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NEWSLETTER

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Hello everyone - I trust this finds you all in good health and good spirits. I hope you've all enjoyed the long summer we've had - here's hoping the winter is as kind. Enclosed is the March issue of *Purpose* - a little late getting to you but I hope you enjoy it nevertheless.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thirty-four members, partners and friends attended the 69th AGM and dinner at the Otago Bridge Club on Saturday 2nd March. Elected to the Committee were: President - Tony Horsfall; Vice President - Rory McSweeney; Coordinator - Yours Truly; Committee - Hinemoa Graveson, David Johnston (Invercargill), Simon McMillan, Evan Mitchell (Balclutha), Holly Robinson, Graeme Sayer, and Tony Wilson. Thank you to those who donated towards the raffles which raised \$225 towards the evening's expenses.

We were privileged to have the Hon Jo Goodhew as our guest speaker. Jo is the Minister with responsibility for artificial limb services in NZ and one of her other portfolios is the Minister for Senior Citizens. In her talk, Jo referred to social isolation and the need to encourage older people to take part in activities and volunteer their skills. This prompted the committee to think about how we can cater for the needs of our members and a questionnaire for you to complete is included with this newsletter - we look forward to hearing from you!

NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to the following new members since the last newsletter: Ross Notman of Dunedin, Doris Scott of Invercargill, Gaylene Adams of Mataura, Murray Cooper of Dunedin, Nick Leefe of Mosgiel, Neil Jenkins of Mosgiel, Mary Clark of Port Chalmers, and Ross Smith of Invercargill.

OBITUARIES

We have recorded with regret the passing of Bill Johnston of Invercargill and Errol Houghton of Dunedin.

HERE & THERE

Mid Winter Dinner - See the bottom of the questionnaire form for details of our Mid Winter Dinner in Balclutha on Saturday 8 June and come and join us! Transport from Dunedin and Invercargill provided.

National Conference - Thanks to a generous grant from Pub Charity, 14 of our members joined the Conference and Give it a Go event in Wellington on 15-17 March. It was once again a very successful weekend - a report will be included in the next issue of *Purpose*. Our Society is well represented on the National Executive with Simon into his 2nd year as President; Chris Ross (a member of our Society now living in Auckland) was re-elected to the Executive Committee and Rory McSweeney was also elected to the Committee. The role of National Coordinator continues.....

Our thanks to the Invercargill Licensing Trust for their recent grant. We have also been fortunate to receive a \$1,000 grant through our SBS Star account.

Overdue Subs - There are still a few members who haven't paid their \$5 sub for 2012. If you have a red dot on your newsletter this applies to you and we would appreciate you bringing your subs up to date by paying for 2012 and 2013 as soon as possible.

Speaking of subscriptions, it was decided at the AGM to increase these to \$10 as from next year. The sub was last increased in 1990 to the present \$5, having gone up by minimal amounts over the years from the original rate of Five Shillings (50c) for men and Two Shillings and Sixpence (25c) for women in 1944.

Emailed Newsletters - An increasing number of members now receive their newsletters and *Purpose* by email. If you would like to be included, email me at lrrstan@xtra.co.nz.

For Golfers - A reminder that the Society's golf cart at the Twelve Oaks Golf Course in Mosgiel is available for you to use - contact Tony Wilson on 455-8426 to make arrangements.

HERE & THERE (cont.)

Committee Meetings - Members are welcome to join us at the Otago Bridge Club. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 29 May at 7.30 pm.

Taxi Vouchers - In the last newsletter we advised that the Mobility Vouchers can be used for the Driving Miss Daisy taxi service in Alexandra. This now applies also to the Driving Miss Daisy taxi service in Oamaru (phone 434-8421). A significant difference with Driving Miss Daisy (available also in Dunedin) is that the driver will provide personal assistance, e.g. attending a doctor's appointment, helping with shopping etc. The vouchers, which entitle you to a 50% discount on taxis, are available from me (Otago members) or in Southland you will need to complete an initial application form available from Maurice & Mavis Elford (215-6715). Once on the register, you then contact Lisa Griffiths at the Invercargill City Council (211-1777) for your supply of vouchers. A reminder to everyone that our taxi vouchers can be used anywhere in NZ, including cities such as Auckland where they use swipe cards.

OUR GRANTS

Applications are invited for grants from the following funds:

Meffan and Pankhurst Funds - Welfare grants up to a maximum of \$300 in any one year can be made from these funds to help improve independence and quality of life. Some examples of purposes for which grants can be made are: health and medical services; subsidising of travel over and above Total Mobility taxi vouchers; the cost of hiring a mobility scooter; home comforts, e.g. wood, coal etc; assistance towards the installation of a heat pump or the cost of ceiling and underfloor insulation and heating; equipment which will assist independence and/or mobility.

Coyle Young Achievers' Fund - Grants up to \$500 can be made to young people up to the age of 30 to help with cultural and sporting interests and hobbies. Young people are encouraged to get in touch with the Coordinator or a Committee member to discuss possibilities.

Application Forms for all grants are available from the Coordinator and will be considered by the Finance Sub Committee after the closing date of 31 May. Applicants must have been a financial member of the Society for at least two years and, if successful, grants will be paid only upon the supply of a quote or invoice, with payment made to the service provider.

OUR VISITORS - Get in touch if you would like a visit or just a chat.

- Dunedin and Districts - Lorraine Peacock 455-6347 and Tony Horsfall 453-1261
- Invercargill - David Johnston 214-1548 and Alice Smith 216-4271
- Gore - Bill Lee 203-8263
- Oamaru - John Hutcheson 437-1283
- Lakes District - Tetli Carey 409-0484

Until next time, take care

Lorraine Peacock

SUBSCRIPTION form for those of you who haven't yet paid this year's sub or have a red dot!

Membership subscription (\$5)	\$
Associate Membership for partner/spouse (\$5)	\$
Donation	\$
Badge (\$5)	\$
Total	\$

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(Include name of partner/spouse if subscribing as an Associate Member)

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(Please tick the box if you would like to receive your newsletters by email)

If paying by cheque, return with form to Lorraine at 213a Bay View Road, St Clair, Dunedin 9012. Or you can pay by direct credit to our bank account 031355 0277644 00 (please identify with your name).

WHAT CAN WE DO FOR YOU?

The Committee would like to know if there's anything we can offer members that may fill a gap and/or provide an opportunity to get out and about. Maybe one of the activities listed below would be of interest - we would appreciate your response. You can return this form to 213A Bay View Road, St Clair, Dunedin 9012, email your response to Lorraine at lorrystan@xtra.co.nz, or phone 455-6347.

Please put a tick or a cross in the box if you are/are not interested in taking part in the activity.

Mystery bus trip	<input type="checkbox"/>
Botanic Gardens, including afternoon tea	<input type="checkbox"/>
Museum	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cooking Demonstration	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ten Pin Bowling	<input type="checkbox"/>
Billiards/Pool	<input type="checkbox"/>

Have you any other suggestions or comments?

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Name

Contact details (Address, Phone or Email)

WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU!

MID WINTER DINNER

Where	Town & Country Club 1 Yarmouth Street, Balclutha
When	Saturday 8 June
Time	From 6 pm
Menu	A wide choice at reasonable prices (Can be sent to you if you wish)

Transport will be provided from Dunedin and Invercargill

Phone Lorraine 455-6347 or David 214-1548

Tick the box if you're a starter!