



SUPER NEWS

Canterbury / Westland Branch

April 2024

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

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Ashburton: Stanley Beams

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103rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – TUESDAY MAY 28– 1.30 PM

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

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. In Memoriam
3. Guest Speaker – Grant Windsor
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 – Anne Gover
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.

By the time you read this newsletter, it will be nearing the time of this year's budget. I write this piece with two months to go and with only a crystal-ball to gaze into, fractured and discoloured though it is becoming.

With most of our members having been in some public service there has been lively talk about politics as Ministry grants will be cut. During election campaigning there was a lot of talk about wasted money in the public service although very little of that talk gave me *evidence* to see just what was being referred-to. In my career field, teaching, I seemed to have been surrounded by a shortage of resources to do a really good job, so months of mantra about wastage did not make sense to me. A responsible government should be putting *more* into education. I suspect that many of you as ex-employees from other Ministries would be saying the same thing. The truth is out, of course, because the Government has told us just how much waste there is: 6.5% or 7.5% and chief-executives are scurrying around to find their "waste". It is very interesting that all Ministries are deemed to be wasting nearly the same amounts, within 1% of each other. I wonder how the Government knows that? I wonder what current public servants feel about being thought of as wasters, or even that their whole job is now being considered to have no value? I wonder too, whether the reduced public service will be reimbursed for inflation cost from the last year. If not, public service cuts could approach 12%. It has now been suggested that not all Ministries will supply the Government with excess cash but rather, like health, any "wastage" will just be redistributed to front-line services within that Ministry. This guarantees that some Ministries will lose much more than 6.5 or 7.5%.

Never mind, it will only be the "back-office" which will be affected! That term "back-office" was invented some years ago, again during another political campaign and probably some public-relations specialist got good \$\$ for what is now an old and rather nasty slogan. It has been left to chief-executives to sort out who their Ministry calls "back-office" and to protect their "front-line" services. Would a technician be "front" or "back"? How could a hospital doctor help people without the whole staff working together? Come to think of it, is a chief-executive "front" or "back"? Enough of my grizzling and on with some local news of our Association.

Canterbury/Westland is like other branches, with membership reducing by, perhaps, 6% a year. Discussion will continue about how our Association manages branches which get too small and cannot regularly get volunteers for their committees, particularly chairpersons and secretaries. Our branch remains lucky with a stable committee and with an injection of energy from Tony Gooding, a recent retiree. Part of our stability is because Janine, our secretary, who has been with us since 2003, and since 2012 she has taken on additional work, such as the membership/database and the secretary/treasurer of the Walker Trust. Our annual meeting is on Tuesday, May 28th, 1.30pm, Papanui RSA. We would like to see a good attendance because, although members haven't been clamouring to attend our AGM's, two years ago we couldn't even attract a quorum of 20 from our more-than 2000 members. That was embarrassing as the National President waited patiently after coming to our meeting from Whangarei. This year, our President Alan Straker has other commitments and cannot be with us but another Board member, Anne Gover, is willing to attend. Anne lives in Invercargill, is a constructive member of the Board and as well as informing us about Board matters, you will find her interesting to talk with. I remember annual meetings of clubs many years ago when it was almost traditional that members avoided the Annual General Meetings in fear of being requisitioned onto the committee. I can assure you that does not happen at our AGM although volunteers to be nominated are always welcome.

A very early shout-out for our Christmas luncheon. Last year we went back to the Richmond Club, London Street, off Stanmore Road. It is a new building after earthquake-damage required a replacement. Very pleasant conditions and good car-parking were highlights. Although you will get usual details in your November newsletter, you could turn the pages of your calendar and enter the date now: Tuesday, December 3rd, midday for the start of the meal. On a cold, rainy day last year I was impressed with the warmth of service and convenience of the venue.

Maurice Sinclair,
30th March, 2024.

CHEERFUL THOUGHTS !!

