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SOUTHLAND BRANCH

APRIL 2025

NEWSLETTER



SOUTHLAND BRANCH AGM

Monday 26 May – 2pm

at Club Southland, 115 Leet Street, Invercargill

If we have your email address you will be sent the AGM documents

Cost: Southland Branch is again subsidising the cost of this AGM Afternoon Tea, but the **cost for attendees will be \$10**. The bar will operate on a cash basis.

Please register to attend: Spouses/partners are most welcome.

Register your intention to attend with Anne by email southland@gsa.org.nz or phone/text 027 311 0625 or by snailmail to 4 Lennox Street, Gore 9710 by Thursday 22 May 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.

Apologies: Please also send these to Anne.

**Join our
Committee**



ON A MORE SERIOUS NOTE

We will have a Chairperson, a Deputy Chairperson and a Secretary/Treasurer but only one committee member and our Constitution states that we should have at least three committee members.

8.7 Each Branch shall hold an Annual General Meeting as soon as possible after 31 March and shall: elect a Branch committee charged with the governance of the Branch between general meetings comprising a Chairperson, a Deputy Chairperson and at least three other members, all being Members of the Association.

Therefore **we need at least two more committee members**, or we may have to join with Otago GSA.

Our committee meetings are at 2pm on a Monday and are usually less than one hour. Meeting dates are 18 August and 17 November with the Christmas function set for 8 December.

FROM CHAIRPERSON JOHN BECKHAM

This is the last time I will be writing to you all as Southland Chairperson. My wife and I have recently moved to Dunedin for family reasons. So from the end of May I will be part of the Otago Branch.

Despite this, what I would like to share with you in this newsletter is no less important.

At our upcoming AGM on 26 May your active participation is no less crucial than in the past for the continued success of our branch. These meetings are pivotal in shaping the future of our branch.

And as I have mentioned before, to proceed with the AGM, a minimum attendance of 20 members or 5% of the branch is required. Your presence is essential to meet this quorum.



To ensure that the decisions made are representative of our membership, don't be afraid to:

- Have Your Say: Influence the strategic direction of our branch.
- Network: Connect with fellow members and expand your professional relationships.
- Community Contribution: Play a role in fostering a thriving and supportive community.
- Attend the AGM and consider volunteering for the committee.

Your support makes a significant difference.

As a Board Member, it continues to be rewarding advocating on behalf of all our members nationwide. What we achieve is not without battles at times. I am also pleased to report that the Membership Committee also continues to achieve great results, as do the other committees within the board structure.

So, mark your calendars now: Come along and have your say. This year our guest speaker will be Penny Simmonds, former CEO of SIT and now our MP for Invercargill. We look forward to your active participation and to seeing you at our AGM.

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

Both your Local Branch **AND** The Government Superannuation Fund

OR The National Provident Fund.

Southland Branch GSA
4 Lennox Street
GORE 9710
Toll Free 0800 888 472

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 Adele Smith
Mrs Margaret Robertson
Mrs Joy Dunsmuir
Mrs Helen Cleary
Mrs Mary McCleary
Mrs Beverley Tyrie
Mrs W M Grant
Mr Lionel Gray

Last known address

Apartment 8 Clare House, Invercargill
31 Robertson St, Frankton, Queenstown
57 Adamson Drive, Arrowtown
100/21 Hastings Street, Invercargill
62 Arundel Crescent, Invercargill
202 Isabella Street, Invercargill
10 Kakapo Street, Gore
4 Evening Star Road, Queenstown

If you know where they now live please let our Secretary Anne know.