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## Marlborough Branch Spring 2024 Newsletter

### Marlborough Branch Executive 2024-2025

<b>Chairperson</b> Alan Straker	<b>Committee</b>	Rose Preston
<b>Vice Chairperson</b> Rob Stewart		Peter Sangwine
<b>Secretary</b> Mary Griffiths		John Monson
<b>Treasurer</b> Noel Frater		Kath Gilchrist

### Message from Chairperson - Alan Straker

Greetings to all Marlborough Branch GSA members.

At our AGM in June, we farewelled long -serving committee member, Alan McEvoy. Alan completed far more years on the committee than he had planned, and his input is greatly appreciated. Rob Stewart stepped into Alan's vice-chairperson role and Rose Preston was elected onto the committee.

In early September I attended the Council meeting in Wellington where I was elected for a further year as national President. Rob Stewart and Peter Sangwine attended as our Branch delegates. It was a busy and productive couple of days with a new constitution approved to comply with the Incorporated Societies Act and development of the Strategic Plan with a real focus on keeping our organization vibrant and relevant.

Disappointingly for those of you who are affected by the Government's lack of action around getting 100% of the cost of living adjustment for all our members, I reported to Council that despite a letter to the Minister of Finance in March and a follow up in July we are yet to receive a reply from her on this issue.

At the local level your committee has met every second month as well as a combined meeting with the Nelson Branch committee and our AGM. During the year we were able to support spouses and families of members who had died during what can be a very stressful time. We also contributed to national policy through responding to various questionnaires and surveys.

The Annuity News which accompanies this Branch newsletter contains a number of articles that will be of importance to GSA members. The issue of Assignment where an annuitant signs over part of their annuity to a spouse or another person is explained further. GSA can explain the process and provide contact numbers for you to follow up on this, BUT we can't provide financial advice to members.

Once again, we are holding our Xmas function at the Vintage Car Club rooms on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November. Those of you who attended last year will be able to attest to the excellent meal provided and the great social time had by all. The cost is \$30 per head (after a subsidy provided by your committee).

Again, I would urge you to speak to friends and colleagues if you know they are receiving Government Super but are not members of our organization and encourage them to join. For a relatively small fee of \$39 for a year, an annuitant can get the 'insurance' of having a national organization safeguarding the conditions of their annuity and holding the government of the day to account, to ensure they meet their obligations. An annuitant's spouse /partner can also join at no extra cost.

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 2023.*



RSVP for Xmas Luncheon on Monday 25 November 2024

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 20<sup>th</sup> 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@xtra.co.nz](mailto:lyn.noel@xtra.co.nz)

Something to make you smile.....