Although dementia I've not got
I really can't remember
Dad's wheels that brought me home, newborn,
That year in late November.
The detail that my Dad gave me
was nineteen thirty two,
A Model T for fifteen quid
from bloke in Timaru !
When at times I'm feeling down I
cast these thoughts asunder, and
thank my lucky stars that I Am
here, not six feet under !!!



Graham Mee 23/11/2023
DOB 23/11/1932
(Canterbury Member)

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. We held a meeting in Ashburton in February, 2024. We plan to hold a meeting in Rangiora, in 2025, A meeting is planned to be held in Greymouth in 2026.

WALKER TRUST ACCOUNTS

For Year Ending 31 March 2024

	2023-24	2022-23
Capital Account		
Opening Balance (Westpac Invest A/C)		\$14,000.00
Interest	-	<u>\$ 426.62</u>
		\$14,426.62
Less Transfer to Disbursement Account		
Closing Balance Westpac Investment A/C	-	<u>\$ 426.62</u>
Opening Balance ANZ – Investment A/C	\$13,000.00	<u>\$14,000.00</u>
Interest	\$ 572.37	\$ 104.14
Less Transfer to Disbursement Account	<u>\$ 1,572.37</u>	<u>\$ 1,104.14</u>
Closing Balance ANZ – Investment A/C	\$12,000.00	\$13,000.00
Disbursement Account		
Opening Balance	\$ 480.93	\$ 426.62
Transfer from Westpac to ANZ incl. Interest	-	\$ 338.32
Transfer from Investment A/C	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Income		
Raffle	\$ 455.00	\$ 370.00
Christmas Luncheon	\$ 1,288.00	\$ 1,148.00
Donation	\$ 40.00	-
Interest from Investment A/C	\$ 572.37	\$ 57.70
Interest from Disbursement A/C	<u>\$ 18.50</u>	<u>\$ 8.94</u>
Total Income	\$ 2,373.87	\$ 1,584.64
Expenditure		
Members Comforts	\$ 751.00	\$ 808.33
Raffle Prizes	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Cards & Envelopes	\$ 800.00	\$ 380.00
Christmas Luncheon/Refund	<u>\$ 1,288.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,092.00</u>
Total Expenditure	\$ 3,089.00	\$ 2,530.33
(Loss)/Excess of Income over Expenditure	(\$ 715.13)	(\$ 945.69)
BALANCE		
Balance of Accumulated Funds 1 April 2023	\$13,480.93	\$14,426.62
(Loss)/Excess Income over Expenditure	<u>(\$ 715.13)</u>	<u>(\$ 945.69)</u>
Closing Balance as at 31 March 2024	\$12,765.80	\$13,480.93
This is represented by:		
Capital Account – Investment	\$12,000.00	\$13,000.00
Cheque Account as at 31/3/2024	<u>\$ 765.80</u>	<u>\$ 480.93</u>
Total Assets	\$12,765.80	\$13,480.93

I have examined the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024. All bank accounts and investment balances have been verified as at 31 March 2024. 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 5/4/2024

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

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	2023-24	2022-23
<u>Income was derived from</u>		
Subscriptions:		
Direct Credit Cash	\$ 637.00	\$ 832.00
Direct Credit	\$24,514.75	\$25,897.65
Direct Credit - NPF	<u>\$ 1,566.09</u>	<u>\$ 1,612.22</u>
Total Subscriptions	\$26,717.84	\$28,341.87
Investment Income	\$ 889.01	\$ 308.93
Interest ANZ Account	\$ 122.60	\$ 105.94
TOTAL INCOME	\$27,729.45	\$28,756.74
<u>Expenditure was incurred for</u>		
Secretarial Duties	\$19,500.00	\$19,500.00
Meeting Expenses *	\$ 4,169.66	\$ 2,369.61
Printing, Stationery & Postage	\$ 866.00	\$ 1,141.00
Newsletter - Inc Postage	\$ 4,088.07	\$ 4,703.47
Miscellaneous	\$ 797.00	\$ 790.00
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 965.00	\$ 173.00
Social Functions	\$ 1,892.00	\$ 1,452.00
Birthday Cards	\$ 400.00	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$32,677.73	\$30,129.08
(Loss)/Excess of Income over Expenditure	(\$ 4,948.28)	(\$ 1,372.34)

