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# ***SUPER NEWS***

***Canterbury / Westland Branch***  
***April 2018***

**Government Superannuitants' Assn., Canterbury / Westland Branch**  
**129 Marshland Road, Shirley, Christchurch 8061**

**CURRENT DIRECTORY**

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Vice Chairperson      Gavin Stuart      03 339 2326

Committee      Bernie Rose      03 313 1569

                         Alister Ferguson      03 960 6209

                         Colin Keen      03 432 8399

                         Dick Kitto      03 322 4872

                         Dugald McDonald      03 322 4105

                         Neil Carter      03 332 2103

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Walker Trust Convener      Bernie Rose

**District Liaison Members**

Ashburton – Vacant

Greymouth: Frank Lucas      03 768 7949

Hokitika: Anne Kelly      03 755 6383

Westport: Norman Crawshaw      03 789 8866

**98th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING      TUESDAY MAY 22      1.30 p.m.**

**PAPANUI R.S.A.      55 BELLVUE AVENUE, PAPANUI**

**AGENDA**

1. Apologies.
2. In Memoriam.
3. Guest Speaker – Prof Greg Newbold
4. Minutes of the 97th Annual General Meeting.
5. Matters Arising.
6. Chairman's Report.
7. Branch Financial Statement
8. Walker Trust Financial Statement
9. Election of Officers
10. Bill Robertson - Board Representative.
11. General Business.

Afternoon tea will be provided at the end of the meeting. Free parking is available at the Papanui R.S.A. Meals are available from 12 Noon for those who may wish to pay for a meal before the meeting.

**All members are most welcome to attend.**

**You are also most welcome to bring friends, especially Government Superannuitants who may not be GSA members and would not have received this newsletter.**

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### Chairperson's Report

With it now being into the fourth month of 2018 I am mostly able to write the correct year whenever I have to write a date on a document! With the days continually changing during the week and not necessarily with the cues of week-days and weekend-days, I still have to often think hard to name the day of the week and I'm reminded of the times I watched each of my parents be given a quick test for dementia consisting of just those kinds of questions. In a strange environment (often a hospital) and without day-to-day cues, I too would fail some of those tests. I suppose it is gratifying that nobody yet has sat in front of me in a white coat, armed with pen and clipboard and asked those kinds of questions. Neither have my GSA colleagues, but that might just mean they wouldn't take the risk of testing me because they wouldn't necessarily know which day of the week it was either!

Working with the members of the Canterbury/Westland Branch Committee continues to be a monthly highlight, when often I am able to just sit back and listen as sensible, intelligent, experienced and intuitive ideas and answers are thrown around as we work our way through the topics. I thank all committee members for their contribution to a lively yet considerate feeling in the room. As always, I must thank Secretary Janine who thinks of everything in advance, is extremely well organised and makes the Chairperson's job just so much easier. Very soon we are to lose Dugald McDonald from the Committee where he has held a place since 2010. Dugald has an academic background, frequently using that wisdom in discussions but everything he does is bounded by common-sense. Just a little way under the surface is a lovely, twinkly sense of humour. We wish Dugald all the best for his future activities.

The GSA Executive Officer in Wellington has changed with the appointment of Jenny Barclay, a lady with impressive credentials. Reports from those who have worked with her already, suggest that the administrative side of our Association will be in very good hands. Jenny arrived as the GSA begins to invent and implement a number of cost-saving measures aimed at giving GSA a longer life and thus its member's longer protection.

GSA Council last year gave permission for a small increase in subscription and although the resolution only applied to 2018, we can expect the Board to propose small increases in subscription in some future years as well. The difficulty the Board faces (and the Board ideas simply reflect members' ideas) is to judge when a small subscription becomes just too big for a certain number of members. Another interesting idea relates to Branch funds. Up until Council 2017, Branches were expected to hold money in reserve to act as a buffer should our Association need to launch a major campaign or should income be blocked in any way. Last year it was decided that the money held in Branches could be better invested as one sum of nearly a million dollars. Plans are being formulated to have Branch reserve money passed in to National Office with a stated amount left in each Branch to cover part of the working expenses for the year in addition to the portion of subscription money which is allocated to each Branch through the year. One of the problems for our Branch is to protect

a bequest left specifically to the Canterbury/Westland Branch by Mr William Charles Walker who died in 1987. This eventually became the basis for the Walker Trust which reaches out with some social interaction to our older members. Our Committee has been discussing this matter over the last two months. While mentioning the Walker Trust, I wish to thank Bernie Rose and wife Janice for their efforts over yet another year, organising all the Trust activity carried out by themselves and a group of reliable volunteers.

