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Marlborough Branch Autumn 2019 Newsletter

The Branch Annual General Meeting (AGM), to be held at the Taylor's Bar & Restaurant (Clubs of Marlborough), 42 Alfred Street Blenheim – Monday 24th June 2019 at 11.30am. Doors open 11.00am. **RSVP and Payment essential by 17th June.**

Agenda:

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| 1, Welcome | 5, Treasurer's Report |
| 2, Apologies | 6, Election of Committee |
| 3, Minutes of the 2018 AGM | 7, Appointment of Reviewer |
| 4, Chairman's Report | 8, General Business |

A finger food luncheon will be held after the AGM at a cost of **\$15.00** for all attending. (RSVP form **page 3**).

Message from Chairperson- Alan Straker

Greetings to all members of the Marlborough Branch of GSA.

Firstly my thanks to the members of your local committee who work on your behalf to maintain a GSA presence in Marlborough. They regularly attend meetings and contribute to planning local events and also give our branch perspective to issues raised by our national office. We meet 8 times a year and the meetings generally take about an hour and half (usually shorter). Two of our meetings are held in Picton and Kaikoura to ensure we touch base with members in those areas.

In each newsletter and at our AGM and social functions I ask for more people to join our committee and I do so again here. Please put your hand up for a few hours work a year and help represent our members in protecting the conditions of our annuities and serving the members of the GSA.

I also serve on the National Board of the GSA and that provides me with an insight into the important role your association has in preserving the conditions of our scheme. I am part of the finance committee, Risk & Audit committee and lead the Branch Support & Liaison committee. Many of the activities undertaken at national level will appear in annuity news so I won't repeat them here.

A number 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 circumstance when a member dies, so we can provide you with support regarding your annuity in what can be a stressful time.

Next year GSA will be celebrating 100 years of existence. A history of the organization has been written and is due to be published in the next 12 months.

We hope to celebrate this milestone locally by having a bumper Xmas party in 2020!

If you have any questions or concerns about your annuity or around personal circumstances relating to it, please feel free to contact myself or the secretary in the first instance. If we don't know the answers, then we'll get them for you.

Colin Draper who has been secretary of our branch for a number of years recently indicated he would be standing down from this position at the annual meeting in June. Colin has been an extremely effective and efficient secretary and will be hard to replace. On your behalf I thank him for the work he has done for GSA and wish he and Jan the very best for the future.

Finally, I hope to see a good turnout at our AGM in June details of which appear elsewhere in the newsletter.

Alan Straker, Chairperson Marlborough Branch GSA.

Picton & Kaikoura Visits:

Picton:

Another successful visit by the Marlborough Branch committee, to Picton for the GSA members afternoon tea meeting. Although numbers were down this year, for those attending a very informative presentation was given by Chairman Alan Straker. Particularly discussions that were held at the 2018 Council AGM. This was followed by a sumptuous afternoon tea.

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Kaikoura:

Tuesday 16th October, several members of the committee attended an afternoon tea meeting with about 12 Kaikoura members. As of previous meetings the Kaikoura members were pleased to see and hear what we had to say.

Secretary: Colin Draper

Paper work for a secretary never stops!

Routine administration to maintain the effectiveness of an organization is gratifying knowing that members with any concerns are being heard and actions taken in a timely manner that benefits and helps all.

When I was asked to be the Branch Secretary, I had given myself a period of time that would allow me to achieve a number of 'things' that I wanted to do. This I have done and I wish now to move on and allow another member to take on this role, particularly in the lead up to the Centenary (2020) celebrations of our National (GSA) organization.

Firstly, I would like to very much thank, our Chairman Alan Straker for his continued support also his predecessor John Lewis, committee members branch members that I have come in contact with.

All the best for the future.

Thank you, Colin



RSVP
Yes, I am coming to the luncheon on The 24 th June 2019
I will be accompanied by
I enclose \$
No, I am unable to come to the luncheon <i>Please delete that which is not</i> <i>applicable.</i>
Signed
Please print name:
Please return to your Treasurer at P.O. Box 4033 Redwoodtown 7242 Or Email: lyn.noel@xtra.co.nz If paying by direct credit 11-7500-0581667-11

GOVERNMENT SUPERANNUITANTS ASSOC OF NZ – MARLB BRANCH

Statement of Income & Expenditure for year ended 31 Mar 19

Cheque A/C Balance 31 Mar 18 **\$4,716-09**

Income:-

Direct Credit Subs	\$3,680-60
Bank interest	5-00
AGM Luncheon	795-00
Christmas Luncheon	1,548-00
Donations	15-00

Sub Total: \$6,043-60

Total \$10,759-69

Expenditure:-

Functions	1,322-48
Stamps/Stationery	504-14
AGM Luncheon	1,050-00
Christmas Luncheon	1,782-00
P.O. Box Rental	170-00
Miscellaneous	769-00

Sub Total: \$5,597-62

Closing Balance 31 Mar19 \$5,162-07

Total: \$10,759-69

Term Deposit:-	The Cooperative Bank:-	Opening Balance -	\$11,171-86
		Interest – Oct 18	180-80
		Apr 19	183-72
		Closing Balance -	\$11,356-38

Saver Account:- The Cooperative Bank:- **\$25-00**
 (We need a savings a/c in order to have a term deposit. The member rebate is credited to this less \$1-50 when a statement is sent out)

In my opinion , from the information provided to me, the financial statement, as presented, shows the true financial position of the Government Superannuitants Association of NZ – Marlborough Branch, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended 31st March 2018.

Reviewer
 Brian Bridgman
 47 Holdaway St
 Blenheim

Date