



# ***SUPER NEWS***

## ***Canterbury / Westland Branch***

### ***April 2025***

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

#### **CURRENT DIRECTORY**

Branch Secretary-Treasurer

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Chairperson	Maurice Sinclair	03 322 8649
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	Colin Keen	03 347 0655
	Dick Kitto	021 1627899
	Doug Francis	021 973193
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#### **District Liaison Members**

Ashburton:

Greymouth:

Hokitika:      Anne Kelly      03 755 6383

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**104th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – TUESDAY MAY 27– 1.30 PM**

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

#### **AGENDA**

1. Apologies
2. In Memoriam
3. Guest Speaker – Brent Ruru – “Everything Funeral”
4. Minutes of the 103rd Annual General Meeting
5. Matters Arising
6. Chairman’s Report
7. Branch Financial Statement
8. Walker Trust Financial Statement
9. Board Member –
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.

A year ago, I wrote about the prospect of cuts to the Public Service throughout New Zealand. The new government was promising to remove hundreds of jobs, mostly because of what they perceived as wastage, a mantra well-practised throughout their election campaign. This statement hurt many of us in GSA because in many workplaces, such as where I worked in schools, the most notable problem was *shortage* of resources. Sadly, Public Service job losses are continuing.

Another dark cloud is looming which could affect us all, and that is American politics. I write this report on April 4<sup>th</sup> but by the time you read it, the economic world might be quite different to what I see today although new trade tariffs were beginning to be imposed yesterday. For what seems to have been a large part of my adult life, there has been emphasis on attempts between countries to organise free-trade deals, and if successfully achieved, they had taken lengthy negotiations and compromises as protectionisms were slowly overcome.

Yesterday, almost instantly, free-trade was upset by new American tariffs on its imports from many countries. I am not sure that my old head will be able to understand just what this means because not only is the familiar idea of free-trade disappearing quickly, but how tariffs operate from their beginning is almost completely new to me. At an American border, a New Zealand export will arrive and the American importer will be charged a fee, (today's rate for NZ, 10% of the import value). That importer loses, so will charge all or some of that cost to whomever the goods are sold. Ultimately, the American consumer will pay it, even though the original charge at the border goes to the state, presumably. Higher prices to consumers will dampen sales so New Zealand loses. (Some NZ exporters might also have contracts that require *them* to pay recompense to American importers if tariffs change.) As I said, my head can't accommodate any of the other multitude of implications so I am looking-forward to becoming an armchair economist as the media rolls out informative stories ..... and if I can afford to keep my armchair.

Equally incomprehensible is the power in the hands of one man, plus acolytes, of course. We grumble about our politicians in New Zealand but our political system doesn't allow that degree of autonomy. What seems to be missing at the moment amongst hysterical media clips are the voices of the American people's representatives. Should I await the emergence of a calm, rational hand of Congress?

Since the last newsletter in October 2024 our Branch committee has remained reasonably large and stable, at 10 members plus our Secretary, Janine. Committee meetings are lively and constructive but there is a constant awareness that we are all getting older and probably less-effective, although nobody is confessing to that! Six of our ten committee members are over 80 years old, which I think you will agree puts the committee at risk. With our annual meeting coming up on the 27<sup>th</sup> May there is the opportunity to consider joining our committee which you will find is an interesting and stimulating group to work with, as I certainly do.

On succeeding pages, you will see our annual accounts. Last year we were nearly \$5000 in deficit, largely due to two of our regional visits coming in the same financial year. One was to Greymouth when there is significant reimbursement required to committee members for accommodation and other costs over the 2-day commitment. This year the accounts look much rosier and will show more than \$1000 surplus.

Our Annual General Meeting is at 1.30pm on Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> May. The Papanui RSA cafeteria will be open should you wish to buy lunch beforehand. Not only is the AGM for annual formalities of electing a committee, electing two delegates to GSA Council and hearing about what the Board has been