*Includes Trips to Greymouth & Ashburton

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2024 - Accumulated Funds

Opening Balance as at 1 April 2023	\$28,718.90	\$30,091.24
(Loss)/Excess of Income over Expenditure	(\$ 4,948.28)	(\$ 1,372.34)
Closing Balance as at 31 March 2024	<u>\$23,770.62</u>	<u>\$28,718.50</u>

This is represented by:

Assets & Investments

Current Assets

Cheque Account ANZ	\$ 3,770.62	\$ 8,718.90
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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

TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$23,770.62</u>	<u>\$28,718.90</u>
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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.

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 92 visits in the past 12 months. There were also 606 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.

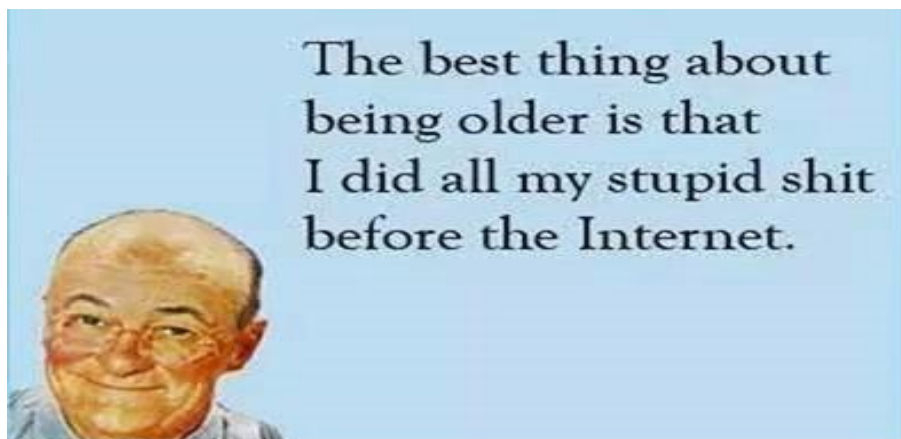
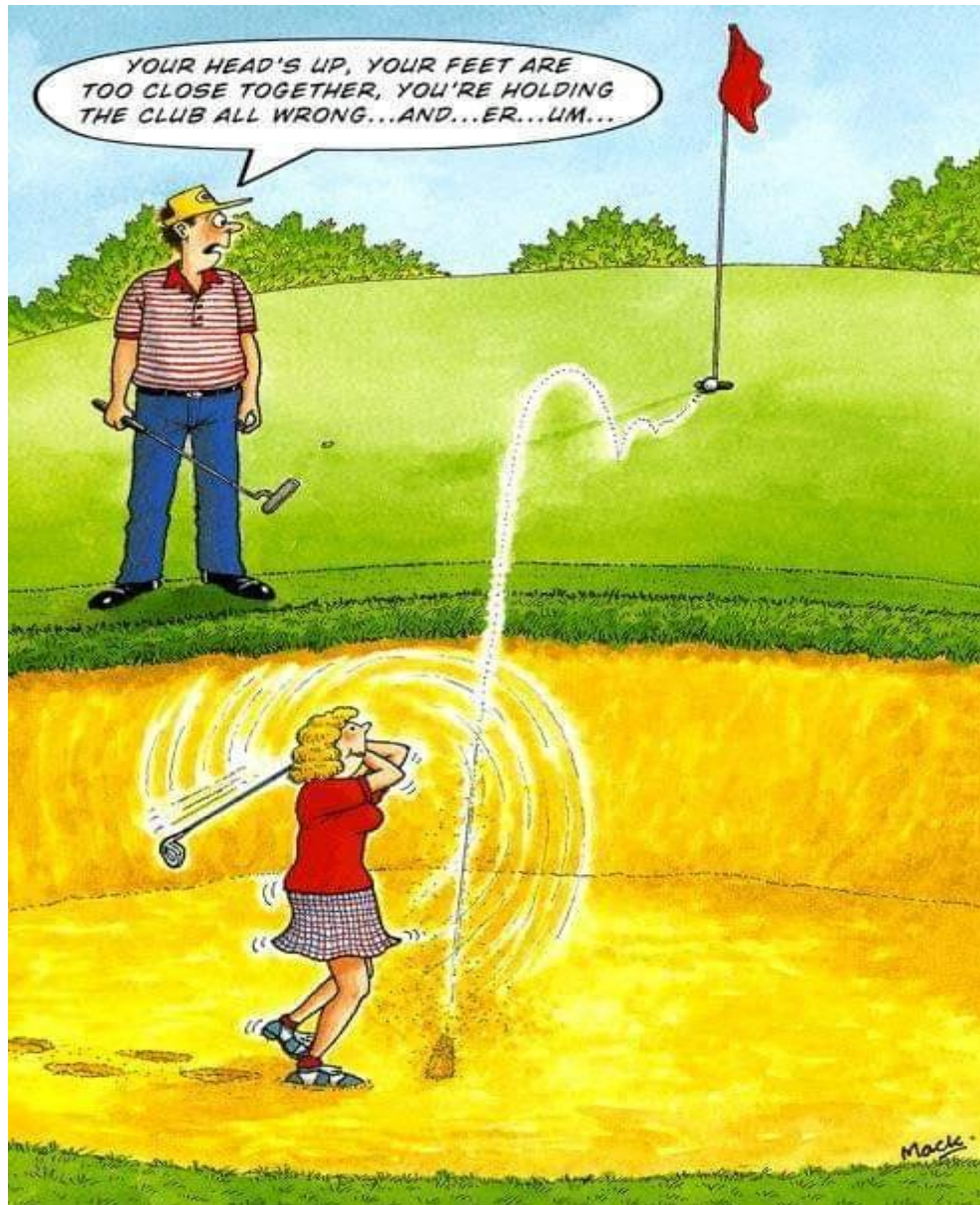
The team of visitors needs to be increased to help out mainly in the following areas; Redcliffs, Ferrymead, and Sumner. The visiting can then be shared out a bit more. Even if you live outside these areas, you could still help out. You may only get a couple of visits to do each year. It can be very rewarding and you can get a few laughs out of it too. If you maybe interested give me a call.

