



SUPER NEWS

Canterbury / Westland Branch
April 2023

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

CURRENT DIRECTORY

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Chairperson	Maurice Sinclair	03 322 8649
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Walker Trust Social Convener Bernie Rose

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103rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – TUESDAY MAY 23– 1.30 PM
PAPANUI R.S.A. 55 BELLVUE AVENUE, PAPANUI

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. In Memoriam
3. Guest Speaker – Andrew Kirk – Civil Defence
4. Minutes of the 102nd Annual General Meeting
5. Matters Arising
6. Chairman's Report
7. Branch Financial Statement
8. Walker Trust Financial Statement
9. Alan Straker – VP 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.

It is now one year since I presented some figures to highlight just how good the New Zealand response to Covid-19 was in World terms. For a detailed comparison, I used the state of Wisconsin in USA which has a roughly similar population to New Zealand (5.9 million instead of our 5 million) and some social comparability. I thought it would be useful to see how New Zealand and Wisconsin had fared in the subsequent year.

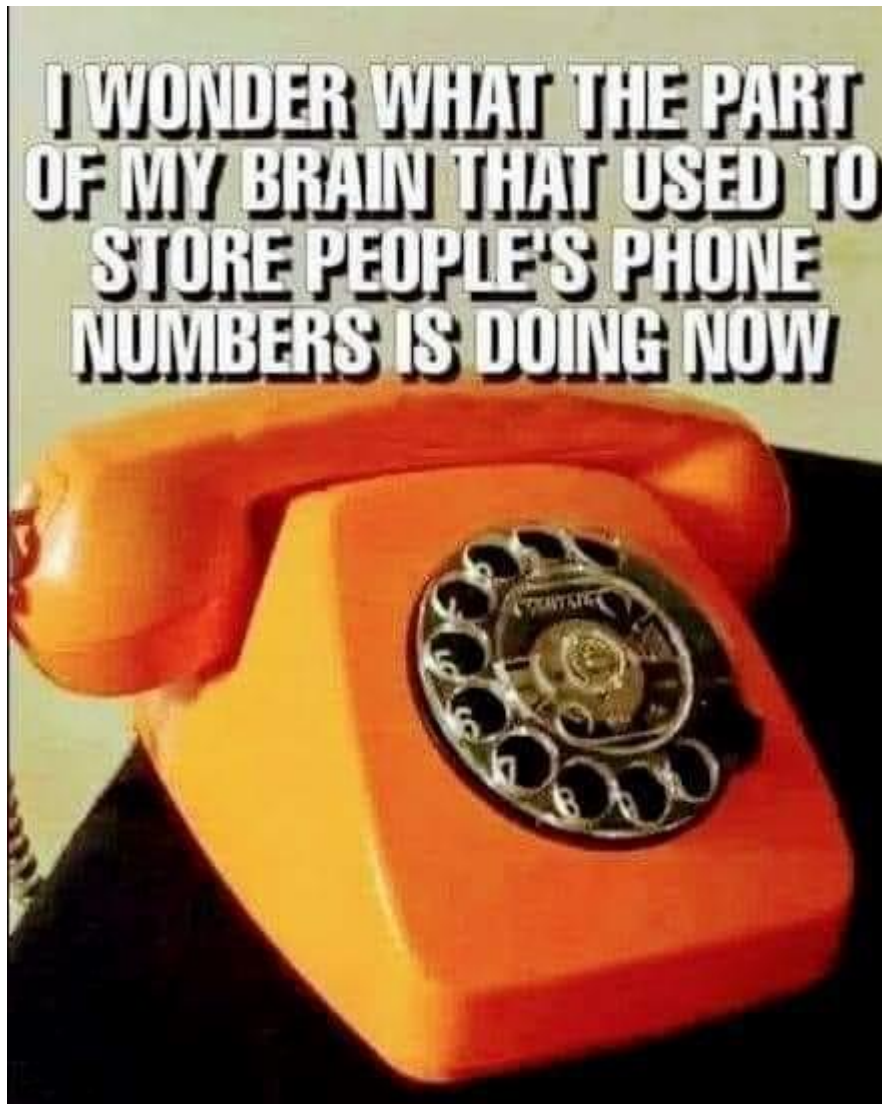
Last April I had a little difficulty in getting results which matched in both places and that has happened again but I think it is safe to say we are comparing 'apples with apples'. The dates for the latest numbers from both places are within three days of each other. Covid-19 deaths in Wisconsin at this time last year were 14,317, and this year are 16,457, an increase of 2,140. If I turn this increase into a random sample of 5 million people, to make it equivalent to the population of New Zealand, there would have been an increase of Covid-19 deaths of 1,814. At the equivalent time last year, New Zealand had 406 deaths from Covid-19 and this year the number is 2,687, an increase of 2,281. That means that New Zealand has had 26% more deaths from Covid-19 than Wisconsin over the last year. If we look at the whole picture, from the start of Covid-19 through to today, and with Wisconsin figures converted to a population of 5 million, New Zealand has had 11,260 fewer deaths through Covid-19 than have occurred in Wisconsin. It will be interesting to see how Covid-19 plays out in Wisconsin and New Zealand over longer time. Currently, the latest 7-day rolling-average of deaths is the same, at 4 per day, although New Zealand statistics have been more erratic.