Again while talking of older members you might like to put yourself in context: "How old is 'old' in the Government Superannuitants Association?" In 2016 the Govt. Super Fund Authority gave us a bar-graph for the composition of membership by age. The median (= middle number) at the time of publishing was 80 years old. Assuming that Canterbury/Westland membership is typical of the whole Association, half the members of our Branch will now be over 80.

Casting my eye around the Committee room I see that sample of members being mostly below the Association median which is some small assurance for the near future but there is still a need for members to consider joining the Committee and I look forward to talking with keen volunteers after the Annual Meeting.

**Maurice Sinclair.**

..... and it's goodbye from him!

**Well, almost. After some eight years on the Executive Committee, Canterbury/Westland Branch, Dugald McDonald will not be standing again in 2018. Although we don't operate by sector representation, a spread of backgrounds helps in the Committee's work. Thus Dugald, a former university teacher, sends out a challenge to members in the tertiary education sector to consider filling the vacancy he leaves.**

**Dugald will continue to serve the Branch as a visitor for the Walker Trust, a role he much enjoys.**

**We may have been just "public servants" but we've all got some very interesting life stories to celebrate**

**WALKER TRUST ACCOUNTS**

For Year Ending 31 March 2018

	<b>2017 - 18</b>	<b>2016-17</b>
<b>Capital Account</b>		
Opening Balance (Westpac Investment A/C)	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00
Interest	\$478.61	\$498.36
	\$14,478.61	\$14,498.36
Less Transfer to Disbursement Account	\$478.61	\$498.36
	<u>\$14,000.00</u>	<u>\$14,000.00</u>
<b>Disbursement Account</b>		
Opening Balance	\$3,401.27	\$3,289.04
<b>Income</b>		
Donations	\$40.00	\$35.00
Interest	.11	.07
Raffle	\$490.00	\$496.00
Christmas Luncheon	\$2,813.00	\$2,665.00
Refund Printing Cards	\$460.00	\$286.00
Interest from Investment Account	\$478.61	\$498.36
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$4,281.72</b>	<b>\$3,980.43</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Members Comforts	\$783.37	\$792.20
Printing	\$460.00	\$286.00
Raffle Prizes	\$275.00	\$250.00
Christmas Luncheon	\$2,688.00	\$2,465.00
Refunds Luncheon / Father Xmas Suit Hire	\$75.00	\$75.00
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>\$4,281.37</b>	<b>\$3,868.20</b>
<b>(Loss) /Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>	<b>\$0.35</b>	<b>\$112.23</b>
<b>Balance as at 31 March 2018</b>		
Balance of Accumulated Funds 1 April 2017	\$17,401.27	\$17,289.04
(Loss)/ Excess Income over Expenditure	\$0.35	\$112.23
<b>Closing Balance as at 31 March 2018</b>	<b>\$17,401.62</b>	<b>\$17,401.27</b>
<b>This is represented by:</b>		
Capital Account - Investment	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00
Disbursement Account - Cheque Account	\$3,401.62	\$3,401.27
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$17,401.62</b>	<b>\$17,401.27</b>

**BRANCH MEETINGS** are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month except December, at the Papanui RSA, 55 Bellvue Avenue, Papanui, commencing 1.30 pm. Members are welcome to attend, however we would ask you to please ph Janine (942-7338) and let her know that you would like to attend, so that we can cater for afternoon tea.

We do have a policy of regularly taking our Meetings to centres outside Christchurch. We are planning to have our June Meeting in Rangiora. A newsletter will be sent to members in this catchment area, late May/early June.

