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SOUTHLAND BRANCH NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2025

Christmas Afternoon Tea

Monday 8 December

2pm – 3pm



Club Southland

115 Leet Street, Invercargill

**Come and join us and hear an update
from the 2025 GSA Council Meeting held
in Wellington in September**

There will also be a guest speaker.

Cost: Southland Branch is subsidising the cost of this Christmas Afternoon Tea, but the **cost for attendees will be \$10.**

The bar will operate on a cash basis.

Register to attend:

Spouses are most welcome to attend.

Register your intention to attend with Anne by phone/text 027 311 0625 or email southland@gsa.org.nz by Friday 28 November so that Anne can confirm numbers with the venue. Payment can be made by paying this amount into the Southland GSA bank account - 031355-0880099-00 Please include your name with your deposit. Or you can pay \$10 by cash when you arrive at the venue.

Dietary requirements: Let Anne know if you have any dietary requirements when you register your intention to attend as Anne needs to let the catering staff know.

Transport: Please also let Anne know if you require transport.

Bus Trip Invercargill-Gore

Wednesday 12 November

Depart 9am

Return 4.30pm

Visit Hokonui

Moonshine

Museum, Gore

Art Gallery, Lunch at Croydon Lodge, and Pioneer Village and Museum

Cost \$26 / Lunch extra

We need 35 people to make this trip

viable. Register your intention to attend with Anne by phone/text 027 311 0625 or email southland@gsa.org.nz by 7 Nov.



From Southland Chair Ian Beker QSM



I am writing this in between checking my whitebait net on the Titaroa River where I have been happily based for the last

three weeks (apart from a brief trip to the National Council Meeting in Wellington) and have to confess that so far this season, I have managed to catch more whitebait than for the same period last year.

This is probably just as well as while I was at the conference I was talked into agreeing to supply a few packets of white bait to one of the delegates from the Otago Branch who lives in Mosgiel and I have to task my son who lives in Dunedin with the delivery.

Attending the Council Meeting was a real eye opener for me as I never realized how much time and effort goes into running the association and having to be continually on the alert for any movement by the Government that may hinder the association's

ability to work for the betterment of all members. I encourage all of you to come to our Annual Christmas Afternoon Tea as this will give you the opportunity to tell me what you would like your association to do, in the way of social events or activities, what speakers you would like to hear from and also give you the chance to bend my ears, if we have not performed to the standard you expect from us. While I am really new to the job of being your chairman, I am thrilled that we have such a competent and capable, hardworking Secretary/Treasurer who does all the work so well. The whole committee values her input very highly, so from all of us "Thank you Anne".

From Secretary/Treasurer Anne Gover



Thank you to all those who attended our AGM in May. We were thrilled to have two new members join our committee.

A number of our members have died during this past year and we wish to acknowledge their contributions to our association and pass our condolences to their spouses and their families.

Help save postage on newsletters

If you are willing to have the two branch newsletters sent to your email address instead of being posted please email me so that the 2026 April and October newsletters can be emailed to you.

Joining a Spouse as a Member

It does not cost any extra to enrol your spouse or partner as a member. A couple sharing an annuity pays one subscription. If a spouse survives a deceased member, they receive up to half the annuity, but must then join the association as a member in their own right.

Change in contact details

If you move house you will need to contact Datacom [GSF] 0800 654731 or Datacom

[NPF] 0800 628776 and Southland GSA 0800 888 472 so we can update this information on our respective databases.

I currently hold dual roles as your Branch Secretary/Treasurer and as a member of the GSA National Board. John Beckham has shifted to Dunedin but will be our Board Liaison so will be with us again at our 2026 AGM.

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Seasons Greetings