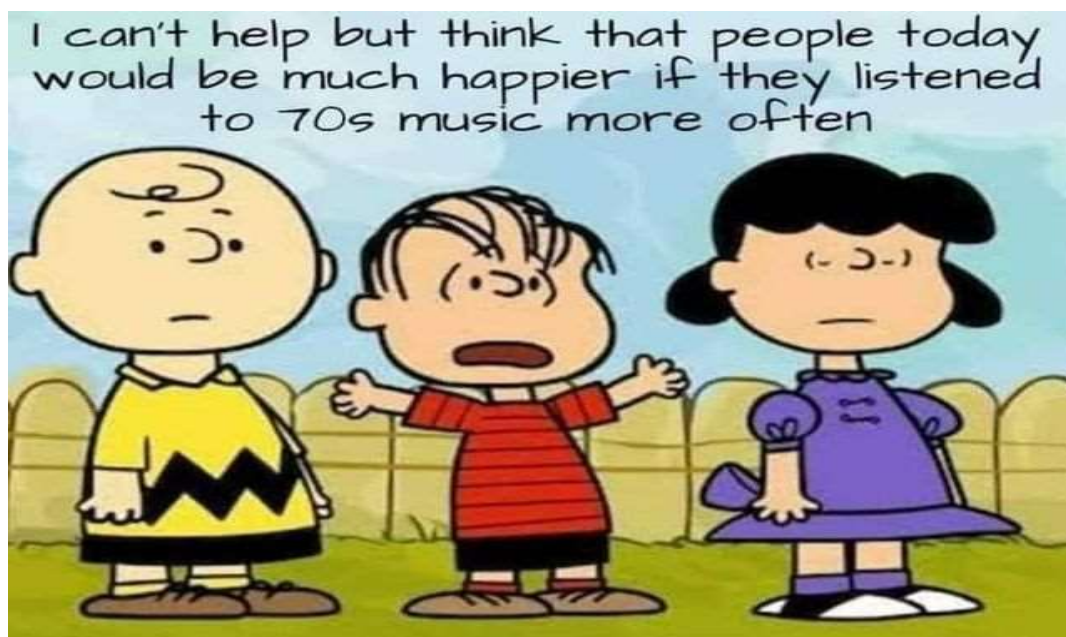
doing, but you will be with like-minded people as you share time during the meeting and at afternoon tea. We have a guest speaker and you will also hear from our youngest committee member, Tony Gooding, speaking on behalf of the Board and about anything else that occurs to him at the time. Tony exudes energy, and just one of his interests is a love-affair with maintaining a variety of older and high-performance cars.

Please consider coming to our Annual Meeting. It is something that Canterbury/Westland members have not been good at doing but we will be thrilled to see a good turn-out to what will be an interesting meeting.

Maurice Sinclair,  
Chairperson,  
Canterbury/Westland Branch, GSA.  
4 April, 2025

**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. We held a meeting in March, 2025 at Rangiora. A meeting is planned to be held in Greymouth in 2026.



**WALKER TRUST ACCOUNTS****For Year Ending 31 March 2025**

	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2023-24</b>
<b><u>Capital Account</u></b>		
Opening Balance ANZ – Investment A/C	\$12,000.00	\$13,000.00
Interest	\$ 350.04	\$ 572.37
Less Transfer to Disbursement Account	\$ 1,350.04	\$ 1,572.37
Closing Balance ANZ – Investment A/C	\$11,000.00	\$12,000.00
<b><u>Disbursement Account</u></b>		
Opening Balance	\$ 765.80	\$ 480.93
Transfer from Investment A/C	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
<b><u>Income</u></b>		
Raffle	\$ 483.00	\$ 455.00
Christmas Luncheon	\$ 1,638.00	\$ 1,288.00
Donation	\$ -	\$ 40.00
Interest from Investment A/C	\$ 679.63	\$ 572.37
Interest from Disbursement A/C	\$ 21.28	\$ 18.50
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 2,821.91</b>	<b>\$ 2,373.87</b>
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>		
Members Comforts	\$ 628.88	\$ 751.00
Raffle Prizes	\$ -	\$ 250.00
Cards & Envelopes & Postage	\$ 2,200.99	\$ 800.00
Christmas Luncheon *	\$ 1,560.00	\$ 1,288.00
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>\$ 4,389.87</b>	<b>\$ 3,089.00</b>
(Loss)/Excess of Income over Expenditure	(\$ 1,567.96)	(\$ 715.13)
<b><u>BALANCE</u></b>		
Balance of Accumulated Funds 1 April 2024	\$12,765.80	\$13,480.93
(Loss)/Excess Income over Expenditure	(\$ 1,567.96)	(\$ 715.13)
<b>Closing Balance as at 31 March 2025</b>	<b>\$11,197.84</b>	<b>\$12,765.80</b>
<b>This is represented by:</b>		
Capital Account – Investment	\$11,000.00	\$12,000.00
Cheque Account as at 31/3/2025	\$ 197.84	\$ 765.80
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$11,197.84</b>	<b>\$12,765.80</b>

