



SUPER NEWS

Canterbury / Westland Branch

April 2019

Government Superannuitants' Assn., Canterbury / Westland Branch
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99th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY MAY 28 1.30 p.m.

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

AGENDA

1. Apologies.
2. In Memoriam.
3. Guest Speaker – Leo Steel
4. Minutes of the 98th Annual General Meeting.
5. Matters Arising.
6. Chairman's Report.
7. Branch Financial Statement
8. Walker Trust Financial Statement
9. Election of Officers
10. Tony Hamilton – President GSA.
11. General Business.

Afternoon tea will be provided at the end 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 before the meeting.

All members are most welcome to attend.

You are also most welcome to bring friends, especially Government Superannuitants who may not be GSA members and would not have received this newsletter.

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Chairperson's Report

A month ago I was musing over what to put in my newsletter report and I thought that I might be scraping the bottom of the barrel for relevant news since the November issue. The summer had been unremarkable compared with some recent times: no earthquakes, no fires, a bit dry but not particularly unusual for Christchurch ... then came March 15th. So many words have been spoken and written about a massacre of 50 people that I don't intend to add too many more words but we have all lost a bit of trust in our world. Nothing like that had happened in our (mostly) long lifetimes and perhaps the following generations will not know such a nasty event either, yet now, some of the complete freedoms we have come to expect will be curtailed. Understandable, but a bit sad.

I shouldn't let another date slip by unnoticed because our Westland colleagues had their own adventures on the 26th of March when that wet part of New Zealand got very wet indeed and from the warm, dry comfort of our living-rooms we were able to watch the Waiho River at Franz Josef fold and move the road bridge like a piece of wet cardboard. To put that weather event in context, parts of Westland in that storm got as much rain as Christchurch gets in a year!

While on the subject of Westland, I remind our western members that the Canterbury/Westland Branch committee will be visiting Greymouth in September and those members will each get a notice about the meeting later in the year. We have been welcomed in most friendly terms in Greymouth, the meeting has been very well attended and there have been thoughtful questions. Now is the time to start thinking about what you need to know about GSA, about the superannuation scheme itself or how you think your Branch can be improved.

In our newsletter of last November, members would have read that your Council delegates and subsequently the Branch committee members were very concerned about GSA financial reporting. It appears that the Board too was disturbed by its performance on finance and it pleases me greatly to report that improved processes are in place, financial reporting is more transparent and there is the expectation that sensible accounts will be produced long before this year's Council meeting. Regarding finance policy, you might recall that Council 2018 overturned a 2017 resolution to centralise funds held by Branches. The Board Finance Committee has recently sent a notice to Branches for discussion, recommending that individual Branches may be required to transfer *excessive funds* to National Office. What represents *excessive funds* is not stated but we hope this doesn't become a return by stealth of centralisation of funds.

100% Cost of Living Adjustment (CoLA) was given time at a Select Committee hearing on the 5th of December last year. As well as initiating the investigation into a detrimental formula being introduced into an amendment to the legislation 10 years ago, Bernie Rose attended the hearing along with me and a group of other Government Superannuitants. Our case appeared to get a sympathetic hearing but the result is delayed, partly because the Select Committee has asked to see more written material from Treasury and the Govt. Superannuation Fund Authority. We hope that our Association will have the chance to see and comment on those extra submissions because neither of those two institutions have any commitment to look after the interests of Superannuitants.

It is quite a habit for me in newsletters to comment on the skills, careful analysis and overall rigour of our Branch committee members. I say the same again in this newsletter and express my good fortune to be working with such fine, dedicated people. Whispers from other Branches tell of difficulties in getting members to join the Branch committee and then problems finding volunteers for office-holders, particularly Chairperson. We are lucky with our numbers and enthusiasm at the moment but cannot be complacent because in a "sunset" group like Superannuitants, situations can change fast. As in earlier newsletters, I again repeat that if anyone out there would like to join our committee, please contact a

committee member or our Secretary, Janine.

Just one year ago, Dugald McDonald resigned from the Canterbury/Westland Branch Committee. He had been a committee member for several years and was re-organising his life to pursue new interests. Sadly, Dugald died in February this year. While a member of the Branch committee, Dugald had offered to help the Walker Trust with visiting our older members and he often reported how much he had enjoyed those visits with vital and appreciative people. They in turn will have enjoyed visits from this very social, thoughtful and engaging man. Dugald continued with those visits after leaving the committee and throughout most of 2018.

