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This newsletter is being emailed to all our members with email addresses. We are unable to print and dispatch paper copies of the newsletter during the current Government emergency provisions. Please contact any member you know does not have email and let them know information from the emailed version.

Members will find updates on the GSA situation relating to Covid-19 on the GSA website – see the opening page for GSA' COVID-19 IMPACT UPDATE."



The GSA Board is closely watching the impact on New Zealand of the Covid -19 world pandemic. At this stage our Branch AGM held in June, has been cancelled until further notice. The Association's national annual Council meeting and centennial launch are currently scheduled to go ahead in September. This could well change, guided by public messaging from Government. The GSA website will be kept up to date about these events and any other activities, as information becomes available.

Marlborough Branch Autumn 2020 Newsletter

A message from Chairperson

Alan Straker:

Greetings to all members of the Marlborough Branch of GSA. It's unbelievable how our lives can change in such a short space of time. I trust you are keeping yourselves and family members safe and secure.

Statistically the big majority of our members fall into the higher risk category so it's very important to take appropriate precautions to keep ourselves as safe as possible.

Like all organizations GSA operations have been impacted by Covid 19. Currently our AGM planned for June is on hold and our committee meetings suspended in the meantime. At this stage planning for Council in September and the associated book launch is continuing but I have serious doubts that we'll be able to go ahead with this (I hope I'm proved wrong).

Since our last newsletter communication, we have held a successful Xmas function and although numbers were down from

the previous year a good time was had by those who attended.

Your committee also visited our Kaikoura members to bring them up to date with GSA activities and to answer any questions they had.

In March we held a combined committee meeting with our Nelson counterparts and were able to discuss a lot of issues common to both branches with a view to expressing our ideas to National Office.

At our Branch committee meeting in February we co-opted Mary Griffith onto our team. Mary has been a great supporter of our functions and takes a keen interest in the operation of GSA. We welcome her on board.

Several of our members have passed away over recent months and on your behalf the committee has sent messages of condolence to the families. Remember to ensure that the Association is aware of your correct contact details and changes in circumstances when a member dies, so we can provide you with support regarding your annuity in what can be a stressful time.

At National Board level I am currently Vice-President and involved in several sub-committees (Finance, Membership and Centennial). This involvement gives me a good insight into how your organization works at a national level and how important it is to have GSA protecting the conditions of our annuity.

The board are dealing with several major projects at present not the least of which is the shape of our organization going forward. A few branches are starting to struggle getting members to fill key office holding positions, a situation that will probably continue in the years to come.

Fortunately our local committee is in a 'healthy' space at present but we need to ensure this continues by encouraging new blood to join our group-so give it some thought it's not an onerous task.

This newsletter will come to you via e-mail as our printing and distribution service is not operational at present. If you do not currently choose to get your newsletters by e-mail you can opt out of this in the future once the virus situation has been resolved.

National office staff are working from home and ensuring that the services we provide to members are not disrupted more than necessary. Our website gsa.org.nz has heaps of information so check it out.

In the meantime, stay safe, look after your loved ones and keep an eye open for the light at the end of the tunnel (hopefully it's not a train!).

Alan Straker
Branch Chairperson

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Statement of Income & Expenditure for year ended 31Mar20

Cheque A/C Balance 31Mar19 **\$5,162-07**

INCOME:-

Direct Credit Subs \$3,509-80
 Bank Interest 3-75
 A G M Luncheon 450-00
 Christmas Luncheon 925-00

EXPENDITURE:-

Functions \$805-79
 Stamps/Stationery 306-15
 A G M Luncheon 558-00
 Christmas Luncheon 1,155-00
 P O BOX Rental 180-00
 Transfer to Savings A/C 1,000-00
 Lenovo Laptop 517-50
 Miscellaneous 644-00

Sub Total: \$5,166-44

Less unrepresented chq. 85-65

Sub Total: \$4,888-55

\$5,080-79

Closing Balance 31Mar20 \$4,969-83

Total: \$10,050-62

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Term Deposit:- \$11,720-18

Savings Account:- \$ 1,034-09

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