



New Zealand Sub-Branch

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The Month That Was / Meri Kirihimete me te Hari Tau Hou

Reserve Forces Day Launch



For those that are not aware the Reserve Forces March is becoming a very big event. Furthermore, the Reserve Forces Day Council acknowledge the following years march with a promotional launch which is attended by the Governor, Ministers and Chiefs of

the ADF. Because of its increasing popularity and importance the Reserve Forces Day Council were instrumental in getting new association 'Standards' made up which were used for the first time this year. It is quite a sight to see all the 48 association standards together, all made to the same specification but with the individual associations' logo displayed. And even if we only have a small NZ contingent march, we are also proud to ensure our own Territorial Force past and present veteran's contributions to the NZDF are recognised. Therefore, as of next year the NZ veterans will also be flying their banner. In keeping with the specifications and requirements of the Reserve Forces Day Council, the NZ banner has been designed with the NZDF Tri-Service Colours and logo.

A special thanks to Barrie Leslie who instigated NZ veterans involvement in the Reserve Forces Day March since it started, NZ veterans in NSW, and Alex Wilson for being the Standard Bearer for this year's launch. The 'Standard' will replace the 'Banner' at future Reserve Forces Day Marches. However, as the Standard reflects all three services, it is intended to fly the NZ Flag, NZ Tri-Services Standard and NZ Sub-Branch Banner at future ANZAC Day Marches.

Xmas Lunch



It is understandable but also sad that our ranks are thinning. Nevertheless, it was great to see again those veterans that made it to the Xmas lunch. Thank you all for attending and making a big NZ veteran presence felt in the Chatswood

RSL. As always the stories continue to be told and I for one will never tire of hearing them so please keep telling them. The Xmas lunch is a nice way to end a busy year not just busy because of our attendance at the many services and commemorations but also the daily actions we undertake to ensure NZ veterans' presence in NSW and Australia is always acknowledged and recognised.



At times only one veteran is available but at least at the Martin Place Cenotaph that lone veteran has tied the NZ Returned Services Banner to the tree which allows him to then fly the flag. On behalf of all NZ veterans in Australia, the President and I wish you a very safe and enjoyable Xmas and New Year and look forward to doing it all again next year.



Mentioned In Depatches - 33131 SqnLdr (Retd) David Winkelmann

In the August NewZletter the Army article explained that 15 Malaya veterans were to be presented their Mentioned-In-Depatches citations. However at the last RF Cadet Reunion RNZAF AU veteran SqnLdr David Winkelmann was also



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presented his MID by the GpCapt. David was also blessed to have his wife Anne with him when he was presented his citation. David joined the NZ Army on 19 January 1949



to 25 April 1954 as an RF Cadet then into the RNZAC leaving as a Sergeant. David then changed services to the RNZAF until 18 January 1969 and became a pilot serving in Malaya and Vietnam and being awarded the Airforce Cross and MID. David then transferred to the RAAF until 22 September 1986 serving another tour to Vietnam and retiring as a Squadron Leader. David has always been actively involved in veteran affairs (David and Anne) including NZ veterans and was President of the



Waratah/Mayfield RSL Sub-Branch for a number of years. We visited the Sub-Branch after hearing about the incredible Museum they have with lots of memorabilia including NZ.

David, on behalf of NZ veterans, congratulations on your citation and all the very best for the upcoming festive season.

Other Notices

ANZAC DAY 2009 BRISBANE

Greeting from the Brisbane Kiwis

The March

Past ANZAC Day parades in Brisbane have had the NZ Contingent very low down on the order of march. (160th or so) During the past few years some members of the Kiwi contingent have been working hard to have the contingent take its place at the front of the parade where it can truly represent the NZ in ANZAC.

After much debate and careful consideration the Brisbane ANZAC Day Combined Parade Committee has approved the NZ Contingent being placed at the head of the parade. This is a terrific result for those who have worked so hard for the change and for those who will march in the contingent in future parades.

I think here, I should acknowledge the efforts of LtCol (Retd) Norm Fry who led the charge that got us promoted.

As the NZ Contingent is representing one of the two ANZAC nations, it is our intention that the contingent should demonstrate those qualities that have established the excellent Kiwi reputation as fighting men and women.

