



# OCTOBER 2024

## Newsletter

G.S.A. OTAGO  
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### Your present committee is:

Chair Bill Price  
Vice chair Max Kennelly  
Secretary/treasurer Robert Morey,

Committee members: Robin Gledhill, Ralph Harrison, Geraldine Cooke, Lyn Halapua, William Burnett, Ian Winter, David Mellish and Charlie Gilligan.

**YOUR  
MEMBERSHIP  
MATTERS**

At our last AGM we welcomed Ian Winter onto our committee. We are always looking for new blood for our committee, so if you are interested in joining us, please let me know.

Do you know anyone or have any old work mates who were contributors to the Government Superannuation Scheme and not members of the GSA? Invite them to join our organisation.

### **SOCIAL FUNCTIONS**

Our social subcommittee is investigating possible venues for our bus trips so if you have any ideas, please tell us as we are always looking for more destinations. A couple of suggestions are Lawrence Chinese mining area, Gabriel's Gulley and Oamaru. Our next bus trip in February 2024 is to Oamaru (Date to be confirmed).

We as a branch are very fortunate in having sufficient funds to subsidise the costs of these trips and dinners so take advantage of it and have a great day out with others.

### **IMPORTANT:**

When moving, you must notify The Scheme Administrator at Datacom **and** your local GSA secretary of your new address. I get a lot of mail returned to me with "Gone no forwarding address". If you know anyone who hasn't received newsletters, tell them to get in touch with us with their new address.

Are there any issues that you would like discussed/ brought up on your behalf?

**Contact your local secretary Robert Morey at PO Box 5182 Dunedin 9054**

**OR**

**Email me at [otago@gsa.org.nz](mailto:otago@gsa.org.nz). Or by phone at 0800 888 472.**

**Thank you.**

**R Morey**

# YOUR OPINION MATTERS

Members of our committee will be calling you with some questions about our functions.

**Please be aware that these phone calls are not a scam.**

We as a committee are aware of the lack of participation in branch functions with only 25 at our last AGM and we would like to increase our numbers at these functions.

Would you use a social website or a face-book group if one was set up?

**Palmerston to Mosgiel Area:**

Questions to be asked will be along the lines of:

How many Otago GSA functions have you attended in the last 5 years?

What could we do to attract you to them?

Is transport a problem that we could solve by putting on a bus?

Do you have a suggestion for another type of function that you would like?

**Central Otago Area:**

Would you like us to arrange a function for you centralized on Cromwell or Alexandra?

As we have no committee members from your area, would you be prepared to act as a contact person?

**How about North and South Otago Areas?**

**IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO BE CONTACTED, PLEASE LET YOUR SECRETARY KNOW BY CALLING Robert Morey on 0800 888472 or emailing [otago@gsa.org.nz](mailto:otago@gsa.org.nz)**

At our recent Council held in Wellington we were told that the average age of people receiving Government Superannuation was 84 years of age. I know that we are all getting older, and mobility will be an issue for some of us preventing us from attending these functions.

**We do appreciate your feedback on this matter.**

If you have changed your email address from Xtra.co.nz or removed your landline, please let us know so that your contact details on our records are up to date. Thank you.

## BANKING CHANGES

As you may be aware we are no longer able to accept cheques. Please use internet or phone banking to deposit money into our account.

Government Superannuitants Association Otago Branch

Westpac 03 0903 0379891 00

If you don't have either of internet/phone banking, go into your branch and ask them to help you.

When paying this way, it is important that the return slips on page 4 are mailed back to me or scanned/photographed then emailed to me. I use these for auditing purposes and contact details checking. Thank you.

### Important Phone Numbers and Addresses

Name	Phone	Email	Postal address
GSF Datacom	0800 654731	gsf@datacom.co.nz	PO Box 3614 Wellington 6140
NPF Datacom	0800 628776	npfenquiries@datacom.co.nz	PO Box 1036 Wellington 6140
GSF Authority	04 4996999		PO Box 3390 Wellington 6140
Marram Community Trust (Ex Post Office staff only)	04 8012920		PO Box 24006 Wellington 6142

## CHRISTMAS FUNCTION

Our Christmas function is being held at the Otago Golf club in Balmacewen Rd on **Wednesday**

**December 4<sup>th</sup> starting at 12pm.** We have a guest speaker from City Sanctuary who will speak to us about their work in eradicating predators of our native birds.

## BUS TRIP

Our next Bus trip is to Oamaru. Cost including lunch is \$30 per person. We plan to leave Shore St car park at 9.15 am, go to the limestone quarry for a visit, Oamaru for lunch and visit the heritage area.

We did a similar trip some years ago and it was enjoyed by all who were on it.

The date is unable to be finalised yet as it is dependent on the cruise ship timetable which has not been released. If you are interested in going on our trip, please return the form and we will contact you when the date has been finalized.

Our bus will be able to pick up and drop off for people living North of Dunedin.

Oamaru people, you are welcome to join us for lunch. Please let me know if you would like to attend.

**Anyone wishing to go on the bus trip, there will be a reminder with the confirmed date sent out by email or, if you returned the form, we will call you.**

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Please return to Otago Branch GSA, PO BOX 5182 Dunedin 9054 **OR** scan /photograph and email to [otago@gsa.org.nz](mailto:otago@gsa.org.nz) **by 1<sup>st</sup> February 2025**

I would like to go on the Bus trip to Oamaru in February 2024, date to be announced.  
Please arrive by 9.00 am.

NAME..... Number of people.....

Phone number..... email.....

Amount enclosed/paid by internet banking (**\$30** per person) \$..... Date.....

Internet banking to **GOVERNMENT SUPERANNUITANTS ASSOCIATION OF NZ**

Westpac **03 0903 0379891 00** please use your **surname** and **initials** with **Bus trip**  
for particulars and reference.

Cut off and return

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I would like to go to the Christmas function at the Otago Golf Club on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024.  
Please arrive by 11.45 am.

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