



# ***SUPER NEWS***

***Canterbury / Westland Branch***  
***April 2020***

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

## **CURRENT DIRECTORY**

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## **District Liaison Members**

Ashburton – **Vacant**

Greymouth: Frank Lucas      03 768 5168

Hokitika: Anne Kelly      03 755 6383

Westport: Norman Crawshaw      03 789 8866

**This Newsletter is being emailed to all our members with email addresses. We are unable to print and dispatch paper copies of the Newsletter during the current Government emergency provisions. Please contact any member you know who does not have email and let them know information from this emailed version.**

**Members will find updates on the GSA situation relating to Covid-19 on the GSA Website – see the opening page for GSA “COVID-19 IMPACT UPDATE”.**

**AGM GSA 2020 Branch AGM's around the country have been postponed indefinitely at this stage. Further information will follow once the Covid-19 social distancing requirements have been lifted.**

## Chairperson's report, May 2020.

In any other month in any other year I would begin chatting about the latest extremes of weather, local fires or perhaps even continue comments on distant earthquakes. This first report for 2020 though can only possibly begin with the bombshell of coronavirus. My difficulty though is that by the time you get the newsletter, everything will have changed just as it has rapidly changed day-by-day over the last month. What I say as I write this today, at the beginning of April, will be way out-of-date by the time you read it, and it may even be quite wrong. It might even be wrong tomorrow! Some of you will receive your newsletter later this month through e-mail because the National Database has an e-mail address for you. Most, however will not get your newsletter until after the lock-down has finished and the newsletters can be printed and distributed. That date is not yet known.

If news can change so quickly, the obvious answer for me is: *don't talk about coronavirus*. Good idea. I nearly went. You have heard too much already through the media. Well, perhaps not through all the media because of the demise of notable magazines .... such as The Listener which doesn't listen anymore!

Almost all GSA members are in the vulnerable age-group for unpredictable effects of the virus. It is humbling that we are part of the reason for the huge social and economic impact of the Government's plan to reduce damage by the pandemic. In turn, we can play a role, not just in the personal responsibility of taking great care ourselves but to emphasise to our many contacts, including children and grandchildren that if we in New Zealand take our eye off the ball, if we blink and relax the rules, our health system fails. That then endangers *all* patients, not just coronavirus ones but includes all who are unfortunate enough to have to use a hospital or medical clinic.

Any nice news? Yes, indeed. Norman Crawshaw, our Westport liaison person, received a New Year Honour: QSM for services to the community and sport. This award recognises Norman's huge support for the Buller region over many years. He has written prolifically on historical aspects of life in Buller as well as on cricket, mining, Reefton gold, Westland Dairy, and more. Norman continues to write, and has recently finished 393 pages on the history of Buller rugby. Being noted for persistence he has had numerous roles in Buller cricket for 55 years and in 2015 was recognised by the NZ Rugby Union for having been involved in refereeing for 50 years. Norman volunteers for many things, including having significant roles in developing Grey-Power in Buller. Congratulations Norman. You are truly a community icon.

Since our last newsletter your Branch Committee has worked very effectively along with Secretary Janine, the most experienced GSA secretary in the country. Amongst other issues we were developing ideas for a re-look at the tax issue, where most GSA members are paying 30% tax on their Government Super annuities but only paying 17.5% on their pensions. The lock-down has curtailed our meetings and there might be limitations on meetings beyond the lock-down time. We might not have time to fully research our tax case before GSA's Council meeting at the beginning of September and of course, even that date cannot be certain.

Isn't it fun being on holiday?

Maurice Sinclair,  
6<sup>th</sup> April, 2020.

**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. In September, 2019 we held a successful meeting in Greymouth. Our plan is to hold our 2020 meeting in Ashburton, and Rangiora in 2021. We will keep our Members updated once we are able to make final arrangements.

*Note: No Meetings will take place at the Papanui RSA until the Covid-19 distancing Requirements are lifted.*

#### **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



**WALKER TRUST ACCOUNTS**

For Year Ending 31 March 2020

	<b>2019 - 20</b>	<b>2018 - 19</b>
<b>Capital Account</b>		
Opening Balance (Westpac Investment A/C)	\$15,000.00	\$14,000.00
Interest	\$517.50	\$331.40
GSA Grant		\$1,000.00
	\$15,517.00	\$15,331.40
Less Transfer to Disbursement Account	\$517.50	\$331.40
	<u>\$15,000.00</u>	<u>\$15,000.00</u>
<b>Disbursement Account</b>		
Opening Balance	\$2,300.54	\$3,401.62
Donations/GSA Grant	\$1,000.00	\$1,050.00
Raffle	\$530.00	\$485.00
Christmas Luncheon	\$2,545.00	\$1,275.00
Interest from Investment Account	\$517.50	\$331.40
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$4,592.50</b>	<b>\$3,141.40</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Members Comforts	\$969.00	\$1,110.48
Mileage	\$1,220.00	\$750.00
Raffle Prizes	\$250.00	\$250.00
Christmas Luncheon	\$2,445.00	\$1200.00
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>\$4,884.00</b>	<b>\$3,310.48</b>
(Loss) /Excess of Income over Expenditure	-\$291.50	-\$169.08
<b>Balance</b>		
Balance of Accumulated Funds 1 April 2019	\$17,232.54	\$17,401.62
(Loss)/Excess Income over Expenditure	-\$291.50	-\$169.08
<b>Closing Balance as at 31 March 2020</b>	<b>\$16,941.04</b>	<b>\$17,232.54</b>
<b>This is represented by:</b>		
Capital Account - Investment	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Disbursement Account - Cheque Account as per Westpac	\$1,992.04	\$2,300.54
Less Unpresented Cheques 31/3/20	\$51.00	\$68.00
Closing Cheque Account 31/3/20	<u>\$1,941.04</u>	<u>\$2,232.54</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$16,941.04</b>	<b>\$17,232.54</b>