Maurice Sinclair,
Chairperson,
Canterbury/Westland Branch GSA.
5th April, 2019.

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 are planning to have our September Meeting this year in Greymouth. A newsletter will be sent to members in this catchment area, late August/early September.

In June, 2018 we held a successful meeting in Rangiora, and next year 2020, we plan to travel to Ashburton for a meeting.

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 2019

	2018 - 19	2017-18
Capital Account		
Opening Balance (Westpac Investment A/C)	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00
Interest	\$331.40	\$478.61
GSA Grant	\$1,000.00	
	\$15,331.40	\$14,478.61
Less Transfer to Disbursement Account	\$331.40	\$478.31
	<u>\$15,000.00</u>	<u>\$14,000.00</u>
Disbursement Account		
Opening Balance	\$3,401.62	\$3,401.27
Income		
Donations/GSA Grant	\$1,050.00	\$40.00
Interest	-	.11
Raffle	\$485.00	\$490.00
Christmas Luncheon	\$1,275.00	\$2,813.00
Printing Cards/		\$460.00
Interest from Investment Account	\$331.40	\$478.61
	<u>\$3,141.40</u>	<u>\$4,281.72</u>
Total Income		
Expenditure		
Members Comforts	\$1,110.48	\$783.37
Printing/Mileage	\$750.00	\$460.00
Raffle Prizes	\$250.00	\$275.00
Christmas Luncheon	\$1200.00	\$2,688.00
Refunds Luncheon / Father Xmas Suit Hire	-	\$75.00
	<u>\$3,310.48</u>	<u>\$4,281.37</u>
Total Expenditure		
(Loss) /Excess of Income over Expenditure	-\$169.08	\$0.35
Balance		
Balance of Accumulated Funds 1 April 2018	\$17,401.62	\$17,401.27
(Loss)/ Excess Income over Expenditure	-\$169.08	\$0.35
Closing Balance as at 31 March 2019	\$17,232.54	\$17,401.62
This is represented by:		
Capital Account - Investment	\$15,000.00	\$14,000.00
Disbursement Account - Cheque Account as per Westpac	\$2,300.54	\$3,401.62
Less Unpresented Cheques 31/3/19	\$68.00	-
	<u>\$2,232.54</u>	<u>\$3,401.62</u>
Closing Cheque Account 31/3/19	<u>\$2,232.54</u>	<u>\$3,401.62</u>
Total Assets	\$17,232.54	\$17,401.62

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

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019

	2018-18	2017-18
<u>Income was derived from</u>		
Subscriptions:		
Direct Credit Cash	\$ 815.80	\$ 580.06
Direct Credit	\$25,042.71	\$21,526.65
Direct Credit - NPF	<u>\$ 1,828.41</u>	<u>\$ 1,642.56</u>
Total Subscriptions	\$27,686.92	\$23,749.27
Investment Income	\$ 412.36	\$ 646.20
Meeting Receipts	-	-
Interest Cheque Account	\$ 12.99	\$ 14.14
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$28,112.27</u>	<u>\$24,409.61</u>

Expenditure was incurred for

Secretarial Duties	\$19,500.00	\$15,600.00
Meeting Expenses	\$ 2,297.25	\$ 2,264.00
Postal Charges	\$ 1,362.48	\$ 1,195.00
Printing & Stationery	\$ 351.00	\$ 306.72
Newsletter - Inc Postage	\$ 170.00	\$ 180.00
Walker Trust Cards/Postage/Grant	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 1,045.00
Branch/National Office	\$ 278.00	\$ 154.20
Walker Trust Mileage	\$ -	\$ 650.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 922.00	\$ 664.80
Printer	-	\$ 343.62
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 695.20	\$ 274.00
Social Functions	\$ 1,470.00	\$ 1,484.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>\$28,095.93</u>	<u>\$24,161.34</u>
(Loss)/Excess of Income over Expenditure	\$ 16.34	\$ 248.27

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2019 - Accumulated Funds

Opening Balance as at 1 April 2019	\$34,948.44	\$34,700.17
(Loss)/Excess of Income over Expenditure	\$ 16.34	\$ 248.27
Closing Balance as at 31 March 2019	<u>\$34,964.78</u>	<u>\$34,948.44</u>
This is represented by:		
<u>Assets & Investments</u>		
Current Assets		
Cheque Account ANZ	\$14,964.78	\$14,948.44
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>\$34,964.78</u>	<u>\$34,948.44</u>

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

I have examined the financial statements above for the year ended 31 March 2019, All bank accounts and investment balances have been verified as at 31 March 2019. 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

Bernie Rose
Walker Trust

THE JOYS OF SHARING, LIVING, AND GIVING, ARE FOUND IN FRIENDS.