It looks as though Covid-19 death rate in New Zealand is going to be about four times the road toll and therefore a significant factor in our lives and particularly in the lives of older people. Unfortunately for us, in relation to the potential for catching Covid-19, at the moment Canterbury is the most dangerous part of the country.

Our Branch committee has just returned from a visit to Greymouth where a meeting was held on the afternoon of Tuesday March 28th. The Union Hotel again proved to be a comfortable venue with cheerful staff providing whatever was needed. This Greymouth meeting, as has become usual, was friendly and informal allowing good discussions both within the meeting itself as well as over afternoon tea at the end. I left with a feeling of friendship and warmth. The percentage of Westland members who attend meetings is impressive and this meeting was no exception, and because 'Coasters know that to get things done they have to travel, members arrived from as far as Reefton in the north and Ross in the south.

The topic of GSA Branch amalgamation arose quite recently when I was chatting with a member from a smaller Branch. The Board began to look at the potential process of merging Branches when it put a discussion document to Council in 2020. The trigger for amalgamation is likely to be when a Branch cannot raise a committee, or perhaps be able to get somebody willing to be Chairperson or Secretary. In the South Island, Canterbury/Westland is by far the largest Branch and is likely to be the Branch which will last longest because of its greater likelihood of being able to muster a committee. We also have the luxury of having a very stable, knowledgeable group on the current committee but our greatest weakness is possibly age. We have several members who are over 80 years old and while they are all vital, energetic people, we also know that their health or that of a spouse, can turn in an instant, and suddenly stability of the committee is past tense. We definitely need some younger members on the committee. If you are even a little interested, please contact Janine, or any committee member, and arrange to come along to a meeting. That is how I began, about 15 years ago.

Maurice Sinclair.
4th April, 2023.



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 Rangiora, in 2022, and also a meeting in Hornby. A meeting was held in Greymouth in March 2023. Our next planned meeting to be held in Ashburton in 2024. Notice will be posted to Members living in the Leeston – south to Ashburton areas, giving details.



Our 5 Life Members: Top Row (L to R) Maurice Sinclair, Gavin Stuart, Dick Kitto
Front Row Peter Gooding & Bernie Rose.

Maurice, Gavin, Dick & Bernie had afternoon tea with Peter for his 91st Birthday.



