



New Zealand Sub-Branch

NewZletter



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The Month That Was

NZ Sub-Branch Notices

Change of Postal Address

Please note the change to the NZ Sub-Branch Postal Address.

Australia National War Memorial



Dear Veterans, about two years ago Neville (an 80 year old Navy Korean Veteran) and I made a promise that we would visit the Australian National War Memorial and after so many other prior commitments we finally did it. It was 20+ years ago since I last visited the War Memorial and I must say I cannot remember much and neither could Neville who had not seen the Memorial since over 40 years ago.

Yet after arriving and spending at least one and a half days at the Memorial it was absolutely amazing (picture above: Neville and five-inch gun mount from HMAS Brisbane). Obviously being NZ Veterans we turned a blind eye to the information portraying Australian veterans (not too much of course as they are our ANZAC comrades) but at each display of each conflict we pictured our own Veterans at those same conflicts fighting in those same conditions. And as we went from one conflict to the next, from one period to the next, from each display to the next, Neville's heart kept getting sadder and sadder and to put it into perspective you need to understand that Neville has seen a lot of his intake pass away, there are very few left (you can count them on one hand) so whilst it was wonderful to visit such a stunning display and gathering of military history, actually being in those same conflicts can have an impact that only we as military veterans know and feel. I am sure the impact would have been much worse had we visited all three Museums in NZ.

Nevertheless, it was a weekend well remembered (picture right: Neville remembering his Korean conflict). I am not going to promote the War Memorial or expand on the conflicts because we already know what they are and have our own memories to bare. As veterans we go to places like this for our own reasons and for Neville, I can only think that he went for the same reasons I did, **Lest We Forget**.



Reserve Forces Day Parade



On Sunday 5 July 2009 the Reserve Forces Day Parade was held in the Domain. As advised in the June NewZletter there was no street march this year and unlikely to be a street march in the future. Furthermore, we were without our Standard and had to join the Engineers for the parade. Please accept our apologies for this as unfortunately, Barrie Leslie ended up in Hospital that day and had the Standard at his house. Nevertheless, we thank you for attending as it was a great day and all in all a great parade. I do realise that it was a long time to be standing in the heat and from where we stood it was difficult to see or even hear the proceedings. Hopefully next year they might have an improved sound system and big screens. We finished the morning by having a relaxing coffee and muffins at Starbucks where a Mother and her Daughter stopped to chat to us interested in our military service. An Australian Veteran also joined us for a short time exchanging experiences.



(picture top l-r: Ian Conway-Powles, Ron Haira, Gary Keenan, Brian Meyer, RAE, Taawhi Kerehona, RAE) (picture above l-r: the March Past).

NZ Veteran Mid-Year Lunch

Another simple but memorable Mid-Year Lunch at the Chatswood RSL Club. We had a good number, 22 attend this year which was a very welcome surprise so thank you



Veterans. The Mid-Year lunch is just another opportunity to gather and chat about things military or in our case things veteran

which is nice and it's always good to catch up with those we haven't seen for some time. Lunch is quite a reasonable cost and if it includes a Desert, which in my case is always the Pavlova, the cost is around \$13. However, I believe the cost of meeting fellow veterans is worth so much more. Whilst we started the lunch at 12 we didn't finish until about 3pm which is absolutely wonderful as we all had a lot to chat about. The first pictures shows David Winkelmann, Neville Berridge, Bruce Harris, Ken Frank, Barrie Leslie, John Rayner, Maree Rayner, Brian Meyer and Linda Novotny. The picture below is at pre-lunch drinks).

Other Notices

News from Port Huon

Roger Carter sends an excellent Newsletter about ex-Band Members and although I was not a ex-Band Member, surprisingly I remember some of the names when I was in the Army, such as Russell Boyle and Andrew Bignell. Rather than reproduce Roger's Newsletter if you are interested let me know and I will ask Roger to add you to his email distribution list.

Sir Keith Park Memorial Campaign - Update

Dear Supporter,



Please logon to the website below to see the latest Sir Keith Park Memorial Campaign June 2009 newsletter online.

