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Marlborough Branch Autumn 2024 Newsletter



Our Marlborough Branch AGM is to be held in the
Marlborough Vintage Car Clubrooms at Brayshaw Park

Monday 10th June 2024

Commencing at 11.30 am

It is expected the meeting will be no longer than 30 mins and will be followed by lunch commencing at 12.15pm. Those of you who attended the Xmas function at this venue last year will remember the quality meal that was provided. The cost to members for lunch is only **\$18** as your branch has subsidized the function. Details of registering and paying are included at the end of this newsletter.

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

If you live in Blenheim and require transport to and from the meeting and lunch then please note this on the return form. The committee will arrange to pick you up and drop you back home after lunch.

A message from your Chairperson:

Firstly, I would like to express my condolences to the families of members who have passed away over the past 12 months.

Our Branch has been busy over the past year. A coffee meeting was held in Kaikoura early November where I hosted 8 local members and on 14th November your committee took the 'road show' to Picton where we had a good number turn up for an information session and afternoon tea.

A great Xmas function was held at the Vintage Car Club at Brayshaw Park where 43 of our members enjoyed a fantastic lunch helped along with some excellent Clark Estate wine. We have booked this venue once again for the Xmas function and as you would have noted we are also having our AGM and lunch there on 10th June. We are hosting John Beckham, our national Board, Branch liaison person.

In March members of the Nelson committee travelled over for a combined meeting held in our new library.

As national president of GSA I've had several trips to Wellington both for Board meetings and to meet with other organizations that we deal with including GSFA and Treasury. Currently I'm writing to the new Minister of Finance to encourage her to act on the recommendation made to the government by the Finance and Expenditure committee in **2019** to rectify the COLA issue for a number of our members.

I want to acknowledge your committee members:

VICE CHAIR Alan McEvoy

SECRETARY Mary Griffiths

TREASURER Noel Frater

COMMITTEE Peter Sangwine, Kath Gilchrist, John Monson & Rob Stewart

and thank them for their contribution over the last 12 months.

We are always looking for new 'blood' so if you feel you could put your hand up to be part of the committee then jump in!

The Datacom mail out in April detailing the Cost of Living adjustment for the past 12 months also included a personal letter from me as national President to around 20,000 annuitants who are not currently GSA members. We hope to attract a number of new members. There is real value in belonging to an organization dedicated to protecting the conditions of your annuity especially in the current political climate. If you know of

people, maybe former workmates, who are receiving a GSF annuity but are not a GSA member then tap them on the shoulder and encourage them to join.

We encourage our members to keep a data book containing key information, photocopies of important documents and contact numbers that a family member or someone with an Enduring Power of Attorney can quickly access if a member dies. Make sure these people know where it's stored!

I hope to see many of you at the AGM, in the meantime stay safe and well.

Alan Straker
Chairperson

RSVP for AGM and Luncheon on Monday 10th June, 2024

Vintage Car Clubrooms, Brayshaw Park at 11.30 am.

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

I will be accompanied by Name _____

Payment-see below.

Payment of **\$18 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

If you require transport, please complete this section:

Address _____

Contact phone number _____

GOVERNMENT SUPERANNUITANTS ASSOC. OF N. Z. – MARLBOROUGH BRANCH

Statement of income & Expenditure for year ended 31 Mar 2024

Cheque A/C Balance 31Mar23 \$5,957-41

INCOME:-		EXPENDITURE:-	
Direct Credit Subs	\$3,359-52	Stamps/Stationery	\$ 729-90
Bank Interest	139-58	Functions	3,761-29
Functions	2,095-00	Miscellaneous	988-20
Sub Total:-	\$5,594-10	Sub Total:-	\$5,479-39
		Closing Balance 31Mar24	\$6,072-12
Total:-	\$11,551-51	Total:-	\$11,551-51

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Term Deposit:- A N Z Bank - \$10,860-55 for 12 mths @ 6.00%
(matures 26 Sep24)

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(The accounts have yet to be reviewed)