



SUPER NEWS

Canterbury / Westland Branch
April 2021

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

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Ashburton – Vacant

Greymouth: Frank Lucas 03 768 5168

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101st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – TUESDAY MAY 25 – 1.30 PM

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

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. In Memoriam
3. Guest Speaker – Simon Templeton
4. Minutes of the 100th Annual General Meeting
5. Matters Arising
6. Chairman's Report
7. Branch Financial Statement
8. Walker Trust Financial Statement
9. Dallas Elvy – Board Representative
10. Election of Officers
11. General Business

Afternoon tea will be provided at the conclusion 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, prior to the meeting.

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

Chairperson's report, May 2021.

Much was written about 2020 having been a horrible year but, in retrospect, New Zealanders can complain little compared with those from some other countries where lives had been severely restricted for nearly that whole time. Perhaps we are moving into a year of much greater certainty than we have had since April 2020. Vaccination is of course the most important and positive factor, particularly for most of us in GSA who are in the “vulnerable” category through age and some infirmity. While I also applaud the move to open-up travel with Australia, I have just a vague concern in the back of my mind that we could be losing control of just who it is who arrives, and their previous travel history.

Our Annual Meeting was postponed from May last year and we initially thought we could run it in association with our 2021 Annual Meeting, this coming May. Having been told very firmly that was unsatisfactory, we arranged for the meeting to be on the 17th November last year. A good attendance of members and an address by Professor Roger Openshaw on his construction of the GSA centennial history, completed an interesting afternoon.

A visit by the Canterbury/Westland Branch Committee to Ashburton was also postponed from early last year. A meeting with Ashburton members now takes place on April 27th.

In the last newsletter (November 2020) I mentioned that some branches were having difficulty finding members for committees, adding that even Auckland was having that problem. I am pleased to say that following an earnest plea for help, Auckland Branch now has a healthy number on its committee.

GSA Future.

Also, in that November newsletter was comment on a proposal from the Board to Council last year on possible procedure for amalgamation of branches. This is only the beginning of the Board's thinking about the future of GSA. With the Government putting a stop to any public-servants joining the Government Superannuation Scheme from mid-1992 onwards, our Super Scheme and our Association were not going to last forever. Calculations have predicted that even with a subscription rise from this April, GSA will run out of money and cease to exist in about 13 year's time, by around 2034. By this time, we would still have 6000 members so, what to do? The Board is looking at how our Association could survive past that time and continue to provide some protection of annuities: our Association's primary function. Even in 2046 there would still be 1000 potential members. Dick Kitto, on our Committee, has calculated that there will still be some annuitants by 2072 (around 100 years of age) or even later such as others who were younger surviving spouses or some who were assigned part of an annuity by a much older person.

Over the years there have been members of the Government who have been in the Government Superannuation Scheme, such as teachers, police, and others who have spent time in the Public Service. These ensured that within the Government there was some basic knowledge of the Scheme and in particular that the Government had decided not to invest while the employees paid their contributions. Those members of Parliament were very aware that there had to be money allocated by the Government each year to fund the Government side of the Superannuation contract. Now there are very, very few Parliamentarians who genuinely understand the Scheme. Trevor Mallard is one of a tiny number who could intuitively empathise with GSA.

As far as survival of GSA is concerned, the Board has already begun cost reductions and other things are being considered. The Government Superannuation Fund Authority report from last year says it is responsible for 51000 members of the Government Superannuation Fund. Our Association had only 18000 subscribing members. There is huge potential for recruitment of new members. One stumbling block is, because of privacy issues, Datacom won't release any information on non-members (but they do circulate a recruitment leaflet for us). Another interesting philosophical point the Board will address is to try to decide on the feasibility of having another organisation eventually take over the function of looking after superannuitants' interests. Such a body could be a stable Union, such as Post Primary Teachers' Association, NZ Educational Institute, Public Service Association etc. Whatever mechanisms the Board investigates for

our Association's future, their journey will be difficult but interesting.

Maurice Sinclair,
7th April, 2021.

BRANCH MEETINGS are held on the 4th 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, however due to Covid-19 we were not able to travel in 2020 to our planned meeting in Ashburton.