Even though this great honour and privilege has been given to the NZ Contingent there are still some involved with the parade organising group who are not happy with the decision. Therefore the NZ Contingent must make a positive impact in its first appearance at the head of the parade. We would therefore urge all

NZ Contingent Members to be as smartly dressed as possible, say with Jacket and tie, berets or black caps and full size medals. This is not a dress directive but we should take every opportunity to produce the best display we can on the day.

Unfortunately our promotion has come at a cost. The wives and kids who have made up an important part of our contingent over the years will have to be excluded. There are a number of reasons, one being that as we are at the pointy end and representing NZ so prominently, the group, we feel, should be composed of veterans and those standing in for departed brothers. Also we are trying to present ourselves in the best possible light so as not to give our detractors any ammo. This also meshes with a guideline from the ANZAC Day committee about complaints that the march is becoming too long (time wise) due to the size of some units being made up with non veterans. And the long wait before stepping off doesn't help bad backs, knees and bladders. I'm sure all of us can relate to this and I hope all will understand our position. Units will now be parading six abreast in an effort to keep the march on schedule both for TV and the crowds, who tend to wilt a bit after a couple of hours in the Brissy sun.

Larry Southern will be the NZ Contingent Parade RSM and Larry will place people in the appropriate rank and file. The contingent will march six abreast, depending on how many turn out on the day.

In keeping with the parade committee's guidelines the NZ Contingent should be made up of:

- Ex servicemen and ex servicewomen
- Current servicemen and current servicewomen
- One relative per ex veteran not on parade (must have ex veterans full size medals where possible and worn on the right side. Dressed as per above standard).

The Boat



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Although it has been the practice to meet on the "Miramar" before the parade, this year due to early step off and the fact that we have the boat all day which will keep us all together, the boat will only be open after we have fallen out. Due to our promotion the step off time for the NZ Contingent should be 10.00 am or slightly after. (to be confirmed by ANZAC Day committee) so we should be saddled up and ready to charge by 9.30 am. Assembly from 9.00am. We can then retire to the boat after the parade for drinks and a BBQ at a small cost per head. Request you email Larry Southern vallarry@aapt.net.au or telephone 07 3207 9603 to confirm your attendance if possible. This will help with catering.

Your help in making this a memorable day is appreciated and will ensure that the NZ Contingent's place at the head of the parade will be cemented.

We hope to see as many as possible from over the ditch, here in Brisbane for what we believe is the best ANZAC Day in Aussie, soon to be even better. Just let us know when you're arriving.

Regards

Bruno

RNZN Communicators Association Reunion Matai Club Nelson RSA (21-22 March 2009)

Reminder for all Naval Communicator veterans there is to be a RNZN Communicator Reunion in 2009 in Nelson as advised in the November NewZletter. The reunion contact details are:

Jeff Brown - 0408 621 493

Registration on Website - www.rnzncomms.org

RNZN Reunion Sydney (9-13 April 2009)

Reminder for all Naval veterans there is to be a RNZN Reunion in 2009 in Sydney. I included the full information on this in the March NewZletter. However, the reunion contacts are:

Bill Tahu - btahu@aapt.net.au

Ken Johnston - ken.johnston7@bigpond.com

Alistar MacAskill - alister9@tpg.com.au

Happy to email you the application form if requested.

2nd Canterbury Nelson Marlborough and West Coast Battalion Group (2 Cant NMWC Bn Gp) 150th Anniversary (26-28 June 2009)

Members of the 2nd Canterbury Nelson Marlborough and West Coast Battalion Group (2 Cant NMWC Bn Gp), in conjunction with the Regimental Association of the Unit, are planning the 150th Anniversary of the Unit, which will be celebrated in Christchurch over the period 26-28 June 2009.

One of our major tasks is publicising the event to ex members of the unit and those who have association with the unit, then creating a contact list to allow us to pass more detailed information about the event to them.

To assist me with this task, could you please:

- Display the attached/enclosed information about the event in your RSA. (I have attached a basic "poster" which may also be suitable in WORD and PDF format)
- Include information about the 150th Anniversary in any newsletters/communications you have with your members.
- Forward/distribute this information to any other organisation, business, group or individual who could assist with the wider dissemination of information about the 150th Anniversary.
- Encourage people to respond to the Unit, so we can capture their contact details, to either, echoes150@yahoo.co.nz, or write to:

2nd Canterbury, Nelson, Marlborough and West Coast Battalion Group
(Attention: 150th Anniversary Registration Clerk)
Burnham Camp
BURNHAM 7600

Draft programme and Locations:

- Friday afternoon 26 June: Registration/March in & socialise. Grand Chancellor Hotel.
- Friday evening 26 June: Opening function. Grand Chancellor Hotel. (Registration continues)
- Saturday early afternoon 27 June: Street parade and Charter Parade. (Vicinity) Christ College to the Cathedral Square.
- Saturday evening 27 June: Formal function. Grand Chancellor Hotel.
- Sunday morning 28 June: Church service. Christchurch Cathedral.

