



SOUTHLAND BRANCH NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2019

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

It is my privilege once again as your elected Chairman and Delegate to attend our Council annual meeting 2019. The timetable this year had been shortened to commence 1100 hrs Saturday 07 September closing by 1515 hrs on Sunday 08 September to allow delegates and others wishing to attend to travel to Wellington to attend the Saturday opening and avoid the expense of Friday travel, hotel accommodation and meals. As Southland was recognised as having to travel on the Friday and incur hotel accommodation on the Friday evening, I was accorded the privilege. I missed having Friday evening meet up and a meal to discuss the agenda and share opinions as had been our practice in past years. Much of the agenda was standard on previous years Council, as branch members will note from reading the Branch Bulletin August 2019. Time over breakfast on Saturday and other breaks still presented opportunity for informal discussion on business items which is always interesting as is the renewal of long-standing GSA friendships.

I am grateful to members of our Southland Branch for your discussion on the Council agenda and directions to your delegate for participation in the forum.

Amongst the agenda notices of motion the strongest debate took place on the proposal to increase the subscription by 30c per pay (a total increase of \$3.90 per year) A strong debate came from the Auckland Branch

delegate opposing the increase and he concluded with the statement, "that if the increase is carried many of his branch members would vote with their feet!!!!" Voting was a further example of the voting command of the big branches – the motion was lost 40 to 25. The last item on Saturday was an address from a "young" MP Deborah Russell (aged 53 yrs) discussing her attribute as a tax expert with a background of public/civil service with emphasis on collaboration, equality and the ethos, "to service."

To conclude I look forward to my wife Jan and I meeting up with our membership at our pre-Xmas luncheon on Monday 02 December at the Foundry Restaurant – the cost will be subsidised to extend to you a small benefit from your sub. I extend my appreciation to members of our branch committee and a special thanks to our Secretary Louise.

Donald Mowat
Southland Branch Chairman

FROM THE SECRETARY

Locating Members

I am trying to contact one of our members, James Crighton. If anyone knows of his current contact details can you contact me please. This would be appreciated.

Members change of contact details

Maintaining members current contact details remains one of the most important parts of my job. Remember to contact me and then Datacom if you have any changes to your contact details, i.e.: address, phone and bank account details. You can update your GSA details yourself at www.gsa.org.nz. From the homepage select "Update Details" and enter your annuity number and last name, then select the 'update details' box. When you want to contact Datacom, I can either send you a form or you can phone them on 0800 654 731. When mail is returned to me or bank accounts are closed,

Datacom and I will make reasonable efforts to try to locate you. If you cannot be located, your annuity may be suspended until contact is re-established. 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.

Members

If you have any other queries regarding GSA or membership please contact me. I am a phone call or email away.

Louise Craig
Southland GSA Secretary

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If you are aware of an annuitant who is not a member they are welcome to be invited to attend the Christmas Luncheon. This is an opportunity to enrol another member in the Association.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Members and spouses are cordially invited to attend the Christmas function. Mike Smith, GSA board member will give a brief talk. Here are the details:

The Foundry Restaurant

Venue Address: 181 North Road, (corner of North Rd and Gimblett St), Waikiwi, Invercargill.

Date: Monday 2nd December.

Time: The restaurant will be open from 12pm, lunch being served at 12.30pm.

Cost: The actual cost is \$20 per member. The branch has subsidised this meal by contributing \$12.50 per member. The bar will operate on a cash basis.

Payment: Payment by cash or cheque to be collected by Louise when you arrive.

Register to attend: Register your intention to attend with Louise on 0800 888 472 or phone/text 027 692 0552 or email southland@gsa.org.nz by Monday 22 November. Louise 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.

Dietary requirements: Let Louise know if you have any dietary requirements when you register your intention to attend. Louise needs to let the restaurant know in advance as specialised meals cannot be prepared at short notice. The luncheon will consist of a choice of two mains and two desserts and tea and coffee.

Car parking: Car parking is off Gimblett St with wheel-chair access.

Transport: Please let Louise know if you require transport.