WALKER TRUST ACCOUNTS
For Year Ending 31 March 2023

	2022-23	2021-22
<u>Capital Account</u>		
Opening Balance (Westpac Invest A/C)	\$14,000.00	\$15,000.00
Interest	\$ 426.62	\$ 296.46
	<u>\$14,426.62</u>	<u>\$15,296.46</u>
Less Transfer to Disbursement Account	\$ 426.62	\$ 1,296.46
Closing Balance Westpac Investment A/C	<u>\$14,000.00</u>	<u>\$14,000.00</u>
Opening Balance ANZ – Investment A/C	\$14,000.00	
Interest	\$ 104.14	
Less Transfer to Disbursement Account	<u>\$ 1,104.14</u>	
Closing Balance ANZ – Investment A/C	\$13,000.00	
<u>Disbursement Account</u>		
Opening Balance	\$ 426.62	\$ 493.92
Transfer from Westpac to ANZ Incl Interest	\$ 338.32	
Transfer from Investment A/C	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
<u>Income</u>		
Raffle	\$ 370.00	\$ 514.70
Christmas Luncheon	\$ 1,148.00	\$ 2,479.00
Interest from Investment A/C	\$ 57.70	\$ 296.46
Interest from Disbursement A/C	\$ 8.94	-
Total Income	\$ 1,584.64	\$ 3,290.16
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Members Comforts	\$ 808.33	\$ 945.08
Raffle Prizes	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Cards & Envelopes	\$ 380.00	\$ 649.50
Christmas Luncheon/Refund	\$ 1,092.00	\$ 2,512.50
Bank Fee	\$ -	\$.38
Total Expenditure	\$ 2,530.33	\$ 4,357.46
(Loss)/Excess of Income over Expenditure	(\$ 945.69)	(\$ 1,067.30)
<u>BALANCE</u>		
Balance of Accumulated Funds 1 April 2022	\$14,426.62	\$15,493.92
(Loss)/Excess Income over Expenditure	<u>(\$ 945.69)</u>	<u>(\$ 1,067.30)</u>
Closing Balance as at 31 March 2023	\$13,480.93	\$14,426.62
This is represented by:		
Capital Account – Investment	\$13,000.00	\$14,000.00
Disbursement Account – Cheque Account as at 31/3/2023	<u>\$ 480.93</u>	<u>\$ 426.62</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$13,480.93</u>	<u>\$14,426.62</u>

J Climo 3/4/2023

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

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	2022-23	2021-22
<u>Income was derived from</u>		
Subscriptions:		
Direct Credit Cash	\$ 832.00	\$ 1,037.30
Direct Credit	\$25,897.65	\$27,401.49
Direct Credit - NPF	<u>\$ 1,612.22</u>	<u>\$ 1,754.45</u>
Total Subscriptions	\$28,341.87	\$30,193.24
Investment Income	\$ 308.93	\$ 171.92
Interest ANZ Account	\$ 105.94	\$ 6.55
TOTAL INCOME	\$28,756.74	\$30,371.71
<u>Expenditure was incurred for</u>		
Secretarial Duties	\$19,500.00	\$19,500.00
Meeting Expenses	\$ 2,369.61	\$ 2,292.26
Printing, Stationery & Postage	\$ 1,141.00	\$ 1,124.49
Newsletter - Inc Postage	\$ 4,703.47	\$ 3,033.44
Miscellaneous	\$ 790.00	\$ 829.51
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 173.00	\$ 225.50
Social Functions	\$ 1,452.00	\$ 1,441.50
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$30,129.08	\$28,446.70
(Loss)/Excess of Income over Expenditure	(\$ 1,372.34)	\$ 1,925.01

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2023 - Accumulated Funds

Opening Balance as at 1 April 2022	\$30,091.24	\$28,166.23
(Loss)/Excess of Income over Expenditure	(\$ 1,372.34)	\$ 1,925.01
Closing Balance as at 31 March 2023	<u>\$28,718.90</u>	<u>\$30,091.24</u>

This is represented by:

Assets & Investments

Current Assets

Cheque Account ANZ	\$ 8,718.90	\$10,091.24
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 **\$28,718.90** **\$30,091.24**

Fixed Assets held by the Branch -

Laptop, Printer & Hard Drive

I have examined the financial statements above for the year ended 31 March 2023, All bank accounts and investment balances have been verified as at 31 March 2023. 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 3/4/2023

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 116 visits in the past 12 months. There were also 608 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, for the beautiful cards, that she has kindly made.

The team of visitors needs to be increased to help out mainly in the following areas; Redcliffs, Ferrymead, Sumner, Rolleston and Lincoln. 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



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It's how people install new
software into their brains.



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 Anne Bierwirth
Mrs Janice Brazil
Mrs Eileen Chisholm
Miss Helen Clarke
Miss Zelda Curtis
Mrs Judith Denton
Mrs Coral Gilbertson
Mr Jim Henry
Mrs Helen Hogan
Mrs Dawn Jack
Mr Victor Lloyd
Mrs Joan Lundy
Mrs June MacLeod
Ms E Leonie O'Rourke

Last known address

21/1 Lady Isaac Way, Mairehau
7 Cook Street, Carters Beach
V13A/60 Browns Road, St Albans
5 Ngarimu Street, Avonside
123 Broadway, Reefton
1/116 Lincoln Road, Addington
4 Redwood Place, Oxford
24B Locarno Street, Opawa
11 Wyn Street, Hoon Hay
Westport, 7825
14 Staveley Street, Avonhead
38A Torrens Road, Hillmorton
11 James Drive, Church Bay
68 Somerfield Street, Somerfield

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