Many thanks.



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BS ("Skin") FRANCES
Captain
HQ Coy
2 Cant NMWC Bn Gp

The poster is included at the end of this NewZletter.

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@iprimus.com.au.
Roy Jones royvjones@dreamtilt.com.au.

ANZAC Day 2009

Congratulations to our Brisbane comrades and all the best for your ANZAC Day March in 2009.



ANZAC Day for Sydney in 2009 will more than likely be the same format as this and previous years with descendents marching with us. 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, both the Parade Marshall and I will be more controlling next year so that Veterans are at the front of the contingent with descendents behind and any other matters that need addressing based on your feedback.

Incidentally, I am looking for a volunteer to be Parade Marshall in 2009 as we may not have the benefit of a serving soldier to do this. Secondly, at the ANZAC Day Martin Place Cenotaph dawn service an ADF airwoman sings the NZ National Anthem in both Maori and English. She is extremely good. However, I thought it might be nice having a NZ veteran do this on our behalf and am happy to try and progress this through the NZ Consulate and NSW Protocol. Therefore, do you know of a veteran who can represent New Zealand and sing our National Anthem in Maori and English? Please note: the veteran needs to be able to sing this in the traditional format we are used to. I mention this because the representative that sang the Anthem at the NZ Soldier on ANZAC Bridge service was very talented but sang the anthem in a more Cabaret style.

Ex-Malaya Veterans

Please be advised that the NZ Malaya Veterans Association Inc has a new website so please keep in touch with your fellow comrades and keep up to date with the latest information through your association. The website address as follows:

<http://www.malayanvets.org/index.php?pag=cms&id=65&p=home.html>

Ex-Vietnam Services Association Inc

Reminder for all 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

NZ Veterans in Australia

There is still talk about how we as a collective group of NZ veterans in AU can best be served by the RNZRSA, NZDF and AU/NZ governments or maybe we are best served from within our many collective organisations such as EVSA, RNZA Association and the many others. Anyway, if you have any views on this please let me know.

Committee Meeting Matters

The next Committee meeting is on the Sunday 25 January 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 Sub-Branch 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 Sub-Branch membership renewal is due. As stated in my email, the NZ Sub-Branch would welcome your contribution to the operations of the Sub-Branch 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 (Hini Komene receiving



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his membership badge from Neville Berridge 2007). 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 Sub-Branch.

Please note the following:

1. Interstate veterans can join the NSW Branch of the RSL via the NZ Sub-Branch 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 in 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 **Gerry Jackson, Bruce Ford, Chris Winnill, and Selwyn Johnson.**

The Last Post

38543 Vietnam Veteran SSgt Valentine (Val) William LITCHFIELD (4.12.1936 - 19.11.2008)

Thanks to those veterans that attended Val's funeral and ensured Val was given a farewell commensurate of a NZ veteran. It was also great that we could place a NZ Flag and Lemon Squeezer on Val's casket which made Kathy very proud and of course very emotional. There were many great words spoken of Val and on behalf of NZ veterans, Brian Meyer gave the NZ service eulogy which was followed by the laying of poppies last post and Ode to the Fallen.

466000 John (Doc) O'CONNOR, RNZANC

We have been advised of the following:

466000 John Augustus (Doc) O'CONNOR, RNZANC, ex 161 Bty SVN, passed away unexpectedly in Christchurch on 27 November 2008, in his 71st year.

Funeral Mass and Vigil Rosary details to be advertised on Monday 1 December 2008 in the Christchurch Press.

Messages to: The O'Connor Family, C/- PO Box 31300, Ilam, Christchurch 8444.

364192 Patrick THOMAS, 1RNZIR

We have been advised of the following:

364192 Patrick THOMAS ex 1RNZIR 1963-65, 1965-67 Malaysia, and V1 SVN, passed away at Takanini on Thursday 11 December 2008, aged 68.

A service was held for Pat, at the Manurewa RSA, Saturday 13 December 2008, at 0900hrs before travelling north for a family burial.

