



SUPER NEWS

Canterbury / Westland Branch

April 2022

Government Superannuitants' Assn., Canterbury / Westland Branch
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Ashburton – **Vacant**

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102nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – TUESDAY MAY 24– 1.30 PM

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

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. In Memoriam
3. Guest Speaker – Phil Mauger
4. Minutes of the 101st Annual General Meeting
5. Matters Arising
6. Chairman's Report
7. Branch Financial Statement
8. Walker Trust Financial Statement
9. Tony Hamilton – President GSA
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.

About a month ago I was chatting to a friend who is living in USA. We have known each other since school-days in Christchurch but in his early fifties he lost his wife to cancer and he decided to take his scientific research back to some of the places where he had really enjoyed working in the past. One of those places was Madison, Wisconsin, USA. He is still in Madison, because ...yes ...you guessed it, he met a lady. Although retaining his basic Kiwi values he has often said that the USA is a very interesting place to live but his comments over the administration of Covid-19 have been very negative. (His word was “diabolical”.) Hardly a surprise, but to us in New Zealand we could easily lose sight of just how good the NZ response has been, both through Government control and through the work of medical services. There is always the thinking that we shouldn't look back, we should be 'progressive' and look to the future. With Covid-19 mortality though, every person not killed by it is a person who still has a future. I thought I would share some figures with you.

Any comparison involving Covid-19 mortality is an inexact science and depends on when the omicron variant peaked, how a country defines Covid 'deaths', the socio-economics of the population and other variables. My only correction is for population, and for ease of calculation I am using a NZ population of 5 million. I am using the assumption that the NZ deaths will be 400 by the 6th April.

In my friend's state in the USA, Wisconsin has a population of 5.9 million and has had 14317 deaths by the 4th April. When corrected to NZ's population of 5 million, that means for every one in NZ dying of Covid-19, around 30 have died in Wisconsin. For the whole of USA, the figure is 36, and for New York state, it is close to 42 dead for every one Covid-19 death in NZ. England's figure is 32. For Australia the figure is just above 3, mostly from New South Wales and Victoria but we shouldn't forget the amazing figure for Western Australia which is only one death of theirs for every 4 of ours.

What is the point of these statistics in a GSA newsletter? Well, compared with the situation in, say, Wisconsin, for each who died in New Zealand there are 29 other people in New Zealand who didn't die from Covid-19. Just who are they? *They are us. Most are over 65, superannuitants, who still have a future!* I have heard it said that if they hadn't died of Covid-19 they would have died of influenza. There is maybe some validity for that statement in New Zealand but it is not true for the USA where deaths from Covid-19 have been nearly 10 times the number who would have died there from influenza over that same period.

Back to local things. Being unable to hold the annual Council meeting for 2021 hasn't stopped GSA continuing to look to the future. A recent proposal to the Board suggests a need to look at payment for Branch secretarial services and to have a formula to calculate reward for those doing secretarial work. This will affect our Branch because some years ago we decided to pay our secretary-treasurer, and apart from the other larger Branches Auckland and Wellington, most branches have no formal reward for that work showing on their accounts. Formulating a standard, fair way to reward secretaries will be quite a complex process and one which must be open with plenty of opportunity for consultation. The Canterbury/Westland Branch system has resulted in Janine not only being the most experienced of all Branch secretaries but also the longest-serving person in that position.

Our Branch committee members continue to provide a stimulating, interactive environment for discussion and I am most grateful for all their work through the year. I am very much aware though that GSA needs a flow of younger members into committees and that is certainly the case for our Branch. A message to members within the first few years of retirement: please think about whether you can bring some of your energy and innovation to help GSA remain a viable guardian of your superannuation scheme.

Maurice Sinclair,
7th April, 2022.

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. However due to Covid-19 we have not been able to travel since April 2020. We do hope to be able to have a meeting in Rangiora, later in 2022, and notice will be posted to Members living in the Kaiapoi – Amberley areas, giving details.

A BRANCH MEETING has been booked for **Tuesday 28, June 2022, 1-30 pm, at the Hornby Club, 17 Carmen Road, Hornby.**

This Meeting is additional to our other Meetings which are held on a rotational basis, in Rangiora, Ashburton & Greymouth. It is intended for our Members who reside in the Sockburn, Halswell, Wigram, Hornby, Lincoln, Leeston & Rolleston areas.

Any Member wishing to attend, must ring Janine on 03 -942-7338 or 0800 888 472 or email cantwest@gsa.org.nz to register, no later than 18 June. There maybe a limited number of people who can attend, however we will not be aware of this until closer to the time.

Afternoon tea will be provided.

