



APRIL 2023

Newsletter

G.S.A OTAGO
BRANCH
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Your present committee is:

Chair Bill Price
Vice chair Max Kennelly
Secretary/treasurer Robert Morey,

Committee members:

Robin Gledhill, Ralph Harrison, Brian Hall, Geraldine Cooke and Charlie Gilligan.



YOUR GSA BRANCH NEEDS YOU

I am making a plea. **We have lost or about to lose 4 committee members this year. It is imperative that we find replacements. Without a committee our Branch will cease to function.** If you are interested in joining us, please let me know. What about the ladies? Do any of you want to join our committee? We have 10 or 11 meetings per year for between half and one hour, certainly not onerous.

Do you know anyone or have any old work mates who were contributors to the Government Superannuation Scheme and not members of the GSA? Invite them to join our organisation.

Our social subcommittee is investigating possible venues for our bus trips so if you have any ideas, please tell us as we are always looking for more destinations. A couple of suggestions are Lawrence Chinese mining area, Gabriel's Gully and Larnach Castle. We as a branch are very fortunate in having sufficient funds to subsidise the costs of these trips and dinners all due to the diligence of former treasurers. I would like to thank them for their efforts.

IMPORTANT:

When moving, you must notify The Scheme Administrator at Datacom **and** your local GSA secretary of your new address. I have recently checked addresses supplied by Datacom against our database and found about 5% of them are different. I also get a lot of mail returned to me with "Gone no forwarding address". If you know anyone who hasn't received newsletters, tell them to get in touch with us with their new address. Are there any issues that you would like discussed/ brought up on your behalf?

Contact your local secretary Robert Morey at PO Box 5182 Dunedin 9054

OR

Email me at otago@gsa.org.nz. Or by phone at 0800 888 472.

Thank you.

R Morey

BUS TRIP

Our bus trip held in February this year was to the Saffron farm at Etrick where 22 members had a talk about growing and harvesting the saffron. A tasting session was also held. Thank you, Wendy for the informative talk. We continued onto Roxburgh for a nice lunch and on the way back, Ralph Harrison gave a commentary on the history of the Roxburgh dam and village. We arrived home at 5pm after a lengthy half hour wait for traffic on the road works detour from SH1 through Mosgiel.

AGM Lunch

Our annual AGM lunch will be held on **Thursday the 25th May 2023** at the Otago Golf Club in Balmacewen Rd as in the past. Please be seated by 12pm. Cost will be \$25 per person. Please note the change of day due to another organisation having booked the Wednesday.

BANKING

Government Superannuitants Association Otago Branch

Westpac 03 0903 0379891 00

If you don't have either of internet/phone banking, go into your branch and ask them to help you.

When paying this way it is important that the return slips on page 4 are mailed back to me or scanned/photographed then emailed to me. I use these for auditing purposes and contact details checking. Thank you.

Important Phone Numbers and Addresses

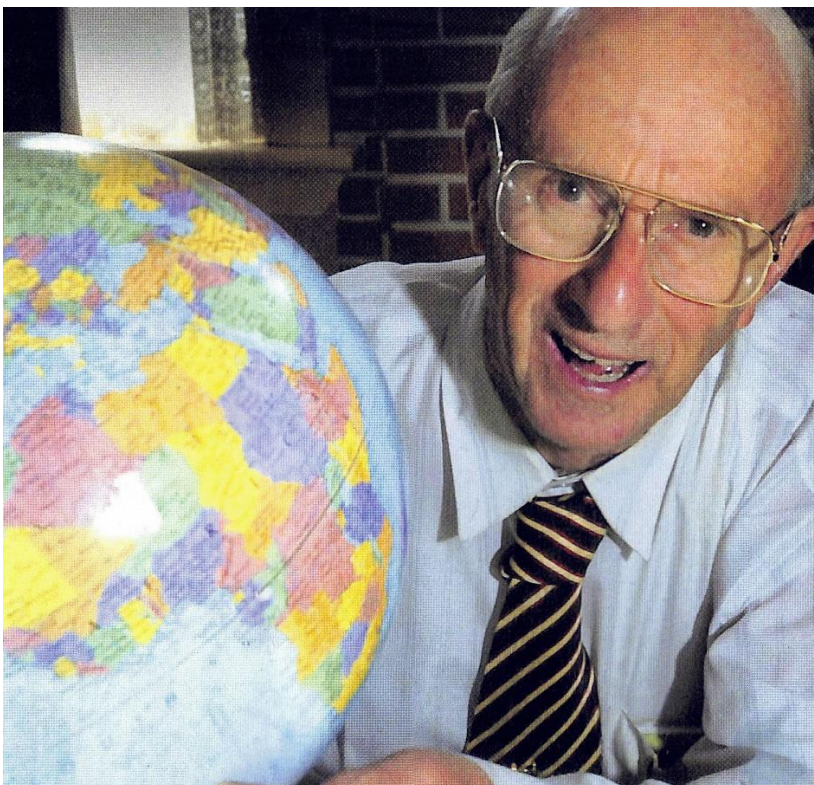
Name	Phone	Email	Postal address
GSF Datacom	0800 654731	gsf@datacom.co.nz	PO Box 3614 Wellington 6140
NPF Datacom	0800 628776	npfenquiries@datacom.co.nz	PO Box 1036 Wellington 6140
GSF Authority	04 4996999		PO Box 3390 Wellington 6140
PSA Holiday Homes	0800 103090	holidayhomes@psa.org.nz	
Marram Community Trust (Ex Post Office staff only)	04 8012920		PO Box 24006 Wellington 6142



Wendy explaining the life cycle and harvesting of saffron.



Some photos from our recent bus trip to the Saffron Farm at Ettrick.



We announce with much sadness that a long-time committee member, David Horne, died recently. Over the years David held about every position on our committee and was very well travelled, visiting over 300 countries. We offer the family our sincere sympathies.

A brief summary of our financial position
subject to a review.

A full statement will be issued at the AGM.

Total income was \$13,345.87 which included disbursement from Wellington of a portion of your subs of \$10,800 and the remainder from functions and interest.

Total Expenditure was \$7,815.98 roughly half for functions and the rest for communication, office and running the branch.

During the year, one of our fixed deposits of \$11,688 was cashed in and a distribution of \$40,000 was made to Head office in line with national policy. This is to enable Head office to get a better rate of interest by combining it with other deposits.

Cut off and return

Please return to Otago Branch GSA, PO BOX 5182 Dunedin 9054 **OR** scan /photograph and email to otago@gsa.org.nz **by 20th May 2023** .

I would like to go to the AGM function at the Otago Golf Club on **Thursday 25th May 2023**.

Please arrive by 11.45 am.

NAME..... Number of people.....

Phone number..... email.....

Amount enclosed/paid by internet banking (\$25 per person) \$..... Date.....

Internet banking to **GOVERNMENT SUPERANNUITANTS ASSOCIATION OF NZ**

Westpac **03 0903 0379891 00** please use your **surname** and **initials with AGM**

for particulars and reference.