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Marlborough Branch Spring 2023 Newsletter

Marlborough Branch Executive 2023-2024

Chairperson Alan Straker	Committee	Rob Stewart
Vice Chairperson Alan McEvoy		Peter Sanguine
Secretary Mary Griffiths		John Monson
Treasurer Noel Frater		Kath Gilchrist

Message from Chairperson- Alan Straker

Greetings to all Marlborough Branch GSA members.

The people listed above were elected to the Marlborough committee at the AGM held in June. I thank them for giving their time and skills to the organization. Sadly just prior to the AGM we were shocked to learn that our secretary, Barbara Hutchinson had died. Barbara was well known in the community for her service to several groups including GSA and we acknowledge the tremendous work she did for our organization.

We also thanked Colin Draper for his contribution over two different periods. We welcome Rob Stewart who has joined the committee. The AGM was well attended and a great social time was had by all.

Speaking of a great social time, our Xmas function this year is set for Monday 27th November and will be held in the Marlborough Vintage Car Club rooms at Brayshaw Park. The cost is \$30 per head (after a subsidy provided by your committee). A sumptuous lunch is planned and will include some Xmas drinks. Details are in the return slip below so put it on your calendar now.

At the GSA Council meeting held in Wellington in early September I was elected national president so a few more trips to Wellington will feature in my diary over the next 12 months. Peter Sanguine also attended as Marlborough delegate.

The national Board will have a busy 12 months as we rewrite our constitution to fit in with the new Incorporated Societies Bill and reformat our strategic plan to better reflect the changing needs of the organization.

We are still battling away trying to get the 100% Cost of Living Adjustment for ALL our members. This is despite the Government getting a clear statement from the Finance and Expenditure Select Committee who heard our petition four years ago and recommended that the anomaly is fixed.

I would also 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 \$32 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.

By the time you read this, the election will be over and there may be a change in the halls of power. GSA will continue to advocate for its members, no matter who is in power, and work to protect your annuity.

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 2022.*

RSVP for Xmas Luncheon on Monday 27 November 2023

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 22nd 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@extra.co.nz

Something to make you smile.....