We can now advise that our Ashburton Meeting will be held on Tuesday 27, April, 2021 at the Hotel Ashburton.

Therefore our plans forward are to hold a Meeting in Rangiora in 2022, and Greymouth in 2023.

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**

	2020 - 21	2019- 20
Capital Account		
Opening Balance (Westpac Investment A/C)	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Interest	\$453.70	\$517.50
GSA Grant		
	\$15,453.70	\$15,517.00
Less Transfer to Disbursement Account	\$453.70	\$517.50
	<u>\$15,000.00</u>	<u>\$15,000.00</u>
Disbursement Account		
Opening Balance	\$1,941.04	\$2,300.54
Donations/GSA Grant	\$600.00	\$1,000.00
Raffle	\$500.00	\$530.00
Christmas Luncheon	\$2,748.00	\$2,545.00
Interest from Investment Account	\$453.70	\$517.50
Total Income	\$4,301.70	\$4,592.50
Expenditure		
Members Comforts	\$648.00	\$969.00
Mileage	\$500.00	\$1,220.00
Raffle Prizes	\$250.00	\$250.00
Cards & Envelopes	\$1,511.50	-
Bank Fee	\$9.32	-
Christmas Luncheon/Refund	\$2,830.00	\$2,445.00
Total Expenditure	\$5,748.82	\$4,884.00
(Loss) /Excess of Income over Expenditure	-\$1,447.12	-\$291.50
Balance		
Balance of Accumulated Funds 1 April 2020	\$16,941.04	\$17,232.54
(Loss)/Excess Income over Expenditure	-\$1,447.12	-\$291.50
Closing Balance as at 31 March 2021	\$15,493.92	\$16,941.04
This is represented by:		
Capital Account - Investment	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Disbursement Account - Cheque Account as per Westpac	\$493.92	\$1,992.04
Less Unpresented Cheques 31/3/21	-	\$51.00
Closing Cheque Account 31/3/21		<u>\$1,941.04</u>
Total Assets	\$15,493.92	\$16,941.04

GOVERNMENT SUPERANNUITANTS' ASSOCIATION (INC)

CANTERBURY/WESTLAND BRANCH

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	2020-21	2019-20
<u>Income was derived from</u>		
Subscriptions:		
Direct Credit Cash	\$ 696.80	\$ 841.38
Direct Credit	\$23,297.71	\$24,077.47
Direct Credit - NPF	<u>\$ 1,518.87</u>	<u>\$ 1,681.79</u>
Total Subscriptions	\$25,513.38	\$26,600.64
Investment Income	\$ 501.30	\$ 867.46
Donation	\$ 50.00	-
Interest Cheque Account	\$ 4.27	\$ 9.82
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$26,068.95</u>	<u>\$27,477.92</u>
<u>Expenditure was incurred for</u>		
Secretarial Duties	\$19,500.00	\$19,500.00
Meeting Expenses	\$ 956.00	\$ 3,394.00
Postal Charges	\$ 160.00	\$ 140.00
Printing & Stationery	\$ 167.00	\$ 1,296.05
Newsletter - Inc Postage	\$ 3,923.30	\$ 3,543.75
Walker Trust Grant	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 760.32	\$ 851.90
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 30.00	\$ 1,037.00
Social Functions	\$ 1,890.10	\$ 1,696.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>\$27,886.72</u>	<u>\$32,458.70</u>
(Loss)/Excess of Income over Expenditure	(\$ 1,817.77)	(\$ 4,980.78)

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2021 - Accumulated Funds

Opening Balance as at 1 April 2020	\$29,984.00	\$34,964.78
(Loss)/Excess of Income over Expenditure	(\$ 1,817.77)	(\$ 4,980.78)
Closing Balance as at 31 March 2021	<u>\$28,166.23</u>	<u>\$29,984.00</u>

This is represented by:

Assets & Investments

Current Assets

Cheque Account ANZ	\$ 8,166.23	\$ 9,884.00
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

TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$28,166.23</u>	<u>\$29,984.00</u>
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Fixed Assets held by the Branch -

Laptop, Printer & Hard Drive

I have examined the financial statements above for the year ended 31 March 2021, All bank accounts and investment balances have been verified as at 31 March 2021. 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 6/4/2021

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.