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.

WALKER TRUST REPORT

Our "team of visitors" has been working hard again this year, visiting those on our list of over 80's on, or close to their birthdays. These visits have been greatly appreciated, going from the thank you cards, notes and telephone calls we receive.

We are looking for members who can assist with visiting members on their birthday. This is a very rewarding task that does not take up much of your time. As you will have read in both the November and this month's Newsletters we have lost 2 outstanding "visitors", Janice Rose and Dugald McDonald.

We have a number of members living in Retirement Villages – perhaps you would like to be the "birthday visitor" for your Village!

We would love to hear from you -
Call Bernie on (03 3131569) or Janine (942-7338) for further information.

Bernie Rose
Phone (03) 313-1569

PSA Holiday Homes.

The Public Service Association has 41 accommodation units available in - Whitianga, Rotorua, Raumati Beach, Nelson, Carters Beach, Otematata, and Te Anau.

The units vary in size, sleeping between 2 and 9 persons per night.

The costs vary, with units ranging from approximately \$50 to \$125 per night. For full details ---

Toll Free 0800 10 30 90 www.psa.org.nz

E-mail plus@psa.org.nz Fax 04 917 2053

You will need to have your GSA number available for phone calls or for inclusion in e-mails. You can find this on the Datacom letter, sent to you in March/April of each year. This number never changes.

You need to book well in advance to be sure of a booking.

Well I've finally reached
the Wonder Years.
Wonder where my
car is -parked?
Wonder where I
left my phone?
Wonder where my
sunglasses are?
Wonder what day it is?



We know how important your GSF income is in maintaining financial independence which the NZ Superannuation does not provide.

Historically, only about 50% of Government Superannuitants are members of our Association. There will always be a need to fight for individual and collective rights. While there is a Government, there will be cost cutting drives. You need to be assured that there is a group ready and able to support you or your surviving spouse.

In return we need individual members to support their Association by joining.

Applications can be made on-line at gsa.org.nz, or ask our branch secretary (0800 888 472) to send an application form to a prospective member. The GSA subscription is only \$2.00 per four-weekly annuity payment. A couple sharing an annuity pays one subscription.

The sad part about
getting old is...
you stay young on the
inside,
but nobody can tell
anymore

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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.

Canterbury / Westland Branch
Govt. Superannuitants Assoc.
129 Marshland Road
Christchurch 8061

Government Superannuation Fund
PO Box 3614
WELLINGTON 6145
Toll Free 0800 654 731

National Provident Fund
PO Box 606
WELLINGTON 6140
Toll Free 0800 628 77

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

Mr John Anstiss
Mr Leicester Brice
Mrs Beverley Bristowe
Mrs Marjorie Browne
Mrs Rose Carruthers
Mrs Marie Carter
Mrs Alice Clark
Mr Ross Dunbar
Mr Russell Haigh
Mr Malcolm Horler
Mr Leo Jackson
Mrs Pamela Matthews
Mrs Elizabeth Morris
Mrs Joan Port
Mr Brian Rowe
Mr John Smith
Mrs Marjorie Tredinnick
Mrs Pamela Walker
Mrs Valda Wheeler
Mrs Phyllis Williams
Mr Keith Wiltshire
Mr Cyril Wright

Last known address

40 Pitcairn Cres, Papanui
18 Hillview Road, Phillipstown
42 Veitches Road, Casebrook
22 Meadowville Ave, 8024
49A Brougham St, Westport
9A Apollo Place, Papanui
Albarose RH, Harewood
44 Howard Street, Spreydon
1B Parkstone Ave, Ilam
4A Kinley Street, Rangiora
29A Young Street, Somerfield
PO Box 21285, Edgware
c/- 26 Roberts Drive, Somerfield
346B Memorial Ave, Russley
250 Grahams Road, Burnside
3 Arlington St, Burnside
50/16 Golf Links Road, Shirley
1/54 Aaran Cres, Woolston
52 Harrison Street, Ashburton
2 Ebert Place, Rangiora
21 Kintyre Drive, Broomfield
23 Beatrice Place, Avonhead

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