710821 Frank Richard BRETT, 1NZ Regiment

We have been advised of the following:

710821 Frank Richard BRETT ex 1NZ Regiment 1957-59 Malaya, passed away at Middlemore Hospital, on 16 December 2008.

A service for Frank was held at Fountains Memorial Chapel, cnr of Wood and Elliot Streets, Papakura, on Saturday 20 December 2008 at 1000hrs, followed by private cremation.

Fountain Funeral Services.

PO Box 72341.

Papakura 2244

Ph: 09-298-2957.

660045 John Fraser SMITH ex RNZIR, ex V6 SVN

We have been advised of the following:

660045 John Fraser SMITH ex RNZIR, ex V6 SVN, passed away at Lower Hutt on 20 December 2008 after a long, brave battle with cancer, aged 59.

A service for John, with Full Military Honours, was held in All Saints Anglican Church, Main Street, Foxton, on



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Wednesday, 24 December, 2008 at 1100hrs, thereafter interment in the Foxton Lawn Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Te Omanga Hospice, PO Box 30814, Lower Hutt 5040, would be appreciated, and may also be left at the service.

J R Croft Ltd FDANZ,
PO Box 30-06,
Lower Hutt 5040,
Tel: (04) 569-7072,
www.jrcroft.co.nz

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



An administrator at the NSE, Bagram, Afghanistan

Cpl Ariana Finch, Afghanistan. (WN 08-0040-01tn)

17 December 2008

By Corporal Ariana Finch

Touching down in Bagram Air Force base (BAF) after a period of tactical flying was just one of many the experiences I've had as part of the



New Zealand National Support Element (NZ NSE) in Afghanistan. After numerous deployment nominations, then acceptance for the current NZ PRT rotation, sitting on that Herc, it was all becoming very real. Finally, an opportunity to do what I joined the army for! Pre Deployment Training (PDT) wasn't what I thought it would be – it was a lot more. I'd never had to work with personnel from all three services before. This took a while to get used to, as their procedures are a lot different to the Army's. Also, administrators rarely get the opportunity to practice and utilise basic soldier skills, so it was great to refresh and improve these skills, learn new weapon systems and tactical procedures, and conduct live firing to a level I hadn't reached before.

In Bagram I'm the NSE Administrator. The NSE provides logistics and movements support to missions. My job is to provide general administrative support for the NSE team in BAF, the PRT in Bamyan, and other NZ missions operating in Afghanistan. My daily routine here differs dramatically from what I did back in NZ. About 5% of my day is the same work. Here, I am also responsible for money, the payment of all invoices, pay cards, the cashbook, and my biggest and most important job; the control of all mail in and out of theatre. These tasks are not only conducted in Bagram, but also require me to travel occasionally to Kabul and Bamyan.

Bagram Airbase, or BAF as it is commonly called, is a massive ex-Russian airbase north of Kabul. It has a perimeter of approximately 16kms, and up to 20,000 international military and civilian personnel work there. While it is primarily a military installation, some comforts from home can be found, including a Burger King and Pizza Hut! On Saturday evenings we often have a BBQ; a good opportunity to meet people of different nationalities and from different units here at BAF. Outside work hours we participate in camp activities such as step aerobics, movies, concerts and sometimes early morning fun runs.

Outside the wire, Afghanistan is not what I had expected. Driving to Kabul is chaos, with everyone driving at high speeds, virtually non-existent road-rules, dodging jingle trucks, and



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being mindful of the small children playing on the side of the main road with no adults in sight.

Flying over Afghanistan gave me a completely different perspective of the country. Families live in large mountain valleys, their houses built on the side and at the bottom of the mountains. With snow starting to get lower into the valleys, I can only imagine how hard a life it would be, unable to get access in or out during the winter, with no electricity, and possibly little food and warmth.

The Afghani reaction to females working in positions of authority is an interesting experience. The locals who work in Bagram are easy to get along with, however some workers are harder to communicate with and appear unsure what to do when directed by me. Having said that, I'm enjoying my first operational deployment, and have a lot more to learn and see in Afghanistan in the months ahead. I thoroughly recommend that all administrators take the same opportunity I did and ask to deploy on this mission.

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Naval Frigate Arriving home for Xmas reunion



reunited with their families and friends in time for Christmas.

