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## South Canterbury Branch

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October 2017 Newsletter

To Branch Members

It is with profound sadness that I must inform you that our Past President and Life Member Alan Ferriss passed away on 28 September. Our sympathy is extended to his wife Alison and Family at this sad time.

Alan spent many years as our Branch Secretary, maintaining a stability in Branch affairs and functions.

Ill health has dogged Alan for the past several years forcing him to relinquish Branch activities earlier this year.

He was very unwell when awarded Life Membership in 2015 and was unable to attend the Award Ceremony. However, he was able to attend the 2016 Annual Conference in Wellington as a Life Member which caused him great pleasure. Our Committee will fully back our President Alison Ferriss as she continues in her role and adjusting to life without Alan.



Warren Iggo  
Secretary

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE (meeting of Council)

President Alison Ferriss and I attended the Annual Conference in Wellington early in September. The Council is looking to the Future of our Association and considering a raft of options as we move to the 2020's.

Items Discussed: The future of Smaller Branches  
The Future of the Association  
The Central holding of Branch Finances  
Amalgamation of Branches  
Biennial Conferences  
Subscriptions

Decisions taken: The Board to make contact with the incoming Government in October, and follow-up the lodging of our Association's petition to Parliament.

Subscriptions from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 will increase to \$2.00 per pay-day.

7.2 Membership of the Council to comprise The President and one Delegate from each Branch. (A Council of 20)

7.4 One other member from each Branch to be nominated by Branch Committee to attend as an Observer and paid for by the Board.'

Change of Head Office Staff: On the 29 June Cathy Trewby retired and was replaced by Karen Knobloch as Office Manager.

At Conference it was learned the our C.E.O Alan Peck was Not renewing his contract from January 2018. As an efficient C.E.O. he will be sorely missed.



TUESDAY 14 November 2017 12 noon

SEVEN OAKS RECEPTION CENTRE

Wai-iti Road TIMARU

Christmas Get-together Lunch  
followed by entertainment.



## RESERVATION & PAYMENT

Please notify the secretary by Friday 10 November if you are attending, by returning the Reservation Form to

12 Wilson Street, Timaru 7910 or Phone 684 8814 or email

[walriggo@clear.net.nz](mailto:walriggo@clear.net.nz)

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

Our branch is now subsidising these functions. Our committee have decided the cost of this function will be \$15.00 per head. If you live alone, you are welcome to bring a friend at this cost.

- \* The Dessert is to be enhanced
  - \* Fruit juice will be supplied
  - \* A free drink will be available at the bar
- Go shopping before and after our Function





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

In June we had 42 Members at Annual Meeting and had received 38 apologies which were read out. Communication with 20% of our Members puts us well above the responses received by larger Branches.

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**SOUTH CANTERBURY GSA**

Registration for Christmas Luncheon and A G M at Seven Oaks, Wai-iti Road Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

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 12 Wilson St by 10th November or Phone 03 684 8814 or email: southcant@gsa.org.nz