In this latest newsletter you will find a foreword from Campaign Chairman, Terry Smith, regarding the decision of Westminster City Council Planning Committee to pass both the Campaign planning applications for a temporary statue of Sir Keith Park on the fourth plinth in Trafalgar Square, and the permanent statue, which will grace a new plinth in Waterloo Place.

There is also up-to-date information and new images of the recent 'Epic Round Britain Flight' undertaken by Terry Smith, Terence Stevens-Prior, great great nephew of Sir Keith Park and Rodger Filbee, co-pilot; this flight was made to re-enact Sir Keith Park and crew's 'Circuit of Britain' they undertook in the Spring of 1919.

Further to the above are a variety of upcoming events and information which you may find of interest including, new dates for the rededication of 'Steam Engine Manston 34070', an invitation to a RAFA event at St. Clement Danes entitled 'Brew for the Few', information on a memorial to be unveiled at Manston Airport to '825 Naval Air Squadron' and the



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opportunity for you to purchase an excellent print of a painting by Frank Wootton of Sir Keith Park entitled 'His Finest Hour'.

We hope that you will find this newsletter informative and interesting, please feel free to forward this newsletter to friends and family who you feel may be interested in any of the details enclosed.

If you require any further information about the Campaign then please do not hesitate to contact me on the numbers below or via the Campaign website at www.sirkeithpark.com.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Kind regards

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Biography Graham (Wally) Nash MBE

Dear All

I am in the process of writing a biography for Graham (Wally) Nash MBE.

Does anyone have any photographs of him from any period of service.

Also any stories about him that could go in his book.

He was an RF Cadet in Allen Class, served in the RNZAC, RNZIR, NZSAS, Malaya, Borneo, Vietnam, NZATTV. He is now a JP.

Also for those that are interested the book '**NZSAS The first 50 years**' by Ron Crosby has now been completed.

The official book launch was held in Rennie Lines, Papakura last month with a few lucky people attending the launch and getting advance copies of the book. It will be released in the bookshops in early August...

Wayne

Army Softball Reunion 6-7- November 2009



Did you play softball in the Army? If so, we are having a celebration/reunion 6 - 7 November 09 in Trentham to mark 60 years of softball. If you would like more information, please contact me at work dean.groves@nzdf.mil.nz

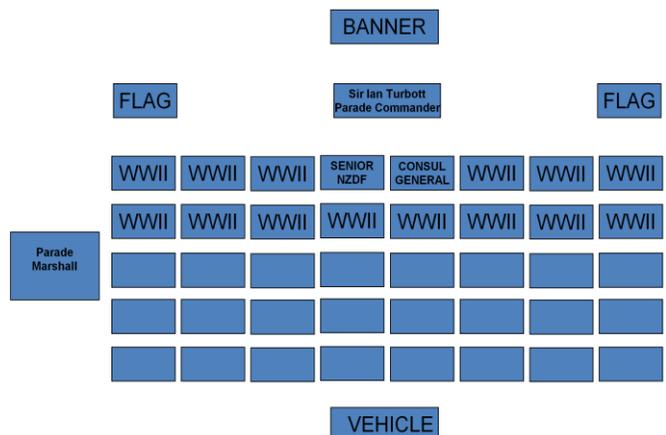
ANZAC Day 2010



ANZAC Day in 2010 will more than likely be the same format as this and previous years. However, just to clarify, the term 'veteran' in today's context refers to all serving and ex-service personnel not just

those that served overseas. So whether you have a medal or not, as long as you served in the military you are considered a veteran and I would be very privileged to march alongside you at ANZAC Day every year. Furthermore, I will be more 'pushy' this year so please form up early, be smartly dressed and stand proudly in your ranks and files. The ANZAC Day March structure is shown on the next page.

The vehicle has been placed at the rear of the marchers due to the exhaust fumes causing problems in previous years and WWII veterans (declining in numbers) are to be given pride of place at the front. Also please note that Sir Ian Turbott AO CMG CVO Hon.D.Litt (UIWS) NZ World War II Veteran has accepted our offer to be the Parade Commander.



