



## **SOUTHLAND BRANCH NEWSLETTER April 2022**

Dear Southland Branch Members

Our current committee, led by Don Mowat has done a terrific job for many years managing the branch for your benefit.

However, it is time for 'new blood' and we are asking you to put your hand up and commit to serving on the Southland Branch GSA Committee.

**The Southland Branch AGM date has been set for Monday 13 June 2022**, and we are encouraging you to attend the lunch and AGM at The Foundry Restaurant. The AGM quorum requires an attendance of at least 20 members, so I encourage you to join us for lunch and, maybe, volunteer to be on the committee. Details of the Southland Branch AGM and lunch menu are on Page 2 of this newsletter.

The GSA Constitution stipulates that a committee must have a minimum of five members but the more members a Branch committee has, the lighter the workload for all!

We have four meetings a year as well as the AGM. It is not an onerous task, and the committee are a friendly bunch. If you feel that you can dedicate a small amount of your time to supporting our local committee, please raise your hand at the AGM, or better still let me know of your interest before then.

The Southland Branch Committee needs your support please.

### **Moving house?**

Thank you to the members who have remembered to contact me with their change of addresses. I enter your new address into our GSA database.

### **Datacom**

While Datacom does have the addresses of all annuitants, they are not allowed to give the GSA

any change of address information, as this would breach privacy rules.

To advise Datacom, I can send you a form or you can phone 0800 654 731 to notify them of any changes either to your address and/or bank account details. Where mail is returned to me or bank accounts are closed, Datacom will make reasonable efforts to try to locate you. If you cannot be located, your annuity may be suspended until contact is re-established.

### **GSA Centennial book for sale**

There will be copies available for purchase at the AGM, \$40 per copy, 'Safeguarding Super, A centennial history 1920 – 2020', An interesting read written by Professor Roger Openshaw.

### **Joining a Spouse as a Member**

It does not cost any extra to enrol your spouse or partner as a member. A couple sharing an annuity pays one subscription. If a spouse survives a deceased member, they receive half the annuity and continued branch communications.

### **Change in contact details**

If you change any of your contact details you will need to contact both Datacom, 0800 654 731 and Southland GSA, 0800 888 472 so we can update this information on our respective databases.

I currently hold dual roles as your Branch Secretary and as a member of the GSA National Board along with John Beckham, so Southland is very well represented at the national level.

Anne Gover  
Southland GSA Secretary

### **CURRENT BRANCH COMMITTEE**

#### **Chairman:**

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**MID-WINTER LUNCH AND AGM  
Monday 13 June - 12pm for 12.30pm  
at The Foundry Restaurant  
181 North Road, Invercargill**

***AGM AGENDA following lunch***

- Welcome
- Apologies
- In Memoriam
- Minutes of the 2021 AGM
- Matters Arising
- Chairman’s Report
- Branch Financial Statement
- Election of Officers
  - Chairman
  - Delegate to National Council
  - Vice Chairman
  - Treasurer
  - Committee
- General Business

**Apologies:** Please send these to Anne

**Lunch Cost:** The cost is **\$25 per member**. The branch has subsidised this meal by contributing \$20 per member. Drinks are a personal cost.

**Payment:** Payment by cash will be collected by Anne when you arrive, or you may direct debit payment to the bank account GSA NZ Inc – 031355 0880099 00

**Dietary requirements:** Let Anne know if you have any dietary requirements when you register your intention to attend. Anne needs to let the restaurant know in advance as specialised meals cannot be prepared at short notice.

**Register to attend:** Register your intention to attend with Anne by phoning/texting her on 027 311 0625 or email [southland@gsa.org.nz](mailto:southland@gsa.org.nz) by Monday 6 June. Anne will then confirm numbers with the venue. The branch is required to pay for the numbers confirmed therefore anyone who has registered who is unable to attend on the day will be asked to make a payment to the branch.

**Car parking:** Car parking is off Gimblett St with wheelchair access.

**Transport:** Please let Anne know if you require transport.

**Menu Choice:**

**MAINS:**

1. Fried Chicken Chips & Salad
2. Crumbed Market Fish with Salad & Chips
3. Open Steak Sandwich & Chips

**DESSERT:**

4. Chocolate Caramel Eton Mess
5. Apple Boysenberry Crumble
6. Banoffee Pie Cheesecake

Tea or coffee

*Please pre-order on the menu form below by circling your choice(s)*

**REGISTRATION AND MEAL ORDER**

Name.....

Phone.....

Main: 1 or 2 or 3

Dessert: 4 or 5 or 6

*Please tick one of the boxes below*

<input type="checkbox"/>	I will pay on arrival
<input type="checkbox"/>	I have paid online