



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.

When you move it is vitally important that you inform......

BOTH your Local Branch AND The Government Superannuation Fund OR The National Provident Fund When members change addresses, we sometimes lose track of them. Marlborough Branch GSA Government Superannuation Fund National Provident Fund P.O. Box 4033 P.O. Box 3614 P.O. Box 1036 Blenheim 7201 Wellington 6140 Wellington 6240 Toll Free 0800 888 472 Toll Free 0800 654 731 Toll Free 0800 628 776

Marlborough Branch Xmas Function Monday 27th November Marlborough Vintage Car Club rooms, Brayshaw Park, Blenheim. Welcome at 11.45am followed by lunch at midday.



If the thought of : Glazed Ham on the bone, Roast Beef, Roast potatoes/pumpkin, glazed carrots, Minted peas, Cauliflower/ Broccoli & Cheese Sauce followed by a wonderful dessert of Pavlova, Fruit Salad and ice-cream, Sticky date pudding and tea and coffee to follow, gets your taste buds going, then get yourself booked in for our Xmas function.

The cost per head is \$30 and includes some drinks provided by the committee. RSVP instructions below.

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Something to make you smile.....