J Force and British Commonwealth Occupation Forces Final Reunion 15-17 March 2010

Veterans please be advised that there is to be a final reunion for J Force Veterans during the period 15-17 March 2010. It is to be held in Gisborne and if you are interested please send your registration fee of \$25 single Veteran, \$35 Veteran and Partner, \$15 Widow or Widower, \$30 Visitors to:



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T.O. Tuhaka
N.Z. J Force + B.C.O.F. Veterans Ass.
Gisborne Branch
59 Valley Rd Gisborne N.Z. 4010

If you want to know more about J Force and BCOF Veterans log on to <http://www.riv.co.nz/jf/index.htm>

Thank you J Force and BCOF Veterans.

Query from Queensland Veteran Wayne Lindsay

Dear Veterans, Wayne is the Queensland Pension Rep for EVSA and is currently managing 17 Veterans. However, if anyone has experience in welfare matters but more specifically ACC claims, could they please let me know so I can pass your details on to Wayne.

RF Cadet 50th Anniversary Reunion 2013 (Bennett Class)

Reminder for any RF Cadet Bennett Class veterans to please contact Roy Jones or Ben Hadfield as follows:



Ben Hadfield benzza@primus.com.au.

Roy Jones royjones@dreamtilt.com.au.

Ex-Malaya Veterans



Please be advised that the NZ Malaya Veterans Association Inc has a new website <http://www.malayavets.co.nz/>

Ex-Vietnam Services Association Inc

Reminder for all NZ Vietnam Veterans to keep in touch with your fellow comrades and keep up to date with the latest information through your association. The website address as follows:



www.evsa.org.nz

Committee Meeting Matters

The next Committee meeting is on the Sunday 27 September 2009 at 1030 hours at the Chatswood RSL Club. Therefore, if you have any ideas or suggestions even if you are not a financial member, then please let me know as we continually look to improve how the NZ Sub-Branch NSW operates.

Upcoming Events

Veterans please note changes to dates and timings of activities at the end of this NewZletter. Changes have been highlighted in yellow.

Membership 2009



NSW Veterans are reminded that the 2009 RSL and NZ Sub-Branch



(NSW) membership renewal is due. As stated in my email, the NZ Sub-Branch (NSW)

would welcome your contribution to the operations of the association regardless of whether you retain your voting and speaking rights with your parent Sub-Branch and remain as an associate member of the NZ Sub-Branch (NSW) (picture above new Members Peter and Jan Dicken receiving their membership badge from Lindsay Taylor 2009). So for \$5 please send in your application form for Associate Membership. For current full service members please send \$29 (of which \$24 goes to the NSW RSL). For new members wanting associate or full service membership let me know and I will send you an application form.

Now that the NewZletter goes to Veterans in other States, I have been asked how they can become involved in the NZ Sub-Branch (NSW).

Please note the following:

1. Interstate veterans can join the NSW Branch of the RSL via the NZ Sub-Branch (NSW) as Service members, if you are not currently Service Members interstate;
2. If you are currently Service Members interstate you can:
 - a. transfer to the NZ Sub-Branch (NSW); or
 - b. become "Associate" members of the NZ Sub-Branch for \$5 BUT you can only speak, vote & hold office at one RSL sub-Branch in Australia.

Whilst we would gladly accept your membership I would request you contact me so we can discuss your expectations against what is achievable.

Acknowledgements / Personal Notices

Happy Birthday to Taawhi Kerehona, Reg King, Neville



Berridge, Botha Morton, Chris Brownie, Harry Browne, Dick Roach, Christine Young, Bill Casey, Robert Bird, Brian Hewitt.

The Last Post

698242 Paul H (Masher) MOONEY

We have been advised of the following:

698242 Paul H (Masher) MOONEY ex 1RNZIR, W1 SVN, passed away at Brisbane on Saturday 25 July 2009.

Paul's funeral service is to be held at the George Hornet Funeral Chapel, ANZAC Avenue, Redcliffe, Brisbane, on Friday 31 July 2009, at 1100hrs, thence to the cemetery.

