



SUPER NEWS

Canterbury / Westland Branch
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Chairperson's Report

In any “normal” year, this Newsletter would be easy to write because it would follow the annual Council meeting in September, giving me plenty of topics to discuss. This is the third Newsletter in a very “not normal” period of 18 months where Covid-19 has dictated proceedings. I took a risk in April this year when I suggested that “Perhaps we are moving into a year of much greater certainty ...”, a sentiment which lasted only 4 months before the majority of NZ’s population was severely locked-down and now with only partial success, perhaps the philosophy of eliminating Covid will sadly be relegated to dreamland.

The GSA Council meeting could not happen in September and the next best dates, when the Wellington hotel would be available, was October 23rd and 24th, which coincides with Labour Weekend. Many delegates can still attend but unfortunately, one of our delegates, Gavin Stuart has a prior family engagement that weekend. We have not been able to replace Gavin so our Branch will be represented by me as the only delegate. This does not affect our voting strength which, should a card-vote be called, is based on the number of members in the Branch. Ironically, if the Covid Level stays at Level 2, as now seems likely, the Wellington hotel (West Plaza) may limit GSA to just one delegate per Branch, to be able to maintain social distancing.

At Council last year there was no election needed for any position on the Board because there was just the right number of candidates. This year there will be an election for 5 members of the Board from 7 nominations received. The President, Tony Hamilton (Northland) and Vice President, Alan Straker (Marlborough), will be returned unopposed. One member who is not standing this year, was our last

Branch-Board liaison, Dallas Elvy. He will be missed for his pleasant manner, quiet thoughtful approach and good advice.

Within our Branch, Bernie Rose has for many years, organised the birthday visits to members and carried out other work on behalf of the Walker Trust. Bernie will continue visiting members and remain as our Walker Trust Social Convenor. Our Secretary Janine will carry out the other functions associated with the Trust. Many thanks Bernie for your devoted service.

At our Annual Meeting in May, Graham and Christine Payne didn't stand for the Committee this year and Neil Carter was unavailable for medical reasons. We thank all three for their contribution.

We had a guest speaker at the Annual Meeting: Simon Templeton, CEO of Age Concern Canterbury. Simon described an Organisation dedicated to helping older people and I was impressed in just how many ways Age Concern could help. If you have a need, or see others who might need help with anything, give Age Concern a thought. They may have an answer.

Another feature of our Annual Meeting was a negative one, and highlighted by Dallas Elvy when he was present as our Board representative. The attendance at our meeting was extremely small. (I calculate the number to be around 0.6% of our membership). Perhaps it was because the lock-downs of last year meant that we had the 2020 and 2021 Annual Meetings within 6 months. Perhaps I shouldn't be concerned. A number of years ago GSA ran a survey of members throughout the country, asking questions about what members wanted from the Association. More than 80% of respondents said that they just wanted the GSA To preserve the conditions of their annuity and providing social occasions was not a priority. Is our Annual Meeting just another "social occasion"?

Maurice Sinclair,
5th October, 2021.



The Branch has decided to hold a Meeting in June 2022 at the Hornby Working Men's Club, for our members who reside in the postal areas 8025 – 8046 and from Prebbleton to Rakaia.

Further details will be given in our next Newsletter – April, 2022.

Janine Lynn
October 2021.

BRANCH MEETINGS are held on the 4th Tuesday of every month except December, at the Papanui RSA, 55 Bellvue Avenue, Papanui, commencing 1.30 pm. Members are welcome to attend, however we would ask you to please ph Janine (942-7338) and let her know that you would like to attend, so that we can cater for afternoon tea.

5 Year Old Telling Mum

"I'm not going back to school anymore"

Mum says "Why not?"

"Because my teacher said on Monday, $4 + 4$ makes 8"

Mum replies "Okay"

"And then on Tuesday she said $6 + 2$ makes 8 and today she told us $5 + 3$ makes 8, so I'm not going back until she makes up her mind".



When you move it is vitally important that you inform ---

Both your Local Branch **AND** The Government Superannuation Fund.
OR The National Provident Fund.

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When members change addresses, we sometimes lose track of them. 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. Currently, we have lost track of the members listed below.



LOST MEMBERS

Mr Glenn Bateman
Mrs Lillian Carr
Mr Richard Clough
Mrs Jean Cunningham
Mr Alan Halliwell
Mrs Isobel Holden
Mrs Patricia Hudson
Mrs Margaret Husband
Mrs Anne MacLean
Mrs Constance McHardy
Mr Peter Reynolds
Mr Desmond Riley
Mrs Teresa West
Mr Murray Wildbore

Last known address

4 Longspur Ave, Wigram
98 Teesdale Street, Burnside
1014 Two Chain Road, Rangiora
23 Bartlett St, Riccarton, 8011
PO Box 33262, Barrington
28 Erin Crescent, Mairehau
Parkstone RV
51 Hills Road, Edgeware, 8013
Cashmere Retirement, 72H Rose Street.
34 Bright St, Westport
15 Severn Street, St Albans
Park Lane RV, Whiteleigh Ave, 8024
1/14 Mansfield Ave, St Albans
24 Te Rito Street, Marshland

CAN YOU HELP: Please phone Janine Lynn at 942-7338 or 0800 888 472 with details if you are able to help.

