



OCTOBER 2025

Newsletter

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BRANCH
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Your present committee is:

Chair Bill Price
Vice chair Max Kennelly
Secretary/treasurer Robert Morey,

Committee members: Ralph Harrison, Geraldine Cooke, John Beckham, Ian Winter, David Mellish and Charlie Gilligan

**YOUR
MEMBERSHIP
MATTERS**

At our recent AGM we welcomed John Beckham onto our committee. A current Board member transferred from Southland. We are always looking for new blood for our committee, so if you are interested in joining us, please let me know.

Do you know anyone or have any old work mates who were contributors to the Government Superannuation Scheme and not members of the GSA? Invite them to join our organisation.

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

Our social subcommittee is investigating possible venues for our bus trips so if you have any ideas, please tell us as we are always looking for more destinations. A couple of suggestions are Lawrence Chinese mining area, Gabriel's Gulley and Oamaru. Our next bus trip in February 2026 is to Lawrence.

We as a branch are very fortunate in having sufficient funds to subsidise the costs of these trips and dinners so take advantage of it and have a great day out with others.

IMPORTANT:

When moving, you must notify The Scheme Administrator at Datacom **and** your local GSA secretary of your new address. I get a lot of mail returned to me with "Gone no forwarding address". If you know anyone who hasn't received newsletters, tell them to get in touch with us with their new address and/or their new cell phone and email address.

Are there any issues that you would like discussed/ brought up on your behalf?

Contact your local secretary Robert Morey at PO Box 5182 Dunedin 9054

OR

Email me at otago@gsa.org.nz. Or by phone at 0800 888 472.

Thank you.

R Morey

YOUR OPINION MATTERS

At our recent AGM we were told that the average age of people receiving Government Superannuation was 85 years of age. I know that we are all getting older, and mobility will be an issue for some of us preventing us from attending these functions. It is important that we get good numbers at our functions otherwise they may have to be cancelled. **According to our constitution we need a minimum of 20 people at our AGM to enable it to carry on.**

Please let me know whether you would like to carry on with a lunch or just have tea/coffee at the AGM.

Have you lost a spouse/partner recently? To help smooth the way for your family re your annuity, it would help us if we knew who your next of kin is or who would be administering your estate. **Please be aware that any personal information is secure in the GSA system.**

If you have moved residence, changed your email address or removed your landline, please let us know so that your contact details on our records are up to date. Thank you.



Kate Tanner from City Sanctuary talking to our members about their trapping of predators in Dunedin at our recent AGM.

BANKING CHANGES

As you may be aware we are no longer able to accept cheques. Please use internet or phone banking to deposit money into our account.

Government Superannuitants Association Otago Branch

Westpac 03 0903 0379891 00

If you don't have either of internet/phone banking, go into your branch and ask them to help you.

When paying this way, it is important that the return slips on page 4 are mailed back to me or scanned/photographed then emailed to me. I use these for auditing purposes and contact details checking. Thank you.

Council 2025



Daivid Mellish and Robert Morey represented Otago at the annual GSA Council held in Wellington recently where several minor changes were made to the constitution and all accounts for branches and head office were presented and passed.

There were two guest speakers:

Tracy Martin from the Aged Care Association spoke about residential care and some of the problems the sector is facing. Did you know that 60% of the providers are small charities and 40% large companies?

The other speaker was Ireen Muir from the Government Superannuation Fund Authority who gave us some "in house" details of their latest survey of members.

They also attended workshops on the Strategic plan 2025-2027 and recruitment and retention.

Waikato-King Country Branch presented figures outlining the future of the GSA and Branches. Projected financial reserves would run out by 2044 and there would only be 1200 members left

CHRISTMAS FUNCTION

Our Christmas function is being held at the Diggers restaurant in the RSA Mosgiel on **Wednesday November 26th starting at 11.45am.**

BUS TRIP

Our next Bus trip is to Lawrence. Cost including lunch is \$30 per person. We plan to leave Shore St car park at 9.15 am,

Please return to Otago Branch GSA, PO BOX 5182 Dunedin 9054 **OR** scan /photograph and email to otago@gsa.org.nz **by 1st February 2026**

I would like to go on the Bus trip to Lawrence on February 2026.

Please arrive by 9.00 am.

Tick if you need transport

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NAME.....

Number of people.....

Phone number..... email.....

Amount enclosed/paid by internet banking (**\$30** per person) \$..... Date.....

Internet banking to **GOVERNMENT SUPERANNUITANTS ASSOCIATION OF NZ**

Westpac **03 0903 0379891 00** please use your **surname** and **initials** with **Bus trip**

for particulars and reference.

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Please return to Otago Branch GSA, PO BOX 5182 Dunedin 9054 **OR** scan /photograph and email to otago@gsa.org.nz **by 20th November 2024.**

I would like to go to the Christmas function at Diggers on Wednesday 26th November 2025.

Please arrive by 11.45 am.

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