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## Marlborough Branch Autumn 2023 Newsletter



With the closing of the Clubs of Marlborough we have a new venue for our AGM this year.

Our Marlborough Branch AGM is to be held in the **Scenic Hotel, Alfred Street** Blenheim (opposite the Anglican Church). Put the date on your calendar.

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

**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. 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.

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



## A message from Chairperson

### Alan Straker:

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

GSA is only as strong as the branches which make up our organization and in turn our branch is only as strong as the people who put their hand up to give some time to supporting our Marlborough members by involvement in the committee. Please give some serious thought to helping out for a year or two. We only have 5 meetings a year which go for a little over an hour plus one combined meeting with our Nelson colleagues.

I would like to thank

**VICE CHAIR** Colin Draper

**SECRETARY** Barbara Hutchinson

**TREASURER** Noel Frater

**COMMITTEE** Alan McEvoy, Peter Sanguine, Mary Griffiths, Kath Gilchrist, John Monson for their contribution over the last 12 months.

The situation of getting 100% of the annual Cost of Living adjustment for all our members continues to frustrate and the national board have been trying to get this over the line for the last three years since the petition went to the Select Committee. While this only affects a relatively small number of members (around 2300), they are often spouses only receiving half of what the original annuity was.

You should have all received a letter from Datacom in March detailing the increase to your 4 weekly payment (effective from 1<sup>st</sup> April).

Another reminder to make sure your address and contact details are kept up to date with Datacom. All the contact details are listed in Annuity News. If you have any issues, please contact our local secretary or myself.

Our 2022 Xmas function was cancelled because of the Clubs closing and we had no way of getting a message out to our 450 members about a possible venue change. Let's hope we can make it up to you this year!

You may be aware that I am Vice President of our national Board which gives me a good insight into GSA at a higher level and the issues that are facing our branches and members across the country. It also means I have information that I can share with the local committee which helps in their understanding of the operation.

I will make myself available as Chairperson for a further 12 months but like I said, would love to see others putting their name forward.

In the meantime, stay well and I look forward to seeing you on 19<sup>th</sup> June at the AGM

## RSVP for AGM and Luncheon on Monday 19 June, 2023

SCENIC HOTEL, Alfred Street 11.30 am.

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](mailto:lyn.noel@xtra.co.nz)

Apologies can be made to [marlborough@gsa.org.nz](mailto:marlborough@gsa.org.nz)



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Statement of Income & Expenditure for year ended 31 Mar 2023

Cheque A/C Balance 31Mar22 \$6,793-74

**INCOME:-**

**EXPENDITURE:-**

Direct Credit Subs	\$4,008-56	Stamps/Stationery	\$ 875-41
Bank Interest	103-13	Functions	1,765-55
Functions	1,160-00	Miscellaneous	1,391-70
From Co-Op Bank Term Dep.	3,129-64	P O Box Rental	205-00
		Transfer to National Office	5,000-00
<b>Sub Total:-</b>	<b>\$8401-33</b>	<b>Sub Total:-</b>	<b>\$9,237-66</b>

Closing balance 31Mar23 \$5,957-41

**Total:- \$15,195-07 Total:- \$15,195-07**

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**Term Deposit:-** A N Z Bank - \$10,328-21 for 12 months @ 4.10% (matures 26Sep23)

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 (These annual accounts have yet to be reviewed)