Flowers and messages to:

*Judy Zeith,
26 Yacht Street,
Clontarf,
Brisbane 4019.*

NZ Vietnam Veterans Last Post

Vietnam Veterans please go to the following link to keep updated on the passing of Vietnam Veterans in NZ.

<http://premierstrategics.com/funeral.html>

Last Post Reminder

Veterans, I can honestly say (albeit with great sadness) that after attending many funerals in NSW, the families have been overwhelmingly grateful, appreciative and welcomed our ability to coordinate the military aspects of the funeral for our fallen comrade. It is incredibly moving to see the pride in the families not only when they hear and sometimes first learn of our fallen comrade's military service, but also when they see the Casket covered with the NZ Flag, respective service hat (Army, Airforce or Navy) and Korowai. Furthermore, all the families I have coordinated funeral details with have also been very comfortable with photos being taken knowing the reason for such photos e.g. veteran only distribution. You would have seen such photos in previous NewZletters.

Therefore, please let us know as veterans pass away in Australia so I can advise all the veterans in Australia. For NSW veterans, we try to attend wherever possible funerals of our comrades so please keep us informed.

Lest we forget

Other News



NZ Army Officer first Kiwi to receive NATO Medal

The first ever NATO Meritorious Service Medal (MSM) to be awarded to a New Zealander was presented to



Lieutenant Colonel Jeremy Ramsden, MNZM at a special ceremony in Brussels, Belgium.

LTCOL Ramsden, from Petone, was presented with his medal by NATO Secretary-General His Excellency Mr Jaap de Hoop Scheffer, at a North Atlantic Council meeting.

The medal was awarded to LTCOL Ramsden for outstanding service while he was working for the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) in Kabul, Afghanistan. He was deployed for six months as the Deputy Chief of Plans on the ISAF HQs, spending some eight weeks as the Acting Chief of Plans.

His medal citation commends his superior leadership and example, stating that "he was extremely proactive, pursuing excellence to ensure the quality and tempo of his branch's work. He focused on maintaining momentum and the Commander's intent as multiple command and staff changes occurred, in an often tumultuous environment."

While in Afghanistan he implemented a combined planning framework with the Afghan National Security Forces. Without hesitation, he developed this into a partnering arrangement which he championed at the HQ ISAF staff level, requiring remarkable resilience and diplomacy to implement.

LTCOL Ramsden said he was honoured to receive the medal, "but it belongs to my wife and kids, they made the sacrifice, this was my fourth operational tour."

The NATO MSM was first awarded in 2003 to commend military and civilian personnel for providing exceptional and

remarkable service to NATO, be it through acts of courage in difficult or dangerous circumstances, exceptional leadership or outstanding individual contributions.

Currently 853 New Zealand Defence Force personnel are deployed on 14 operations, UN missions and defence exercises in 10 countries around the globe.

New chapter as Army Marae renews life force



Chief of Army Major General Rhys Jones speaks at the Whakarite ceremony, National Army Marae, Waiouru. (OH09-0385-002)

Renovated Whakairo carvings were formally re-commissioned at a 'Whakarite' ceremony at the National Army Marae - Rongomaraeroa o Nga Hau e Wha Marae - in Waiouru this week.

A ceremony on 22 June blessed and formally acknowledged those involved with the project which saw carvings at the entranceway (Tomokanga) and wharenuī refurbished, and in one instance, completely re-carved.

Chief of Army Major General Rhys Jones said it was great to bring the Marae back to its ideal state:

"It is a place where we bring new people into the Army to understand what is like to be part of Ngāti Tūmātauenga," Major General Jones said at the ceremony.

"The carvings are symbols of what we feel in the Army. Courage, strength, and we take that with us when we leave. We are strong because we are one in the Army."

In September 2008, it was identified that over the last 14 years the original carvings had suffered extensive water and environmental damage rendering them unsafe and rundown.