Completing a busy 3 month operational deployment in South East Asia and Australia, Warship HMNZS Te Kaha arrived home to the Devonport Naval Base on Tuesday 16 December, allowing her crew to be

Te Kaha departed New Zealand on 18 September and headed to the South China Sea to take part in Exercise Bersama Lima 08 joining the Navies of Australia, Singapore, Malaysia and United Kingdom. The exercise was a great success and a significant challenge for Te Kaha as she operated in a very busy shipping environment with many other ships and aircraft.

Image Right: Family groups awaiting the ships arrival (MC 08-0508-04).

Mid - late October saw Te Kaha operating in the Indian Ocean West of Australia for three weeks of exercises with the Australian Navy and Air Force which provided the opportunity to enhance high-level warfare skills with our closest ally.

The Commanding Officer of Te Kaha, Commander Mat Williams and his crew of 178 men and women have enjoyed a very successful deployment proudly representing New Zealand and the Navy, both at sea and ashore. In particular, many of the crew have achieved significant career milestones and qualifications all which help to grow the Navy of the future.



Above Image Left: Gemma and Shannon Williams with Dad, Commander Mat Williams (Mum, Claire is obscured coming up the ladder) (MC 08-0508-33).

Above Image Right: Lieutenant Commander Emma Grant and family (MC 08-0508-50).

Commander Williams says, "My ship and her crew have represented New Zealand very well, both in the South China Sea alongside the Navies of Australia, Singapore, Malaysia and the United Kingdom as well as ashore in support Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade initiatives in Singapore and Australia."

"Although only a relatively short trip of three months, the men and women of Te Kaha are very happy to be home to see their friends and families for Christmas before sailing again in January to support Department of Conservation re-supply to the sub-Antarctic islands," CDR Williams said.

The New Zealand Defence Force is working around the world building peace and security



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Future Air Force leaders march out



Initial Officer Training Course Graduation parade. (WB08-0250-04tn)

10 December 2008

After 22 weeks of training, 24 newly commissioned officers of the Royal New Zealand Air Force celebrated a milestone in their careers by graduating from the Air Force's Initial Officer Training Course.

Today's 2pm ceremony and parade at RNZAF Base

Woodbourne, under the watchful eye of reviewing officer, Deputy Chief of Air Force, Air Commodore Steve Moore, marks the culmination of five months of intensive training and aims to develop leadership and military skills and introduce aspiring officers to the RNZAF.

The 24 graduates come from around New Zealand including Auckland, Fielding, Wellington, Timaru, Invercargill and one graduate originally from the United Kingdom.

The graduates can now look forward to being posted as pilots, air crew or into logistics and operational support positions.

IN REMEMBRANCE



Entitlements

War veterans and ex-servicemen and women may be entitled to a war pension and a range of allowances from the New Zealand Government:

[War Disablement Pension](#)

[Veterans Pension](#)

[Surviving Spouse/Partner Pension](#)

[Special Allowances](#)

Further information as well as Application Forms are available from [War Pensions Services](#) in Hamilton:

Postal address:

War Pension Services

PO Box 9448

Hamilton

New Zealand

Phone (Free) 0800 553 003

or if calling from overseas

+ 64 7 957 4602 (but you will have to pay for the call).

Fax (Free) 0508 402 402

or if faxing from overseas

+64 7 957 1306 (but you will have to pay for the call).



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E-mail: warpension@msd.govt.nz

War Disablement Pension

Veterans of any war or emergency in which New Zealand has been involved may be entitled to a War Disablement Pension. In addition, ex-servicemen and women suffering from an ailment or disability that may be attributable to service in New Zealand's Armed Forces prior to April 1974 are also eligible to apply for a War Disablement Pension.

Further information on the War Disablement Pension is available on-line from [War Pension Services](#).

Veteran's Pension

Entitlement to Veterans Pension is based on both Service and Disablement qualifications. The Veteran's Pension is income support for ex-service people who have served in any war or emergency in which New Zealand's forces have served. That is the first qualification. The second qualification is, for those who have reached the qualifying age for New Zealand Superannuation, the receipt of a War Disablement Pension of at least 70%. The second qualification for those aged under the qualifying age for New Zealand Superannuation is that they cannot work because of any physical or mental disability (the disability could be from any cause).

Further information on the Veterans Pension is available on-line from [War Pension Services](#).

