



SOUTHLAND BRANCH NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2023

Christmas Afternoon Tea

**Monday 9 December
2pm – 3pm**



Club Southland

115 Leet Street, Invercargill

**Come and join us and hear an update
from the 2024 GSA Council Meeting held
in Wellington in September**

There will also be a guest speaker.

Cost: Southland Branch is subsidising the cost of this Christmas Afternoon Tea, but the **cost for attendees will be \$10.**

The bar will operate on a cash basis.

Register to attend:

Spouses are most welcome to attend.

Register your intention to attend with Anne by phone/text 027 311 0625 or email southland@gsa.org.nz by Friday 29 November so that Anne can confirm numbers with the venue.

Payment can be made by paying this amount into the Southland GSA bank account - 031355-0880099-00 Please include your name with your deposit.

Or you can pay \$10 by cash when you arrive at the venue.

Dietary requirements: Let Anne know if you have any dietary requirements when you register your intention to attend as Anne needs to let the catering staff know.

Transport: Please also let Anne know if you require transport.



Seasons Greetings

Thank you to all those who attended our AGM in May. We were concerned that we might not reach the required quorum of 20 members so were thrilled to have 38 members and spouses present.

A number of our members have died during this past year and we wish to acknowledge their contributions to our association and pass our condolences to their spouses and their families.

Help save postage on newsletters

If you are willing to have the two branch newsletters sent to your email address instead of being posted please email Anne so that the 2025 April and October newsletters can be emailed to you.

Joining a Spouse as a Member

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 up to half the annuity, but must then join the association as a member in their own right.

Change in contact details

If you move house you will need to contact both GSF [Government Superannuation Fund] 0800 654 731 and Southland GSA 0800 888 472 so we can update this information on our respective databases.



Beware of Scams

If someone calls you and requests personal information, just hang up. Email scams are also of concern, but hitting Reply can show who has sent the email and if it is not a genuine business address just hit Delete.

How the GSA can help you

Networking – Southland Branch provides social functions and information advice

Advocacy – at a national level with Government to ensure future proofing of your annuity

Information – Annuity News, Branch Bulletins, Branch Newsletters and a website which contains all the branch newsletters and other national news at www.gsa.org.nz

The Personal Data Book

This can be used to record all your basic information for quick access. It can be filled in online at www.gsa.org.nz under the members' tab, or I can post you one if you contact me. The booklet covers: Personal details / Income and Banking / Fixed Assets / Liabilities, Investments and Insurances / When I die and Funeral wishes / Your Will

I currently hold dual roles as your Branch Secretary/Treasurer and as a member of the GSA National Board along with John Beckham, so Southland is very well represented at the national level.

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Have you seen these?

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