



SOUTHLAND BRANCH NEWSLETTER April 2024

From John Beckham, Southland GSA Chair

Greetings Southland Branch members

I would like to begin by saying that your branch committee continues to breathe new life in into the Southland branch. This is clearly evident with the new members who have joined us in the last 12 months. Welcome to those members. However, we would still be greatly encouraged if at the forthcoming **AGM on Monday 27 May at 2pm** more members would willingly commit to serving on the GSA Southland Branch Committee. This is not an onerous task, and has been pointed out before, the committee are a friendly bunch. Furthermore, we only have four committee meetings a year, plus our AGM and Christmas function. Please give it serious thought. Don't be afraid, you might actually enjoy being involved.

As a board member, I have continued to attend the regular Board meetings in Wellington and or by Zoom. I am also pleased to report that the Membership Subcommittee, which I am also on, has and is achieving great results. And as I mentioned at the start, attracting new members is one of the successes we are having. The board continues to keep our organisation viable and our members well informed and involved.

One very important point that needs to be mentioned, and yes, I know I have mentioned it before, is the **number required to attend the AGM**. As is clearly stated in our constitution, a **quorum of 20 members must be reached** or the meeting cannot proceed, resulting in us not being able to conduct formal business. Please note that this number is "members" not just attendees.

We are again this year making a point of contacting all Southland members by phone to check A: That your contact details are correct and that they match our data base and B: To personally encourage you to attend the AGM. We unfortunately are not allowed to obtain this information direct from Datacom due to Privacy Act rules, a point I have mentioned before.

I look forward to greeting you all at the AGM.

From Anne Gover, Southland GSA Secretary

As your National Board Liaison Member

I look forward to sharing with you at the AGM all that is happening at the national level as we work on your behalf. Southland is well represented with John and I both on the National Board.

Change in contact details

During April and May we will be contacting all members who have a phone number listed on our database. However, many members have obviously cancelled their landlines and are only using cell phones now and we don't always have these numbers.

If you do not receive a phone call from a committee member would you please send your name, current address, phone number and email address [if you have one] to me by phone 0800 888 472 or email to southland@gsa.org.nz so we can

update this information on our GSA database.

These changes to your contact details also need to be sent to Datacom 0800 654 731.

Where mail is returned to me or bank accounts are closed, Datacom will make reasonable efforts to try to locate you. If you cannot be located, your annuity may be suspended until contact is re-established.

Joining a Spouse as a Member

It does not cost any extra to enrol your spouse or partner as a member. Only one subscription is required.

Change of Membership

To remain a member of GSA, when the person who receives the annuity dies, their surviving spouse or partner will be required to pay a subscription.

A membership form is sent to them.



CURRENT BRANCH COMMITTEE

Chairperson:

John Beckham

027 491 7998

rjohnbeckham53@gmail.com

Vice-Chairperson

Kate Hays

Phone 03 217 9762

021 972 966

akhays70@gmail.com

Secretary/Treasurer

Anne Gover

Phone 0800 888 472

southland@gsa.org.nz

National Board Liaison Member

Anne Gover

Phone 03 208 5235

027 311 0625

annegover@xtra.co.nz

4 Lennox Street, Gore 9710

Have you seen
this information?



SOUTHLAND BRANCH AGM

Monday 27 May – 2pm

at Club Southland

115 Leet Street, Invercargill

AGM AGENDA

Welcome

Apologies

In Memoriam

Minutes of the 2023 AGM

Matters Arising

Chairperson's Report

Branch Financial Statement

Election of Officers

- Chairperson

- Delegates to National Council

- Vice Chairperson

- Treasurer

- Committee

General Business

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

Attendees: Please let Anne know if you will be attending the AGM so that afternoon tea catering can be arranged.

Apologies: Please also send these to Anne

Phone 027 311 0625 or

southland@gsa.org.nz or post to

4 Lennox Street, Gore 9710

Committee

Ian Beker

Phone 03 215 9799

grandpa04@gmail.com

Margot Grattan

Phone 03 214 5058

mar0jim@xtra.co.nz

Russell Martin

Phone 03 236 7641

lynrusmartin@gmail.com

Tony Weston

Phone 03 216 4616

silverfern@kinect.co.nz