



**SOUTHLAND BRANCH  
NEWSLETTER APRIL 2018**

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

I was pleased with the attendance at our end-of-year luncheon at the ILT Foundry Restaurant on the 4 December as this confirmed that members enjoy this style and that having the AGM mid-year meeting as an afternoon tea is supported. Rather than entertainment the focus is on reporting to our Branch members and electing our incoming Committee with hope that we may attract new committee members and so I look forward to your support on Monday 28 May.

The good news for all GSA annuitants is the letter from the GSF advising the CPI increase for the y/e 31 December 2017 has been assessed at 1.59% and will be applied as from the 19 April payment. If any member has not received the notification or is not satisfied with the notice, please don't hesitate to contact the GSF or GSA directly or contact our branch secretary, Louise.

The March Board meeting discussed progress on the 100% COLA Petition as action remains while we await a meeting with the new Government Minister of Finance and repeat of compliance with the petition rules. While only a small number of our members are effected by failure to receive the full 100% COLA this remains an important issue we want to see resolved in accordance with the principle of, "fairness and equity".

Two items presented at the 2017 Conference have been advanced by our Board and their papers will be discussed at

our Branch Committee, these are firstly the policy on GSA reserves consolidated centrally and invested to gain the best returns which has been approved by the Board, and secondly the sub-committee paper on future restructuring. Anticipating Vice-President Bryan Whisker will join us at our AGM and we look forward to his up-date on these two important papers.

As this meeting signals the conclusion of another year for our Committee, as your Chairman I thank our members and with special thanks to our Secretary Louise.

Donald Mowat  
Southland Branch Chairman

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**MONDAY 28 MAY 2018  
CLUB SOUTHLAND  
115 LEET ST  
INVERCARGILL  
COMMENCING AT 2.00PM**

**AGENDA**

**Welcome**

**Apologies**

**In Memoriam**

**Minutes of the 2017 AGM**

**Matters Arising**

**Chairman's Report**

**Branch Financial Statement**

**Election of Officers**

**-Chairman**

**-Delegate to National Council**

**-Vice Chairman**

**-Treasurer**

**-Committee**

**Speaker**

**Mr Bryan Whisker**

(National Vice-President & Branch Liaison member)

**General Business**

**Afternoon tea will be served at the conclusion of the meeting. All members are encouraged to attend.**

## **From the Secretary**

### **Members change of contact details**

Can you help me? There are four members I am trying to contact, James Crighton, Stuart Kett, Neil Niven and Dorothy Strong. If you know any of their current contact details can you contact me, this will be appreciated.

### **Members**

In the last newsletter I asked for all members to provide us with feedback regarding what you would like the branch to do in terms of supporting you. As a Branch we wanted to find out if we were meeting your expectations, especially around social activities outside the Branch. We had minimal feedback from members and we concluded that you are happy with your current social activities. However your comments and ideas are still welcome. Please contact Louise, 03 2161679, southland@gsa.org.nz.

### **Joining a Spouse as a Member**

A reminder that 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 half the annuity and continued branch communications.

### **Members change of contact details**

It is extremely important to let me know and Datacom know of any changes to your personal details. You can update your GSA details yourself at [www.gsa.org.nz](http://www.gsa.org.nz). From the homepage select "Update Details" and enter your annuity number and last name, then select the 'update details' box.

Advise Datacom, I can send you a form or you can phone 0800 654 731 to notify them of any changes either to your address and/or bank account details. Where mail is returned to me or bank accounts are closed, Datacom will make reasonable efforts to try to locate you. If you cannot be located, your

annuity may be suspended until contact is re-established. 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.

If you have any other queries regarding the GSA, membership or payments please contact me. I am a phone call away and am happy to help.

Louise Craig  
Southland GSA Secretary

## **BRANCH COMMITTEE**

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If you have a problem, no matter how small or large, contact a member of the committee and they will do all they can to help you.

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