LIAISON PERSONNEL REQUIRED – ASHBURTON

The main requirement is a friendly person who can be a local contact for anybody wanting information. If you are even considering volunteering, please contact our secretary Janine and have a chat with her about the ways in which you could help. 03-9427338 or 0800 888 472



WALKER TRUST ACCOUNTS
For Year Ending 31 March 2022

	2021-22	2020-21
Capital Account		
Opening Balance (Westpac Invest A/C)	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Interest	\$ 296.46	\$ 453.70
	<u>\$15,296.46</u>	<u>\$15,453.70</u>
Less Transfer to Disbursement Account	\$ 1,296.46	\$ 453.70
Closing Balance Westpac Investment A/C	<u>\$14,000.00</u>	<u>\$15,000.00</u>
Disbursement Account		
Opening Balance	\$ 493.92	\$ 1,941.04
Transfer from Investment A/C	\$ 1,000.00	-
Income		
Donations/GSA Grant	-	\$ 600.00
Raffle	\$ 514.70	\$ 500.00
Christmas Luncheon	\$ 2,479.00	\$ 2,748.00
Interest from Investment A/C	\$ 296.46	\$ 453.70
Total Income	\$ 3,290.16	\$ 4,301.70
Expenditure		
Members Comforts	\$ 945.08	\$ 648.00
Mileage	-	\$ 500.00
Raffle Prizes	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Cards & Envelopes	\$ 649.50	\$ 1,511.50
Christmas Luncheon/Refund	\$ 2,512.50	\$ 2,830.00
Bank Fee	\$.38	\$ 9.32
Total Expenditure	\$ 4,357.46	\$ 5,748.82
(Loss)/Excess of Income over Expenditure	(\$ 1,067.30)	(\$ 1,447.12)
BALANCE		
Balance of Accumulated Funds 1 April 2021	\$15,493.92	\$16,941.12
(Loss)/Excess Income over Expenditure	<u>(\$ 1,067.30)</u>	<u>(\$ 1,447.12)</u>
Closing Balance as at 31 March 2022	\$14,426.62	\$15,493.92
This is represented by:		
Capital Account – Investment	\$14,000.00	\$15,000.00
Disbursement Account – Cheque Account as at 31/3/2022	<u>\$ 426.62</u>	<u>\$ 493.92</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$14,426.62</u>	<u>\$15,493.92</u>

J Climo 5/4/2022



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

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	2021-22	2020-21
<u>Income was derived from</u>		
Subscriptions:		
Direct Credit Cash	\$ 1,037.30	\$ 696.80
Direct Credit	\$27,401.49	\$23,297.71
Direct Credit - NPF	<u>\$ 1,754.45</u>	<u>\$ 1,518.87</u>
Total Subscriptions	\$30,193.24	\$25,513.38
Investment Income	\$ 171.92	\$ 501.30
Donation	\$ -	\$ 50.00
Interest ANZ Account	\$ 6.55	\$ 4.27
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$30,371.71</u>	<u>\$26,068.95</u>
<u>Expenditure was incurred for</u>		
Secretarial Duties	\$19,500.00	\$19,500.00
Meeting Expenses incl Ashburton	\$ 2,292.26	\$ 956.00
Postal Charges	\$ -	\$ 160.00
Printing & Stationery *	\$ 1,124.49	\$ 167.00
Newsletter - Inc Postage	\$ 3,033.44	\$ 3,923.30
Walker Trust Grant	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 829.51	\$ 760.32
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 225.50	\$ 30.00
Social Functions	\$ 1,441.50	\$ 1,890.10
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>\$28,446.70</u>	<u>\$27,886.72</u>
(Loss)/Excess of Income over Expenditure	\$ 1,925.01	(\$ 1,817.77)

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2022 - Accumulated Funds

Opening Balance as at 1 April 2021	\$28,166.23	\$29,984.00
(Loss)/Excess of Income over Expenditure	\$ 1,925.01	(\$ 1,817.77)
Closing Balance as at 31 March 2022	<u>\$30,091.24</u>	<u>\$28,166.23</u>

This is represented by:

Assets & Investments

Current Assets

Cheque Account ANZ	\$10,091.24	\$ 8,166.23
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 **\$30,091.24** **\$28,166.23**

Note * Includes Postal Charges

Fixed Assets held by the Branch -
Laptop, Printer & Hard Drive

I have examined the financial statements above for the year ended 31 March 2022, All bank accounts and investment balances have been verified as at 31 March 2022. 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 6/4/2022

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 114 visits in the past 12 months. There were also 543 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.

The team of visitors needs to be increased to help out mainly in the following areas; Redcliffs, Ferrymead, Sumner, Addington, Hillmorton, Rolleston and Lincoln. We also require visitors in Ashburton & 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 too. If you maybe interested give me a call.

Janine

(03) 942 7338 or 0800 888 472

Three old guys

are out walking.

First one says, 'Windy, isn't it?'

Second one says, 'No, it's Thursday!'

Third one says, 'So am I. Let's go get a beer.'