In October, 2017 we held a successful meeting in Ashburton, and next year 2019, we plan to travel to Greymouth for a meeting with the West Coasters.

**GOVERNMENT SUPERANNUITANTS' ASSOCIATION (INC)  
CANTERBURY/WESTLAND BRANCH**

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2018**

	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2016-17</b>
<u>Income was derived from</u>		
Subscriptions:		
Direct Credit Cash	\$ 580.06	\$ 437.18
Direct Credit	\$21,526.65	\$22,021.91
Direct Credit - NPF	<u>\$ 1,642.56</u>	<u>\$ 1,692.85</u>
Total Subscriptions	\$23,749.27	\$24,151.94
Investment Income	\$ 646.20	\$ 736.12
Meeting Receipts	-	\$ 386.00
Interest Cheque Account	\$ 14.14	\$ 11.41
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$24,409.61</b>	<b>\$25,285.47</b>
<u>Expenditure was incurred for</u>		
Secretarial Duties	\$15,600.00	\$15,600.00
Meeting Expenses	\$ 2,264.00	\$ 2,083.20
Postal Charges	\$ 1,195.00	\$ 181.00
Printing & Stationery	\$ 306.72	\$ 215.91
Newsletter - Inc Postage	\$ 180.00	\$ 180.00
Walker Trust Cards/Postage	\$ 1,045.00	\$ 286.00
Branch/National Office	\$ 154.20	-
Walker Trust Mileage	\$ 650.00	\$ 650.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,008.42	\$ 595.00
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 274.00	\$ 360.50
Social Functions	\$ 1,484.00	\$ 1,334.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b><u>\$24,161.34</u></b>	<b><u>\$21,485.61</u></b>
<b>(Loss)/Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>	<b>\$ 248.27</b>	<b>\$ 3,799.86</b>

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2018 - Accumulated Funds**

Opening Balance as at 1 April 2017	\$34,700.17	\$30,900.31
(Loss)/Excess of Income over Expenditure	\$ 248.27	\$ 3,799.86
<b>Closing Balance as at 31 March 2018</b>	<b><u>\$34,948.44</u></b>	<b><u>\$34,700.17</u></b>
<b>This is represented by:</b>		
<b><u>Assets &amp; Investments</u></b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cheque Account ANZ	\$14,948.44	\$14,700.17
<b>Investments</b>		
Kiwibank Term Deposit Account - 01	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Kiwibank Term Deposit Account - 02	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$34,948.44</u></b>	<b><u>\$34,700.17</u></b>

Fixed Assets held by the Branch -  
Laptop, Printer & Hard Drive

I have examined the financial statements above for the year ended 31 March 2018, All bank accounts and investment balances have been verified as at 31 March 2018. On the basis of my review nothing has come to my attention that causes me to believe that the above does not give a true and fair view.

J. Climo

Bernie & Janice Rose  
Walker Trust



**THE JOYS OF SHARING, LIVING, AND GIVING, ARE FOUND IN FRIENDS.**

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Have you reached the age of 79? If you have we will post you a Birthday Card, or we can visit you, on all your following birthdays. All that is required, is for you to telephone Janine (03 9427338 or 0800 888 472) with your date of birth and telephone number.

We are one of the few branches that carry out this small gesture to our older members, and have noted that we have a lot of birthdates missing from the database and we wish to have this updated. If you are 80 years plus and did not receive a card or a visit, please call Janine on 03 942-7338.

### WALKER TRUST REPORT

Our “team of visitors” have been working hard again this year, visiting those on our list of over 80’s on, or close to their birthdays. These visits have been greatly appreciated, going from the thank you cards, notes and telephone calls we receive.

We are looking for members who can assist with visiting members on their birthday, in the East, from Shirley through to Ferrymead. This is a very rewarding task that does not take up much of your time. We would love to hear from you -

Call Janice or Bernie on (03 3131569) for further information.

