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Marlborough Branch Autumn 2021 Newsletter



Our Marlborough Branch AGM is to be held in the Taylor Restaurant at Clubs of Marlborough on:

Monday 21st June, 2021

Commencing at 11.30 am

It is expected the meeting will be no longer than 30 mins and will be followed by a light lunch commencing at 12.15pm. The cost to members for lunch is only \$15 as your branch has subsidized the function. Details of registering and paying are included at the end of this newsletter.

Our National president Tony Hamilton will be our special guest and it will be good to have him share some 'big picture' GSA matters.

Please complete the RSVP at the end of the newsletter and post or email as directed.

A message from Chairperson

Alan Straker:

Let's hope 2021 brings a bit more stability and certainty than we had last year.

Our Xmas function doubled as our 2020 AGM postponed from June and we were able to get the formal part over with quickly and then share in a lovely meal and enjoy each other's company helped by some great Clark Estate wine! (thanks Peter).

Of course, the event was also a celebration of GSA turning 100 years old and we hosted Marlborough's Mayor John Leggett and our local MP Stuart Smith who both thoroughly enjoyed their involvement. John was presented with a copy of the Centennial book for the Marlborough library and Stuart cut the Centennial cake ably assisted by one of our life members, Bill Cox.



MP Stuart Smith, Life Member Bill Cox and committee members Joan Palmer and Mary Griffiths prepare to cut the cake.



The 2020 committee left to right were: Brian Bridgman, David Jones, Barbara Hutchinson, Alan McEvoy, Mary Griffiths, Noel Frater, Peter Sanguine, Joan Palmer, Alan Straker.

At the AGM we elected Kath Gilchrist and Colin Draper to the committee. Colin has previously been secretary but missed us so much he had to come back!

We also said farewell to Joan Palmer a dedicated committee member for many years. Her contribution on behalf of members has been really appreciated and we thank her for her service.

You will hopefully be aware that all the major banks are stopping the use of cheques during 2021. Kiwibank has already done so, and others are following suit in May and early June. This has caused a degree of angst among our membership, many of whom may not have access to a computer or who feel a bit overwhelmed by technology.

Lots of charities are somewhat anxious as a lot of their donations traditionally are made by cheque.

All the major banks are assuring customers they will support them in transitioning to internet banking and are inviting you to contact them if you have any issues or questions.

GSA Marlborough is set up for internet banking so you can pay for functions via that method.

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.

Annuity News, our national newsletter accompanies this local one. Please take the time to read it as it contains some great information of interest to our members.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our AGM on June 21.

Alan Straker

Chairperson Marlborough GSA.

RSVP for AGM and Luncheon on Monday 21 June, 2021

Taylor Restaurant, Clubs of Marlborough.

YES, I will be attending the AGM and luncheon. Name _____

I will be accompanied by Name _____

Payment-see below.

Payment of \$15 per person can be made via Internet Banking to GSA Marlborough
Account 11-7500-0581667-11

Put your initial and surname in the 'particulars' box and **AGM** 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@xtra.co.nz

Apologies can be made to marlborough@gsa.org.nz