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Marlborough Branch Spring 2025 Newsletter

Marlborough Branch Executive 2025-2026

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Message from Chairperson- Alan Straker

Greetings to all Marlborough Branch GSA members.

At our AGM in June, we farewelled Kath Gilchrist from our committee pending a move to Christchurch. We welcomed Marty Day onto the committee. The other office holders continue in their roles. A good turnout was recorded, which I'm sure was a result of the excellent meal provided by the vintage car club and the wine provided by Clark Estate.

The committee met on four occasions during the year, plus our AGM, a combined meeting with the Nelson Committee in April and an afternoon tea meeting with our Picton members in late September.

In early September I completed 8 years on the national Board stepping down as President for the last two years. Rob Stewart and Mary Griffiths attended as our Branch delegates with Mary also attending a secretary's training day prior to the Council meeting. Guest speaker Tracey Martin, Chief Executive of Aged Care Assoc. NZ gave an interesting address highlighting the issue of lack of care facilities in NZ and their goal to encourage the government to make more beds available for residential care not just retirement villages. Ireen Muir the Schemes

Manager for GSFA spoke about recent changes and what the future for schemes such as GSF and NPF might entail. Sandi Gusscott was elected President for the next 12 months with two new faces joining the Board table.

An interesting development, which may be a sign of the future is the demise of the Taupo Branch (one of the smallest in the country) which sought amalgamation with the Waikato/King Country Branch. While they have a functioning committee, they were finding it increasingly difficult to generate attendance at events. Council approved this motion.

Workshops focused on Branch initiatives in communicating with members and explored other ways of generating activity within branches.

GSA's attempt to get the government to action the recommendation of a 2019 select committee report regarding 100% Cost of Living adjustments for all annuitants has so far been unsuccessful despite three letters to the Minister of Finance in the last 12 months.

We are holding our Xmas function at the Vintage Car Club rooms on Monday 24th November. The cost is \$30 per head (after a subsidy provided by your committee). Check out the reply details at the end of this newsletter.

Thank you for your continuing support of GSA. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Xmas function. If you can't make it, then all the best for a safe and enjoyable festive season.

Alan Straker
Chairperson
Marlborough Branch GSA



*In loving memory of those
members and family
members
who have passed away
since Spring 2024.*

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OR The National Provident Fund

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A festive Christmas dinner table setting. The table is covered with a vibrant red tablecloth. Each place setting includes a white bowl with a gold rim, a white plate with a gold rim, and a clear glass. A small white cup filled with a dark, textured substance sits on a white saucer. A red poinsettia flower is placed on the plate. The table is decorated with greenery and red poinsettias. The background is a blurred view of the same table setting.

If you live in the Blenheim area and would like a pick up and drop off for the Xmas function please advise our secretary Mary Griffiths marlborough@gsa.org.nz

RSVP for Xmas Luncheon on Monday 24 November 2025

Marlborough Vintage Car Clubrooms, Brayshaw Park

(Car park off Arthur Baker Place)

I will be attending the Xmas luncheon. Name _____

I will be accompanied by Name _____

Payment of \$30 per person can be made via Internet Banking to GSA Marlborough
Account 11-7500-0581667-11 RSVP and payment by 19th November please.

Put your initial and surname in the 'particulars' box and **Xmas Lunch** in reference field.

You can cut out this RSVP and post it to GSA Marlborough P.O. Box 4033, Blenheim 7242.
Alternatively **copy and paste** into an email to our treasurer Noel Frater, lyn.noel@extra.co.nz

To make you smile.....