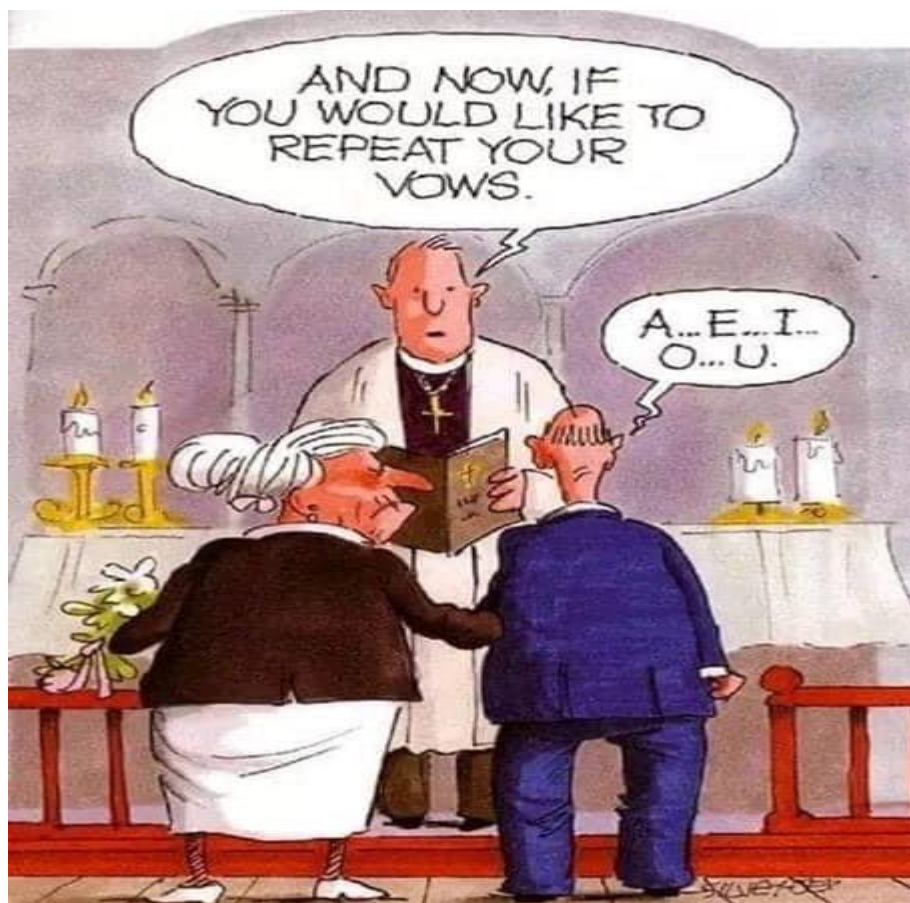
ARE YOU LIVING IN A DE FACTO RELATIONSHIP? In New Zealand a de facto relationship, *if you have lived together for at least*

three years, has the same status as a married couple.

At the time of your annuitant partner's death Datacom will require evidence of your relationship. Therefore, it is important that you have the following:

- 1 Joint bank account
- 2 Rates account in both names
- 3 Power/telephone account in both names
- 4 A legal document stating when your relationship commenced

Ensure you have the above now, don't leave it until 'tomorrow'





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

Both your Local Branch **AND** The Government Superannuation Fund.
OR The National Provident Fund.

Canterbury / Westland Branch
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 Mere Balsom
Mrs Eileen Chisholm
Mrs Marie Carter
Mr Richard Clough
Mr Alister Crean
Mrs Zylde Geal
Miss Lois Goold
Mrs Pamela Graham
Mr William Ironside
Mr Ronald Lilley
Mr Brian Mabin
Mrs Pamela Marxen
Mrs Constance McHardy
Mr Denis McKay
Miss Ann Mintran
Ms E Leonie O'Rourke
Mr Gerald Smith
Mrs Teresa West
Mr Murray Wilbore

Last known address

38 Robert Coup Road, Kaiapoi
V13A/60 Browns Road, St Albans
9A Apollo Place, Papanui
1014 Two Chain Road, Rangiora
3/22 Woodcote Avenue, Hornby
17 Rugby Street, St Albans
212A Waimairi Road, Ilam
SA104/1 Lady Isaac Way, Mairehau
520 South Eyre Road, Kaiapoi
2/168A Lyttelton Street, Spreydon
104 Hamilton Avenue, Ilam
Mayfair RV, 104 Wharenui Rd,
34 Bright St, Westport
14 Esperance Street, St. Albans
11 Flower Street, Bryndwr
68A Somerfield Street, Somerfield
30 Leacroft Street, Bishopdale
1/14 Mansfield Ave, St Albans
24 Te Rito Street, Marshland

CAN YOU HELP: Please phone Janine Lynn at 942-7338 or 0800 888 472 with details if you are able to help.

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