A Big "Thank You" to those members who are able to help me locate our 'missing members' every 6 months. Your calls are greatly appreciated.

Visits To Our Sub Branches

The Canterbury Westland GSA Branch committee members' travel to our Sub Branches in Ashburton, Rangiora and the West Coast on a rotating 3 year cycle, to meet with our members.

We travelled to Ashburton in April of this year, for a successful Meeting at the Ashburton Hotel. We have planned our Rangiora Meeting for March, 2022 and the West Coast in 2023.

A separate Newsletter will be sent to our members in the Rangiora catchment area, advising them of the dates, venue and times approximately 3 weeks prior to the Meeting.

However, if anyone has any questions, issues etc that they wish to discuss, please feel free to call Janine on 0800 888 472, or email cantywest@gsa.org.nz

Janine Lynn
Secretary/Treasurer

I would like to say a "big thank you" to all who have helped me and my late wife (Janice) over the years, with birthday visits for the Walker Trust. It has been a privilege to meet and work with so many of you. You have all done a marvellous job and made my task more enjoyable.

Once again, thank you very much, and I look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Luncheon. Bring your raffle money with you.

Bernie Rose

THE JOYS OF SHARING, LIVING, AND GIVING, ARE FOUND IN FRIENDS.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Have you reached the age of 79? If you have we will post you a Birthday Card, or we can visit you, on all your following birthdays. All that is required, is for you to telephone Janine (03 9427338 or 0800 888 472) with your date of birth and telephone number.



We are one of the few branches that carry out this small gesture to our older members, and have noted that we have a lot of birthdates missing from the database and we wish to have this updated. If you are 80 years plus and did not receive a card or a visit, please call Janine on 03 942-7338.

WALKER TRUST REPORT

Our “team of visitors” have been working hard again this year, visiting those on our list of over 80’s on, or close to their birthdays. These visits have been greatly appreciated, going from the thank you cards, notes and telephone calls we receive.

We are looking for members who can assist with visiting members on their birthday, in the following areas:

- Cass Bay / Governors Bay
- Ashburton Area
- Lincoln / Rolleston
- Sumner / Richmond Hill / Ferrymead
- Bromley / Woolston
- New Brighton / Avondale
- Parklands / Mairehau

This is a very rewarding task that does not take up much of your time. We would love to hear from you – Call Janine on (03 942-7338) for further information.

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**"It's the latest innovation in office safety.
When your computer crashes, an air bag is activated
so you won't bang your head in frustration."**

*We are still battling Covid 19
And the next thing is here already*

The Nile Virus, type C

*It appears to target those who were
Born between 1940 and 1970*

Symptoms:

1. Causes you to send the same message twice
2. Causes you to send a blank message
3. Causes you to send a message to the wrong person
4. Causes you to send it back to the person who sent it to you
5. Causes you to forget to attach the attachment
6. Causes you to hit SEND before you've finished
7. Causes you to hit DELETE instead of SEND
8. Causes you to SEND when you should DELETE

It is called the C-NILE virus !!

*And if you can't admit doing the above you've obviously
caught the mutated strain, the D-NILE virus.*

CHRISTMAS BUFFET LUNCH**CHRISTMAS BUFFET LUNCHEON MENU****Main:**

Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding
 Roast Chicken
 Gourmet Potatoes
 Minted Peas
 Carrots

Dessert:

Fresh Fruit Salad
 Pavlova Paradise
 Christmas Cake with Tea/Coffee

CHRISTMAS BUFFET LUNCHEON**Tuesday 7 December 2021****12 Noon – Bar Opens at 11 am****Papanui RSA – 55 Bellvue Avenue, Papanui**

You are welcome to bring a friend.

RAFFLE TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE 5 tickets = \$5

Cost after subsidy, per person \$28.00, and must be made to our account as below,

Our A/c is Westpac 03 0830 0270990 000. Please ensure you use your surname as the Reference.

Please make payment, then complete and return this section by **FRIDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2021**

I/We intend to be present at the Christmas Luncheon. Cost \$28 per person

Number attending _____ Paid Internet Banking \$ _____

Please Print:

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Partner: First _____ Surname: _____

Friend: First _____ Surname: _____

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This tear-off must be sent by due date, as there will definitely be no door sales.