Janine
(03) 942 7338 or 0800 888 472

CHRISTMAS FUNCTION, 2024

Will be held at the Richmond Club, London Street, off Stanmore Road, on
Tuesday, 3 December.

Further details will be in our November Newsletter.





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.
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 Raewyn Chamberlain
Mrs Eileen Chisholm
Mr Frederick Church
Mr Charles Cleghorn
Mrs Judith Denton
Mr John Gleave
Mr John Godfrey
Mrs Valmai Hale
Mr Cyril Hancock
Mr Jim Henry
Mrs Aldyth Hudson
Mrs Kathleen Hurst
Mrs May Langdon
Mrs Val McAuslan
Miss Joan McGrath
Mrs Maria Moar
Mr Robin O'Neill
Mrs Karin Reid-Martin
Mr Glen Vallender

Last known address

35/1226 River Road, Ashburton
V13A/60 Browns Road, St Albans
147 Cavendish Road, Casebrook
46 Catherine Street, Tinwald
1/116 Lincoln Road, Addington
72B Milton Street, Somerfield
32A Gleneagles Tce, Ilam
6 Gatonby Place, Avonhead
20 Hope Street, Shirley
24B Locarno Street, Opawa
3 Arthurson Mews, Woolston
85B Cygnet St, Nth New Brighton
1/57 Trevor Street, Hornby
36 Tauhinu Ave, Lincoln
17 Alexander St, Greymouth
8 Maurice Street, Lincoln
PO Box 82, Hawarden
1/12 Blairdon Place, Bishopdale
16 Woodham Drive, Ashburton

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