This began the genesis of a project named "Mauri Oho" (an awakening or regeneration of life force). The project was led by Mr Jim Te Tuhi and Te Rangi Kaihoro and two teams assisted with the carvings in what was a whole-of-family affair. Fourteen people were based in Auckland and nine in Te Kopuru – a small town on the Kauri Coast near Dargaville.

While the group intended to carve with Kauri, after they began work on a seven metre piece of the wood, they realised it was Rimu due to its density and weight. One carved panel called the Paepae-roa required a six-man lift to fix it into place on the porch of the wharenuī.

The Tomokanga entranceway at the National Army Marae which greets visitors first is unusual in that both sides are carved. The front set of carvings of the Tomokanga was so damaged it needed to be completely re-carved. This side is painted black to symbolise the role a soldier performs in wartime to protect ones nation. During the upgrade the carvers used a more contemporary style which 'jumps off' the backboard but keeps in the same theme of the original carving.

The other, red side of the Tomokanga (which faces the wharenuī) required refurbishment and repainting and included special emphasis on the apex figurine of a cross.

Named Te Ngira (the needle), the Red Tomokanga welcomes those to the ranks of the Army and depicts the journey on becoming a soldier. It represents all soldiers within Ngāti Tūmātauenga joining together as one strand and passing through the eye of the needle.

The original carvings of the Tomokanga were commissioned by A Company of the 28th Māori Battalion who supported Te Tuhi and Kaihoro to do the carvings. Eventually these works were a different size and shape to the steel frame of the entranceway and were adapted to fit, so after 14 years, the carvings were able to be specifically re-designed and personalised for the framework.

Two of the carvers involved in the National Army Marae project, Whetu Hautapu and Lucky Te Tuhi, were also recognised at the Whakarite ceremony as graduating to Tohunga – master carvers.

As part of the Marae's ten-year plan, a maintenance schedule has been included to take care of the carvings, including the skills required for touch-ups and the correct protocol around their care.

HISTORY OF CARVINGS AT RONGOMARAEROA O NGA HAU E WHA MARAE, NEW ZEALAND ARMY NATIONAL MARAE COMPLEX.

1. Ngāti (tribal) status was written about by General Birk's 91/2 Memorandum delivered to The National 28th Māori Battalion Conference February (2nd month) in 1991, and conferred to the New Zealand Army by Māori in Easter 1994. Ngāti Tūmātauenga was officially recognized as a tribal entity within New Zealand at the opening of the New Zealand Army National Marae in October 1995.



2. The Taonga (treasures) which adorn the Marae were gifted by various Iwi (tribes) and people and acknowledge their acceptance of the Ngāti Tūmātauenga concept. Mr Jim Te Tuhi was a key figure in overseeing the carving projects for the opening of the Marae and has been instrumental in the current project to renovate the carvings.

3. The tomokanga (entranceway) to the Marae and welcomes you to the ranks of the Army and depicts your journey, on becoming a Soldier. The hōia (soldier) who stands defiantly at the apex represents your standing and mana which is achieved by discipline, hard work, courage and determination to strive for and attain leadership qualities.

4. The Red Tomokanga is named Te Ngira (the needle) and represents all soldiers within Ngāti Tūmātauenga joining together as one strand and passing through the eye of the needle. The maihi (bargeboards) reflect the contributions of those personnel responsible for this Marae. They also represent the individual and collective responsibilities to achieve a common goal to preserve the history of past Units that have served New Zealand.

5. Traditionally Māori name a whare after an ancestor and thereafter all the stories within that whare tie back to that ancestor. Soldiers of the New Zealand Army do not trace their lineage to one ancestor, therefore, the name "Te Whare Tū Tāua ā Tūmātauenga" (The House of War pertaining to the God of War Tūmātauenga) was found to be more appropriate to encapsulate the diversity and full representation of the New Zealand Army.

6. The carvings on the maihi of the whare explain the elements of training and the will to succeed, with the right side showing the progress of the soldier, and the left side the progress of the officer. The Ama (upright posts) represents various Atua Māori

(Māori gods) with the tekoteko (carved figure) on the top of the whare representing Tūmātauenga.