Surviving Spouse/Partner Pension

A Surviving Spouse/Partner Pension may be granted to widows/widowers or partners of ex-service people whose death was attributable to their service in the Armed Forces in New Zealand or overseas prior to 1st April 1974. For service after this date, the pension is only payable in respect of service in connection with a war or emergency that has been declared as providing eligibility under the War Pensions Act 1954.

In addition, a Surviving Spouse Pension may be granted to the widowed spouse or partner of an ex-service person who was in receipt of or would have been entitled to receive a permanent War Disablement Pension of not less than 70%.

Further information on the Surviving Spouse Pension is available on-line from [War Pension Services](#).

Special Allowances

Veterans who reside in New Zealand may also qualify for other special allowances such as:

- Attendants Allowances
- Car Loans
- Children's Pensions
- Clothing Allowances
- Funeral Grants
- Allowances for Gallantry Decorations
- Hearing Aid Grants
- Hearing Aid Battery Allowances
- War Orphans' Pensions
- Private Hospital Treatment
- Specialist Treatment
- Surgical and Mechanical Appliances
- Transport and Travelling Expenses
- War Bursaries

Further information on Special Allowances is available on-line from [War Pension Services](#).

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President	Lindsay Taylor
Vice Presidents	Brian Meyer Taawhi Kerehona
Honorary Secretary	Greg Makutu
Honorary Treasurer	Greg Makutu

NZ Sub-Branch Delegates 2008

Honorary Auditors	Janet Barclay Barrie Leslie
Trustees	John Rayner Margaret McInroy David Winkelmann
Publicity	Greg Makutu
State Congress Rep	Lindsay Taylor Taawhi Kerehona
Pension/Welfare	Barrie Leslie
Chaplain	Archdeacon Malcolm Karipa
Returning Officer	Barrie Leslie
Solicitor	Not Needed
Patron	Bob Wood
IMDC Rep	Lindsay Taylor Taawhi Kerehona



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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.

2009

- January Sunday **18th** **1030 Committee Meeting**
- February Thursday 5th 1100 ANZAC Participants Meeting (Barrie)
- March Thursday 5th 1100 ANZAC Participants Meeting (Greg)
- Sunday 8th **1030 Committee Meeting**
1100 AGM
- April Friday 17th 1900 Chatswood RSL Dinner –Invitation Only (Wear Medals)
- Saturday 18th 1400 Kapyong Day Martin Place Cenotaph (Banner/Flag/Medals)
- Sunday 19th 0930 Coogee/Randwick Service and March (Wear Medals)
1000 St Stephens ANZAC Church Service Willoughby (Wear Medals)
1500 North Sydney ANZAC Service and March (Banner/Flags/Medals)
- Thursday 23rd 0630 Poppy Selling Martin Place Station (Wear Medals)
- Friday 24th 0630 Poppy Selling Martin Place Station (Wear Medals)
- Saturday 25th ANZAC Day Martin Place Cenotaph (Banners/Flags/Medals)
- May Sunday 10th 1030 ANZAC Church Service Te Wairua Tapu Maori Anglican Church Redfern (Korowai/Lemon Squeezer/RNZAF Hat, RNZN Hat, Medals)
- Sunday 31st **1030 Committee Meeting**
- July Sunday 5th 1100 Reserve Forces Day Hyde Park (Banner/Flags/Medals)

Sunday 12th 1200 Mid-Year Lunch Chatswood RSL (Wear Medals)

Sunday 26th **1030 Committee Meeting**

August Friday 14th 1100 Victory in the Pacific Day Martin Place Cenotaph (Wear Medals)

Saturday 16th 1100 Battle of Long Tan Day Martin Place Cenotaph (Banner/Flag/Medals)

Sunday 17th 1130 Vietnam Veterans Day Springwood (Banner/Flags/Medals)

September Wednesday 2nd 1100 Battle of Australia Martin Place Cenotaph (Wear Medals)

Friday 11th 1100 Battle of Britain Martin Place Cenotaph (Wear Medals)

Sunday 27th **1030 Committee Meeting**

November Tuesday 10th 0630 Poppy Selling Martin Place Station (Wear Medals)

Wednesday 11th 0630 Poppy Day Selling Martin Place Station (Wear Medals)
1100 Remembrance Day Service Martin Place Cenotaph (Banner/Flags/Medals)

Sunday 29th **1030 Committee Meeting**

**The 2nd Canterbury Nelson
Marlborough and West Coast
Battalion Group will celebrate the
150th Anniversary of the Unit, in
Christchurch, 26-28 June 2009**



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