## GOVERNMENT SUPERANNUITANTS' ASSOCIATION (INC)

## CANTERBURY/WESTLAND BRANCH

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020**

	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
<u>Income was derived from</u>		
Subscriptions:		
Direct Credit Cash	\$ 841.38	\$ 815.80
Direct Credit	\$24,077.47	\$25,042.71
Direct Credit - NPF	<u>\$ 1,681.79</u>	<u>\$ 1,828.41</u>
Total Subscriptions	\$26,600.64	\$27,686.92
Investment Income	\$ 867.46	\$ 412.36
Meeting Receipts		-
Interest Cheque Account	\$ 9.82	\$ 12.99
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b><u>\$27,477.92</u></b>	<b><u>\$28,112.27</u></b>
<u>Expenditure was incurred for</u>		
Secretarial Duties	\$19,500.00	\$19,500.00
Meeting Expenses	\$ 3,394.00	\$ 2,297.25
Postal Charges	\$ 140.00	\$ 1,362.48
Printing & Stationery	\$ 1,296.05	\$ 351.00
Newsletter - Inc Postage	\$ 3,543.75	\$ 170.00
Walker Trust Grant	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,050.00
Branch/National Office	\$ -	\$ 278.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 851.90	\$ 922.00
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 1,037.00	\$ 695.20
Social Functions	\$ 1,696.00	\$ 1,470.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b><u>\$32,458.70</u></b>	<b><u>\$28,095.93</u></b>
<b>(Loss)/Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>	<b>(\$ 4,980.78)</b>	<b>\$ 16.34</b>

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2020 - Accumulated Funds**

Opening Balance as at 1 April 2019	\$34,964.78	\$34,948.44
(Loss)/Excess of Income over Expenditure	(\$ 4,980.78)	\$ 16.34
<b>Closing Balance as at 31 March 2020</b>	<b><u>\$29,984.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$34,964.78</u></b>

**This is represented by:****Assets & Investments****Current Assets**

Cheque Account ANZ	\$ 9,884.00	\$14,964.78
Cash on Hand	\$ 100.00	-

**Investments**

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>\$29,984.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$34,964.78</u></b>
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Fixed Assets held by the Branch -

Laptop, Printer &amp; Hard Drive

I have examined the financial statements above for the year ended 31 March 2020, All bank accounts and investment balances have been verified as at 31 March 2020. 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 6/4/2020

Bernie 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.

*Due to the current restrictions re Covid-19, our "team of visitors" are not able to visit members on their Birthdays. We do however wish you all a very Happy Birthday, and trust that next year will be brighter.*

We have a number of members living in Retirement Villages – perhaps you would like to be the "birthday visitor" for your Village!

We would love to hear from you -

Call Bernie on (03 3131569) or Janine (942-7338) for further information.

Bernie Rose

Phone (03) 313-1569

**ARE YOU LIVING IN A DE FACTO RELATIONSHIP?** In New Zealand a de facto relationship, *if you have lived together for at least*

*three years*, has the same status as a married couple.

At the time of your annuitant partner's death Datacom will require evidence of your relationship. Therefore it is important that you have the following:

- 1 Joint bank account
- 2 Rates account in both names
- 3 Power/telephone account in both names
- 4 A legal document stating when your relationship commenced

Ensure you have the above now, don't leave it until 'tomorrow'



### Secretary's Report

Should you have any queries regarding the Financial Reports, please do not hesitate to contact me, either by phone, or email.

I would like to thank those members who I did manage to contact about receiving this Newsletter via email, and they advised that they would prefer to receive all Newsletters by post in the future, I have recorded your request and will ensure future Newsletters will be by post. We do appreciate that not all members are able to print out the Newsletter and some members prefer to have a printed copy for future reference.

Remember, I am only a phone call away. In the meantime, stay safe.

Janine Lynn



**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 6140  
Toll Free 0800 654 731

National Provident Fund  
PO Box 1036  
WELLINGTON 6140  
Toll Free 0800 628 776

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 Leicester Brice  
Mrs Marie Carter  
Ms Elizabeth Dart  
Mrs Zylde Geal  
Mrs Jean Goldstein  
Miss Lois Goold  
Mrs Cara Grandi  
Mr Russell Haigh  
Mrs Edith M Holland  
Mr Arnold Parr  
Mr Peter Reynolds  
Mr John Riminton

**Last known address**

18 Hillview Road, Phillipstown  
9A Apollo Place, Papanui  
11 Strathcarron Place, Broomfield  
17 Rugby Street, St Albans  
14 Wilfrid Street, Ilam  
212A Waimairi Road, Ilam  
71 Lancewood Drive, Halswell  
1B Parkstone Ave, Ilam  
Elmswood RV, Bryndwr  
19B Jubilee Road, RD 2, Akaroa  
15 Severn Street, St Albans  
Diamond Harbour

**CAN YOU HELP:** Please phone Janine Lynn at 942-7338 or 0800 888 472 with details if you are able to help.

***A Big "Thank You" to those members who help me locate our 'missing members' every 6 months. Your calls are greatly appreciated. Janine***