Bernie & Janice Rose  
Phone (03) 313-1569

**LIAISON PERSONNEL REQUIRED – ASHBURTON**

The main requirement is a friendly person who can be a local contact for anybody wanting information. If you are even considering volunteering, please contact our secretary Janine and have a chat with her about the ways in which you could help. 03-9427338 or 0800 888 472

**PSA Holiday Homes.**

The Public Service Association has 41 accommodation units available in - Whitianga, Rotorua, Raumati Beach, Nelson, Carters Beach, Otematata, and Te Anau.

The units vary in size, sleeping between 2 and 9 persons per night.

The costs vary, with units ranging from approximately \$50 to \$125 per night. For full details ---

Toll Free 0800 10 30 90 [www.psa.org.nz](http://www.psa.org.nz)

E-mail [plus@psa.org.nz](mailto:plus@psa.org.nz) Fax 04 917 2053

You will need to have your GSA number available for phone calls or for inclusion in e-mails. You can find this on the Datacom letter, sent to you in March/April of each year. This number never changes.

You need to book well in advance to be sure of a booking.

**Our 3 Life Members** – Taken at our 2017 Christmas Function. Bernie Rose, Peter Gooding and Rebe Nolan.



We know how important your GSF income is in maintaining financial independence which the NZ Superannuation does not provide.

Historically, only about 50% of Government Superannuitants are members of our Association. There will always be a need to fight for individual and collective rights. While there is a Government, there will be cost cutting drives. You need to be assured that there is a group ready and able to support you or your surviving spouse.

In return we need individual members to support their Association by joining.

Applications can be made on-line at [gsa.org.nz](http://gsa.org.nz), or ask our branch secretary (0800 888 472) to send an application form to a prospective member. The GSA subscription is only \$2.00 per four-weekly annuity payment. A couple sharing an annuity pays one subscription.



**When you move it is vitally important that you inform ---**

**Both** your Local Branch **AND** The Government Superannuation Fund.  
**OR** The National Provident Fund.

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Govt. Superannuitants Assoc.  
129 Marshland Road  
Christchurch 8061

Government Superannuation Fund  
PO Box 3614  
WELLINGTON 6145  
Toll Free 0800 654 731

National Provident Fund  
PO Box 606  
WELLINGTON 6140  
Toll Free 0800 628 77

When members change addresses, we sometimes lose track of them. Datacom has the addresses of all annuitants, but they are not allowed to give us any change of address information, as this would breach privacy rules. Currently, we have lost track of the members listed below.



**LOST MEMBERS**

Mr D Alabaster  
Mr Leicester Brice  
Mrs Johana Bridger  
Mrs Carolyn Byron  
Mrs Alice Clark  
Mr Walter Cox  
Mrs Juliette Doesburg  
Mr Ross Dunbar  
Mrs Rena Dunn  
Mrs Hillary Evison  
Mrs Noelene Flower  
Mr Joseph Johnson  
Mrs Kerry MacDonald  
Mrs Elizabeth Morris  
Mrs Joan Port  
Mr Graham Robinson  
Mrs Ngaire Smith  
Mrs Nanette Stuart  
Mrs Phyllis Williams

**Last known address**

PO Box 6285, Upper Riccarton  
18 Hillview Road, Phillipstown  
17 Waipapa Ave, Diamond Harbour  
5 Bengal Drive, Cashmere  
Albarose RH, Harewood  
11/72 Rose Street, Somerfield  
20 Dulles Place, Papanui  
44 Howard Street, Spreydon  
34 Rountree Street, Upper Riccarton  
Alpine View Village, Burwood  
237 Weston Road, St Albans  
50A Memorial Ave, Ilam  
7/33 Winchester Street, Merivale  
c/- 26 Roberts Drive, Somerfield  
346B Memorial Ave, Russley  
36A St James Avenue, Papanui  
Woodcote Rest Home, Wigram  
27 Staveley St/5 Corbett Cres,  
2 Ebert Place, Rangiora

**CAN YOU HELP:** Please phone Janine Lynn at 942-7338 or 0800 888 472

**The only trouble  
with retirement...**  
**you never get a damn day off!**