7. The pae roa and pae iti (carved panels across the mahau (porch)) represent some of the histories of the mana whenua of Waiouru and of Tūwharetoa, Ngāti Rangī and others.

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Navy ship on short tasking as Air craft carrier

Iroquois land on HMNZS Canterbury flightdeck before 3 Sqn embarks on Ex Tropic Astra, a tropical flying exercise. (MC09-0246-006).



Fresh from a successful humanitarian aid mission on Pukapuka in the Cook Islands, Navy Amphibious Support Ship HMNZS CANTERBURY has departed today from the Devonport Naval Base bound for Apia, Western Samoa.

The deployment to Western Samoa is primarily to transport No. 3 Squadron RNZAF to conduct a tropical flying exercise - TROPIC ASTRA 09. Embarked onboard CANTERBURY are four RNZAF Iroquois Helicopters, 70 personnel, 15 containers and support vehicles/equipment from No. 3 Squadron RNZAF.

To bring the total to five aircraft onboard, HMNZS CANTERBURY will also embark its own Seasprite Helicopter and utilise it to re-supply the Department of Conservation station on Raoul Island en route to Apia.

This deployment represents the first time the New Zealand Defence Force has been able to fully deploy all necessary aircraft, equipment and personnel using its own resources. In the past these types of exercises have been supported by RNZAF C-130 Hercules Aircraft which has limited the amount of support equipment that can be practically deployed.

The ability to move support vehicles such as trucks, fuel tankers and four wheel drive vehicles, as well as the four aircraft; directly to the Area of Operations will enable No. 3 Squadron RNZAF to fully meet all of its exercise objectives.



Exercise TROPIC ASTRA 09 will be conducted from 29 July to 1 September 2009 and is an annual RNZAF exercise designed to provide readiness training in tropical flying operations, including civil tasking and aircrew survival training for selected aircrew personnel.

In addition, the RNZAF will be conducting flying tasks in support of the Samoan Government as directed through the NZ High Commission. All of the activities being conducted will simulate what will happen in real time on air operations whether it is disaster relief, humanitarian aid or search and rescue and aid to local Governments.

CANTERBURY has also embarked a number of New Zealand Army vehicles and once No. 3 Squadron RNZAF has been safely transported to Apia, CANTERBURY will then move on to DARWIN to uplift Australian Defence Force vehicles and equipment which she will then transport on to Dili in Timor Leste. On completion of this final tasking, HMNZS CANTERBURY will attend the Indonesian Fleet Review in Bitung Waters on 21 August.

Heading back to Apia on 31 August, HMNZS CANTERBURY will uplift the four aircraft, equipment and personnel of No. 3 Squadron RNZAF and start the homeward journey back home to New Zealand.

HMNZS CANTERBURY is due back home at the Devonport Naval Base on Tuesday 8 September 2009.

For New Zealand, the three distinct Services – Navy, Army, and Air Force – combine their capabilities into the one New Zealand Defence Force for maximum joint effect.

Information on Tropic Astra 09

TROPIC ASTRA 09 provides an excellent opportunity for No 3 Squadron (helicopters) and Expeditionary Support Squadron personnel to operate in a tropical environment enabling personnel to build skills and experience.

TROPIC ASTRA 09 is an example of the varied and challenging activities performed by the RNZAF in support of New Zealand's strategic interests in the Pacific.

TROPIC ASTRA 09 highlights the RNZAF commitment to joint operations and this is one of the many exercise deployments that enhance the NZDF's interoperability working with a number of local and government agencies in Samoa.

Navy Band in Taupo for two concerts



The Royal New Zealand Navy Band (MC09-0044-019)

The Director of Music
Lieutenant
Commander
Keith Anderson
and his band of

26 talented and passionate musicians are looking forward to visiting their adoptive hometown of Taupo for two musical engagements on Friday 14 August 2009.

