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South Canterbury Branch

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To Branch Members.

OCTOBER 2019 NEWSLETTER



CHRISTMAS FUNCTION at Seven Oaks, Wai-iti Road on Thursday 14<sup>h</sup> November 2019 commencing around 12 noon

Come along it'll be a FUN Christmas luncheon.  
FOR ONLY \$15 00 per person.

Everyone attending will be given a lucky number and, just before we go home, three numbers will be drawn for a lucky Christmas Gift.

Two special members will cut our **CHRISTMAS CAKE** and a piece will be given to everyone present following our dessert.



There's a FREE DRINK for you at the Bar.

AND, there's **MAGICAL, MYSTERIOUS, MIND BLOWING** entertainment.

**[PLEASE REGISTER FOR THE LUNCHEON BEFORE 8TH November 2019](#)**

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*Merry Christmas*



FROM YOUR CHAIRPERSON Alison

Greetings to all members of the South Canterbury Branch of GSA.  
Another year has passed very quickly.

As a branch we are indebted to the work for the past 5 years that Warren Iggo has been doing for us. It has not been an easy role to fill and we appreciate all the hours Warren and his wife Lindsay have put into the role of secretary/treasurer.

Since our last AGM in June, we have had two delegates at conference in Wellington. Our delegate has written a report for this newsletter and there will be more in the "Annuity News" which is enclosed with this newsletter.

Our committee for 2019 is:

Warren Iggo

Simon Schollum

Graeme Holwell

David Allen

Jake Lamare

Gavin Somerville

Yvonne Blackwell

I would like to take this opportunity of wishing you all a very merry Christmas and New Year.

*Alison Ferriss*

**And a Very Happy New Year.**

Brief report following the GSA Annual Meeting held 7-8th Sep 2019 at West Plaza Wellington.

Re-elected for a second year, President Tony Hamilton adopted 'Team GSA' as the theme for the conference. Each day agenda items were completed on-schedule through constructive consensus among delegates and no major disagreements.

Formulas to increase revenues by raising GSA subscriptions were fully debated. Main drivers for change are reduced membership incomes balanced against rising costs of doing business. Scenarios put forward included means-testing to address variations among pensioners-incomes. However, the status quo remains with motions to increase subs defeated in a 25/40 vote.

The 'Centenary Book' project in draft form awaits final indexing and choice of printer/publisher intended for a 2020 launch. Delegates acknowledged the significance for Branches to mark this anniversary and hopes 'the book' encapsulates for future generations important milestone achievements and the many battles won or lost over the years.

Recruitment: The Membership Sub-committee acknowledged increased recruitment following from the State Services Commission initiative in 2018 where payroll sections provide GSA information to their pre-annuitants. Unfortunately, privacy issues prevented this extending to primary & secondary schools. However, a poster now available for download from GSA has been designed in hopes these can be printed and placed on notice boards to attract new members.

Guest Speakers:        Andrew Bayly (MP for Hunua) Opposition Spokesperson Revenue  
                                 & Associate Spokesperson for Finance  
                                 DR. Deborah Russell (MP for New Lynn)  
                                 Chairperson, Finance & Expenditure Select Committee

Both Members of Parliament acknowledged and supported the good work and conduct by the GSA Team submitting on the CoLA issue which has successfully passed through all phases of its readings and approvals and now awaits final sign-off from the Finance Minister Grant Robertson along with allocating funding.

Appointment of Board: President: Tony Hamilton (Northland)

Vice President: Alan Straker (Marlborough)

Members:        Rob Brangwin (Hawkes bay)  
                         Dallas Elvy (Wellington)  
                         Mike Smith (Wellington)  
                         Marjorie Thomas (Hawkes Bay)  
                         Alan Peck (Wellington)

Appointment of Life Member: Mark Leys (Auckland)

For remaining issues and matters outside GSA's control, 'Council' mandated 'The Board' maintain a 'Watching Brief & Report' as developments occur ranging from the future of cheque books & increased complexity in financial reporting to proposed changes to the Incorporated Societies Act 1908.

Simon Schollum

GSA South Canterbury

## RESERVATION AND PAYMENT

Please notify the Chairman by Friday November 8<sup>th</sup> if you are attending by returning the reservation form to:

3 Wilson Street, Timaru ,7910 or phone 686 6844 or email [southcant@gsa.org.nz](mailto:southcant@gsa.org.nz).

**Please understand once you have booked our branch is obliged to pay ,whether you attend or not.**

**The cost of our luncheon is only \$15 00 per head.**

**If you live alone you are welcome to bring a friend at this cost.**

- \* Fruit juice will be supplied
  - \* A free drink will be available at the bar
  - \* Magical, Mysterious, Mind Boggling Entertainment
- Bring a partner, and then go Christmas shopping while in town



### SOUTH CANTERBURY GSA

Registration for Christmas Luncheon and A G M at Seven Oaks, Wai-iti Road ,Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

Name.....Phone.....

Accompanied by.....

I enclose my cheque \$15.00 (one person) \$30.00 two people [ ]

I have paid by internet to Bank No 12 3159 0030475 00 [ ] Please include your Name in Transfer

I shall pay at door [ ]

Ill health prevents my attendance [ ]

Detach and send to A Ferriss, 3 Wilson Street, by 9th November or Phone 03 686 6844 or email: [southcant@gsa.org.nz](mailto:southcant@gsa.org.nz)

**We appreciate Members who put in an apology, as it keeps us in touch with you all.**