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OCTOBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The South Canterbury Branch of the Government Superannuitants Association invites members to the Christmas Luncheon to be held in the upstairs dining room at Timaru Town & Country Club, 99 Douglas Street, Highfield, Timaru on Thursday 20 November 2025.

Social get-together will commence around 11.30am followed by lunch at 12.15pm.

Cost is \$25 per person. The Branch will be subsidising the luncheon.
Free drinks will be available from the Bar.

Please Note: The venue has changed this year to Timaru Town & Country Club to be held in the upstairs dining room. Access is available from downstairs via the stairs or the lift, or from Douglas Street down the ramp. The cost to our members has increased to \$25 per person due to the increased costs in food and other costs we are all experiencing. The date for numbers attending is earlier than other years and is Monday 10th November 2025. A minimum of 30 people is required to hold this luncheon – we ask for your support and please call if we can help in any way.

RESERVATION AND PAYMENT DUE MONDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2025

Registration for the Christmas Luncheon, Timaru Town & Country Club, 99 Douglas Street, Timaru

Name.....Phone.....

Accompanied by.....

PLEASE PAY BY INTERNET BANKING OR CASH

Paid by internet banking to ASB Timaru

Account Name: South Canterbury Government Superannuitants Association

Account No. 12-3159-0030475-00 []

I shall pay at the door []

Please detach and send to Helen Page, 47A Broadway Avenue, Timaru by 10 November 2025.

OR email helenpagenz@gmail.com

OR phone (03)686-3434 or 021-116-1449

Please note that once you have booked and final numbers have been confirmed our Branch is obliged to pay whether you attend or not.

GSA ANNUAL CONFERENCE UPDATE

The Annual General Meeting of the GSA was held in Wellington over the weekend of 6th & 7th September with a Secretaries/Treasurers training meeting on Friday 5th September. Main discussion points were similar to the previous year.

- Decreasing member numbers with fewer future annuitants coming through
- How can we encourage more of our members to attend meetings and functions
- Ideas on ways to support our members
- Maintaining updated members records

What you can do for us:

We encourage input from our members on different types of activities or support you may be interested in.

We also ask if members know of other GSA members who may be interested in attending our functions to contact us when the newsletters go out and we will follow up.

Please let us know if you have a change of address. Although you need to advise Datacom, it is important we also know of these changes in order to update our records.

South Canterbury Branch Details

Chairperson: Alison Ferriss

Ph (03)686-6844 or 021-638-325

Secretary: HelenPage

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DATAKOM:

Datacom is your annuity scheme administrator and should be contacted if you have any questions about your annuity, assignment of pensions, surviving spouse/partner requirements, change of address or change of your bank account.

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And now, something to think about

Don't forget that when life gets hard and you feel like giving up,
there's a future you haven't seen yet.
Stay strong, believe in yourself and
never stop moving forward!

Good Friends are like stars,
you don't always see them
but you know they are always there.

The South Canterbury GSA committee would like to thank all members for their continued support during the year and wish you all our best wishes for Christmas and look forward to seeing you in 2026