Our volunteers have continued to keep in touch with our older members: those 80+ in age who have given their birth dates and requested a visit.

The team has had another busy year, with a total of 128 visits in the past 12 months. There were also 478 Cards sent out as well, we must be all getting older. These visits have again been very much appreciated, going by the 'Thank You' cards we receive.

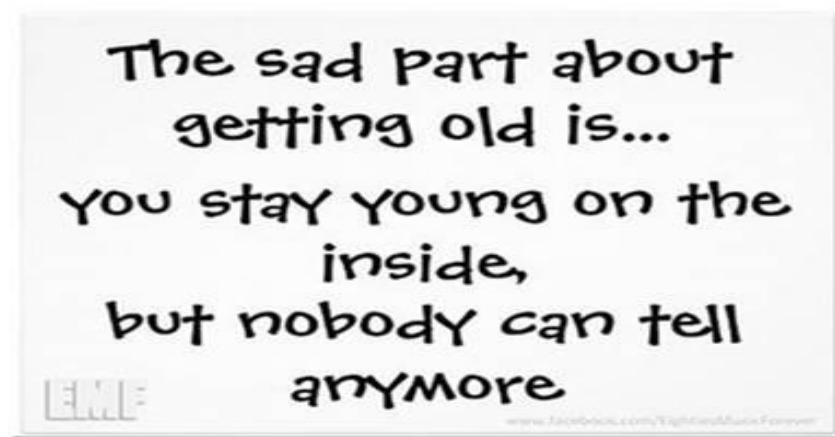
I must at this time thank all the visitors for the job well done.

The team of visitors needs to be increased to help out mainly in the following areas; Burwood, New Brighton, Redcliffs, Ferrymead, Sumner, Addington, Hillmorton. Then further out at Rolleston and Lincoln. We also require visitors in Ashburton & Greymouth. The visiting can then be shared out a bit more. Even if you live outside these areas you could still help out. You may only get a couple of visits to do each year. It can be very rewarding and you can get a few laughs out of it too. If you may be interested give me a call.

Now the bad news. I will be retiring from this task at the end of October this year.

If there is anybody or couple out there that thinks they would like to take the task on, give me a ring.

Bernie 03-3131569.



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'





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

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

Canterbury / Westland Branch
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

Mrs Frances Adank

Mr Terrence Batchelor

Mrs Coral Blyth-Stevenson

Mr Leicester Brice

Mrs Marie Carter

Mrs Zylde Geal

Miss Lois Goold

Mr Russell Haigh

Mrs Isobel Holden

Mrs Edith M Holland

Mrs Valda Hopkins

Mrs Patricia Hudson

Mr William Ironside

Mrs Maureen Jones

Mrs Jan McAllum

Mr James McCabe

Mr Arnold Parr

Mrs Gloria Ralph

Miss Noeline Robinson

Mr Peter Reynolds

Mrs Teresa West

Mr Murray Wilbore

Mrs Evelyn Yeadon

Last known address

24 Severn Street, St Albans

4/71 Ashley Street, Rangiora

5/27-31 Shirley Road, Shirley

18 Hillview Road, Phillipstown

9A Apollo Place, Papanui

17 Rugby Street, St Albans

212A Waimairi Road, Ilam

1B Parkstone Ave, Ilam

28 Erin Crescent, Mairehau

Elmswood RV, Bryndwr

2/27 George Street, Rangiora

Parkstone RV

504 South Eyre Road, Kaiapoi

50 Moffat Drive, Leeston

11A Harrods Court, Ilam

35/115 Salisbury Street, 8013

19B Jubilee Road, RD 2, Akaroa

c/- Mr B Ralph Box 157, Karamea

442 Papanui Road, Strowan

15 Severn Street, St Albans

1/14 Mansfield Ave, St Albans

24 Te Rito Street, Marshland

279A Sawyers Arms Road, Bishopdale

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