I have examined the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025. All bank accounts and investment balances have been verified as at 31 March 2025. 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

**GOVERNMENT SUPERANNUITANTS' ASSOCIATION (INC)  
CANTERBURY/WESTLAND BRANCH**

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2023-24</b>
Income was derived from		
Subscriptions: Direct Credit Cash	\$ 548.60	\$ 637.00
Direct Credit	\$28,106.13	\$24,514.75
Direct Credit - NPF	<u>\$ 1,623.03</u>	<u>\$ 1,566.09</u>
Total Subscriptions	\$30,277.76	\$26,717.84
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Investment Income	\$ 1,201.72	\$ 889.01
Interest ANZ Account	\$ 96.23	\$ 122.60
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 39.50	\$ -
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$31,615.21</b>	<b>\$27,729.45</b>
Expenditure was incurred for		
Secretarial Duties	\$19,500.00	\$19,500.00
Meeting Expenses	\$ 1,555.60	\$ 4,169.66
Printing, Stationery & Postage	\$ 965.66	\$ 866.00
Newsletter - Inc Postage	\$ 4,678.13	\$ 4,088.07
Miscellaneous	\$ 792.00	\$ 797.00
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 377.75	\$ 965.00
Social Functions *	\$ 2,346.00	\$ 1,892.00
Birthday Cards	\$ -	\$ 400.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b><u>\$30,215.14</u></b>	<b><u>\$32,677.73</u></b>
<b>(Loss)/Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>	<b>\$ 1,400.07</b>	<b>( \$ 4,948.28)</b>

\*Includes \$200.00 Deposit for Year 2025

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2025 - Accumulated Funds**

Opening Balance as at 1 April 2024	\$23,770.62	\$28,718.90
(Loss)/Excess of Income over Expenditure	\$ 1,400.07	(\$ 4,948.28)
<b>Closing Balance as at 31 March 2025</b>	<b><u>\$25,170.69</u></b>	<b><u>\$23,770.62</u></b>

**This is represented by:**

**Assets & Investments**

**Current Assets**

Cheque Account ANZ	\$ 5170.69	\$ 3,770.62
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**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>\$25,170.69</u></b>	<b><u>\$23,770.62</u></b>
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Fixed Assets held by the Branch -

Laptop, Printer & Hard Drive

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## Walker Trust



### 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. If you are 80 years plus and did not receive a card or a visit, Please call Janine. getting older.

### WALKER TRUST REPORT

The team has had another busy year, with a total of 84 visits in the past 12 months. There were also 599 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 and telephone calls we receive.

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

Special thanks are extended to Margaret Keen, who keeps us supplied of the beautiful cards, that she makes.

The team of visitors need to be increased to help out mainly in the following areas; Redcliffs, Ashburton and 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 also. If you are interested give me a call.

Janine  
(03) 942 7338 or 0800 888 472

### **CHRISTMAS FUNCTION, 2025**

**Will be held at the Richmond Club, London Street, Richmond**

**Tuesday, 2 December, 2025**

**Further details will be in our November Newsletter.**





"TELL HIM HE'S GOOD-LOOKIN', DAD. IT WORKED FOR MOM WHEN SHE GOT PULLED OVER."





**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.  
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Government Superannuation Fund  
PO Box 3614  
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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 Beverley Buchols  
Mrs Raewyn Chamberlain  
Mrs Eileen Chisholm  
Mr Frederick Church  
Mrs Linda Dawe  
Mr John Fleming  
Mrs Valmai Hale  
Mrs Phyllis Hancock  
Mrs Beatrice Hendry  
Mrs Aldyth Hudson  
Mr Allan Ives  
Mr Richard O'Connell  
Mr Leonard Pocock  
Dr John Sheppard  
Miss Martha Thompson

#### **Last known address**

21 Whero Ave, RD1, Lyttelton  
35/1226 River Road, Ashburton  
V13A/60 Browns Road, St Albans  
147 Cavendish Road, Casebrook  
9 Woodhaven Place, Parklands  
PO Box, New Brighton  
6 Gatonby Place, Avonhead  
20 Hope Street, Shirley  
21 Marshs Road, Templeton  
3 Arthurson Mews, Woolston  
5 Allin Drive, Waikuku Beach  
6 Lesley Keast Place, Hornby  
31 Division Street, Riccarton  
2/7A Medbury Tce, Fendalton  
7 Suva Street, Upper Riccarton

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