The Band will be performing a lunchtime concert at Taupo Intermediate School prior to a full public concert at the Great Lakes Centre at 7 pm.

The musical programme promises to provide a varied repertoire catering to all tastes and will consist of concert band music, big band and dixie swing.

Background

The Navy Band was formed in the early 1960's from a nucleus of former Royal Marines musicians who remained in New Zealand after the Royal Marines Band was recalled to the United Kingdom.

Today, the Navy Band's primary role is to satisfy the ceremonial requirements of the Navy, which includes support at Royal, Vice Regal and State occasions. When not on the parade ground or supporting official ceremonies, the Band supports local charities

and community based organisations with concerts and other high profile performances.

Over time the Band has diversified to meet the changing needs of the public and a number of new groups have formed within the band including a Big Band, Rock Band, Jazz Combo, and Brass Group. In 2003 the town of Taupo formally adopted the Navy Band.

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Royal New Zealand Air Force Comes To Solomon Islands

RSIPF and Forum Fisheries Agency personnel with Royal New Zealand Air Force crew at Honiara after



completing a fisheries surveillance patrol around the Solomon Islands Economic Exclusion Zone.

The Royal New Zealand Air Force (RNZAF) visited Honiara 13-15 July as part of New Zealand's ongoing commitment to Solomon Islands border management and protecting its waters against illegal fishing.

New Zealand is responsible for patrolling more than six million square miles of ocean, including much of the South Pacific, against Illegal Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing.

Illegal fishing is estimated to cost Pacific Island countries up to US\$350 million per year.

"New Zealand works closely with regional partners, including Solomon Islands, to target illegal fishing. This work is done through the Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) and by RNZAF P-3K Orion patrols," said New Zealand High Commissioner Deborah Panckhurst.

During the visit, Royal Solomon Islands Police Force Superintendent Silas Karani (Acting Officer in charge of RSIPF National CID Division) joined the RNZAF patrol to fly around the edge of Solomon Islands Economic Exclusion Zone.

"RSIPF relies on good-quality evidence collection to build successful cases. Watching the RNZAF crew at work reinforced how inter-agency co-operation can contribute to this process," said Supt Karani.

Two FFA surveillance operations officers, Martin Campbell and Allan Rahari, also took part in the patrol.

"The flight gave us a great opportunity to work with one of our key surveillance partners. We were able to see how information provided by FFA fits into RNZAF operations to result in an effective patrol," said Campbell.

"We also discussed with the RNZAF crew how we could work more efficiently to improve the service that we offer together to the region," added Rahari.

Another significant task for the RNZAF in the Pacific is search and rescue operations, and disaster response assessment and assistance.

In February 2009 an RNZAF Orion patrol was asked to fly over West Guadalcanal to take photos of extensive damage caused by heavy rain and flooding. The photos were then provided to the Solomon Islands Ministry of Infrastructure to help the Ministry to target its recovery and rehabilitation efforts.

"It's satisfying to know that New Zealand's collaboration with Solomon Islands and regional partners can make a difference", said Deborah Panckhurst.

Air Force Iroquois helicopters join search for missing aircraft

An Air Force Iroquois helicopter has been called to assist the Rescue Coordination Centre NZ with a search for an overdue civilian aircraft approximately 50 nautical miles NNE of New Plymouth. A beacon is transmitting from the aircraft, believed to be in rough terrain. The Iroquois, which is both night vision and winch capable, launched at approximately midnight and arrived in the search area at 2am this morning.

Due to poor weather and low cloud on the ridge tops, the Iroquois was unable to get to the exact location, "the winds made flying very challenging" said Flight Lieutenant Paul Aitken, the Iroquois Captain.

A second Iroquois launched from Ohakea has now replaced the first helicopter and departed at first light to assist insert ground search teams into the area. An Air Force fuel tanker has also been dispatched to provide a refuel option closer to the search area.



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14 x UH-1H Iroquois helicopters are flown by No 3 Squadron RNZAF based at Ohakea. An aircraft has a standard crew of three (pilot, co-pilot, helicopter crewman). In this case a trainee helicopter crewman was also part of the crew.

