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## Marlborough Branch Spring 2021 Newsletter

### Message from Chairperson- Alan Straker

Greetings to all Marlborough Branch GSA members. Well, just when we thought it was safe to go back in the water! Covid has brought another year of disruption to our organization both nationally and locally. At the national level our annual council meeting has been rescheduled for Labour Weekend and a couple of Board meetings either cancelled or held via Zoom. The appointment and interview process to replace our two national office staff was also undertaken using Zoom. Locally the combined Nelson /Marlborough committee meeting was called off along with our planned visits to Kaikoura and Picton.

We were able to hold our AGM as planned in June and hosted the national president Tony Hamilton to speak to the 42 attendees.

Our committee is welcoming John Monson to the group, although because of Covid John has yet to attend a meeting. Hopefully by the time you read this we will have rectified that situation.

Thanks to Barbara, Noel, David, Alan M, Mary, Kath, Peter and Colin for your work on behalf of our Marlborough committee.

The Annuity News which is published along with this local newsletter has some excellent information that will be of interest to you.

In particular, see the articles on

- Personal Data Booklets
- Protecting your Spouse /partner's annuity rights
- Issues around joint banking arrangements for bereaved spouses
- Our new Executive Officer



**Marlborough Branch Xmas Function**  
**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Taylor Restaurant, Clubs of Marlborough.**  
**Welcome at 11.45am followed by lunch at**  
**midday.**



If the thought of : Glazed Ham on the bone, Roast beef, Roast potatoes, Honey glazed carrots, Minted peas, Cauliflower/ Broccoli & Cheese Sauce and a salad selection followed by a wonderful dessert of Fruit Salad and ice-cream, Steamed Fruit Pudding & Custard, Trifle and a cuppa to follow, gets your taste buds going, then get yourself booked in for our Xmas function.

The cost per head is \$30. This is after a generous subsidy has been provided by the committee who might also shout you a drink for Xmas if the Chairperson can talk them into it. RSVP instructions below.

Alan Straker  
Chairperson  
Marlborough Branch GSA



*In loving memory of those members and family members who have passed away since Spring 2020.*

**RSVP for Xmas Luncheon on Monday 29 November, 2021**

**Taylor Restaurant, Clubs of Marlborough from 11.45 am**

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 24<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)