd Atkinson, Sandy Lawson, SO Don Bowker

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Gold Star Presentations 2020



This updated list shows the current status of presentations. Following the lockdown due to the Covid19 virus there were many postponements to date many of these have not yet had new dates set.

Congratulations to all those recipients and welcome to the Association.

Recipient	Brigade	Date	Gold Star Assn Presenter
Rodger Calder 50yr	Palmerston North	5-July-20	Mike Aamodt
Boyd Atkinson 50yr	Wellington	12-Aug-20	Mike Aamodt
Don Bowker 50 yr	Wellington	12-Aug-20	Mike Aamodt

FUTURE GOLD STAR PRESENTATIONS 2020/21

Recipient	Brigade	Date	Gold Star
Wendy Bruere	Central Comms	4-Mar-20	Postponed
Toni David	Central Comms	4-Mar-20	Postponed
Paul Fowles	Palmerston North	28-Mar-20	Postponed
Marina Burling	Masterton	28-Mar-20	Postponed
Tony Gibbs	Masterton	28-Mar-20	Postponed
Richard King	Masterton	28-Mar-20	Postponed
Jacob Hawkins	Martinborough	28-Mar-20	Postponed
Matauranga Maitai	Tolaga Bay	12-Sept-20	
Craig Brown	Dannevirke	19-Sept-20	Mike Aamodt
Peter Sinclair	Dannevirke	19-Sept-20	Mike Aamodt
Stephen Fennell	Carterton	3-Oct-20	John Rowe
Marty Knowles	Feilding	3-Oct-20	Tony Swain
John Edmond	Remutaka Ops Support	3-Oct-20	Mike Aamodt
Wayne Spearpoint	Bunnythorpe	3-Oct-20	Colin Smith
Ian Petersen	Foxton	17-Oct-20	Mike Aamodt
Jason Mercer	Silverstream	28-Nov-20	Mike Aamodt
Quentin Ward	Silverstream	28-Nov-20	Mike Aamodt
Ken Johnston	Tawa	13-Mar-21	Mike Aamodt
John Pitchford	Tawa	13-Mar-21	Mike Aamodt
Paul Smith	Wellington	10-April-21	
Andrew Tuffin	Porirua	10-April-21	
James Martin-Bond	Wellington	10-April-21	

FUTURE 50 YEAR MEDAL PRESENTATIONS 2020

Henry Wheeler	Rongotea	26-Sept-20	Mike Aamodt
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Outdoor Bowls

The annual outdoor bowls tournament will be hosted by the
Foxton Beach Fire Brigade

at the Foxton Beach Bowling Club on 27th February 2021. Entry forms and rules will be forwarded together with other information closer to the date.



Executive Update

Executive: Below you will see the update to the delayed annual general meeting. Nominations will be called for both Patron as Herb Carberry has fulfilled his term. In addition nominations for one vice president.

Annual General Meeting/Conference Registration Fees

The refund of the Registration Fees is now complete. All those who requested a refund should have received their refund by now. Many thanks to John May for arranging and processing the refunds.

Annual General Meeting 2020

The annual general meeting will be a one day event to be held on Saturday 31st October 2020 at Palmerston North Fire Station. Commencing at 10.30. After the meeting a light luncheon will be provided. The executive will be physically present together with local members.

The Community Meeting room is limited as to the number of people it can accommodate. We need 25 members to be a quorum. We welcome other members to be present but we must have a good indication of those who will attend for catering purposes.

All those wishing to attend please RSVP to John May on sj.may@xtra.co.nz before 223rd October.

The annual general meeting will be streamed via Skype. The link is [Join Skype Meeting](#) click on this link and follow instructions the Meeting ID is 5381238.

Annual General Meeting 2021

This years hosts Palmerston North have offered to host the 2021 annual general meeting/conference proposed dates are 9th —11th April 2021.

This is the weekend after Easter

Obituary 2020. With sadness we note the passing of ;

Norma Stringer (widow of the late Fred Stringer).

Rtd SO Bruce Hanson, Upper Hutt.

Rtd CFO Stewart Walker, Stokes Valley.

Rtd FF Lex Sligo, Marton.

Rtd DCFO Alan Watt, Wellington/Paraparaumu.

Rtd DC Lola Percy, Te Uri

Rtd 3rd Officer Ian Redshaw, Wairoa

Rtd 3rd Officer Evan Bailey, Masterton

Merchandise

**The Association has a range of merchandise to purchase
examples of which are;**



25 & 50 Tie



**25 & 50
Monogram**



**Name tag
Available with 25 and 50**



25 Lapel Badge



50 Lapel Badge

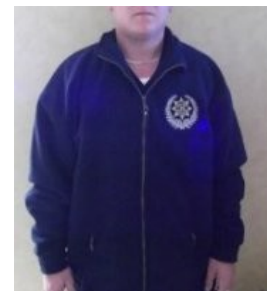


25 & 50 Brooch

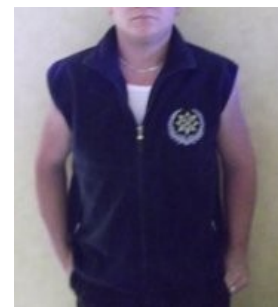


Polo Shirt

Item	Sizes	Price
Vests (F233MN)	SM,M, L, XL, XXL	\$60.00
Jackets (FP630)	SM,M, L, XL, XXL	\$65.00
Polo Shirts	SM, M,L, XL, XXL	\$42.00
Caps	OSFA	\$24.00
Ties 25yr & 50 yr		\$32.00
Name Badges		\$28.00
Lapel Badge 25yr		\$15.00
Brooches 25yr		\$22.00
Lapel Badge 50yr		\$20.00
Brooches 50yr		\$25.00
Blazer Monogram 25yr and 50 yr		\$25.00
Plaques 25yr & 50yr	Present stock (limited supply)	\$70.00



Jacket



Vest

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