The Squadron provides:

Operational support and training for the NZ Army, specifically in tactical air transport, special operations and aeromedical evacuation.

Helicopter conversion (Sioux) and operational conversion (Iroquois) training for pilots and helicopter crewmen.

Search and rescue, medical evacuation, NZ Police support, and assistance to other Government agencies

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NZ Sub-Branch Executive Appointments 2009

President	Sqn Ldr (Retd) David Winkelmann	
	AFC MID	
Senior Vice President	Ron Haira	
Vice President	Taawhi	Kerehona
Honorary Secretary	Greg	Makutu
Honorary Treasurer	Greg	Makutu

UPCOMING EVENTS

Veterans please note that the dates are tentative and subject to change as invitations and confirmation of activities are received. **Yellow** highlight indicates there has been a change.

August Saturday 15th 1100 Victory in the Pacific Day Martin Place Cenotaph (Wear Medals)

- Sunday 16th 1130 Vietnam Veterans Day Springwood (Banner/Flags/Medals)
- Tuesday 18th 1030 Battle of Long Tan Day Martin Place Cenotaph (Banner/Flag/Medals)
- September Wednesday 2nd 0830 Battle of Australia Martin Place Cenotaph (Wear Medals)
- Friday 4th 1100 Merchant Navy Day Service Martin Place Cenotaph (Wear Medals)
- Friday 11th 1100 Battle of Britain Martin Place Cenotaph (Wear Medals)
- Sunday 27th 1030 Committee Meeting
- October Wednesday 21st 1130 HMAS Australia Veteran's Association Martin Place Cenotaph (No Attendance Required)
- Friday 23rd 1000 United Nations Association Martin Place Cenotaph (No Attendance Required)
- 1200 Ninth Australian Division Martin Place Cenotaph (No Attendance Required)
- November Tuesday 10th 0630 Poppy Selling Martin Place Station (Wear Medals)
- Wednesday 11th 0630 Poppy Selling Martin Place Station (Wear Medals)
1100 Remembrance Day Service Martin Place Cenotaph (Banner/Flags/Medals)
- Sunday 29th 1030 Committee Meeting
- December Sunday 13th 1200-1500 Xmas Lunch Chatswood RSL Club (Wear Medals)
- January Thursday 21st 1100 ANZAC Participants Meeting (Greg)
- March Thursday 4th 1100 ANZAC Day Participants Meeting (Greg)
- Sunday 7th 1030 Committee Meeting
1100 AGM



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- April Friday 16th 1900 Chatswood RSL Dinner
 Invitation Only (Wear Medals)
- Saturday 17th 1400 Kapyong Day Martin Place
 Cenotaph (Banner/Flag/Medals)
- Sunday 18th 0930 Coogee/Randwick ANZAC
 Service
 1000 St Stephens ANZAC Church
 Service Willoughby (Wear Medals)
 1100 NZ Soldier on ANZAC
 Bridge
 1500 North Sydney ANZAC
 Service and March
 (Banner/Flags/Medals)
- Friday 23rd 0630 Poppy Selling Martin Place
 Station (Wear Medals)
- Saturday 24th 0630 Poppy Selling Martin Place
 Station (Wear Medals)
- Sunday 25th ANZAC Day Martin Place
 Cenotaph (Banners/Flags/Medals)
- May Sunday 9th 1030 ANZAC Church Service Te
 Wairua Tapu Maori Anglican
 Church Redfern (Korowai/Lemon
 Squeezer/RNZAF Hat/RNZN
 Hat/Medals)
- Friday 28th 1100 Indigenous Veterans Service
 Martin Place Cenotaph (Wear
 Medals)
- Sunday 30th 1030 Committee Meeting
- July Sunday 5th 1100 Reserve Forces Day Hyde
 Park (Standard/Flags/Medals)
- Sunday 19th 1200 Mid-Year Lunch Chatswood
 RSL (Wear Medals)
- Sunday 26th 1030 Committee Meeting
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