



New Zealand Sub-Branch



NewZletter

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Meetings held at Chatswood RSL

The Month That Was

Reserve Forces Day March - Ipswich

Went to the Reserve Forces Day Parade here in IPSWICH.

Also there was Maj Graham Roch ED who was BC 22 Bty then BC 4 Mdm Bty in the late 70s and 80s. Graham was BC when the last round was fired at Annual Camp in WAIOURU in either 86 or 87. The No1 was the late Sgt Butch Lucas. Our Patron Colonel Don was Col Comdt at the time and was also present.

Back to the band

They gave their usual very high standard performance at both the parade and later in a local shopping centre. There in conjunction with the local Amberley Brass Band they entertained the lunchtime crowd for an hour and a half.



Many would remember Doug Rose who replaced Dave Lawrence as Carde NCO for the Band at 16 Fd Regt in the early 80s. He is now in the TF and still playing with the Band.

They are tomorrow Sun to lead the Reserve Forces Day March through BRISBANE. Though, we in our small NEW ZEALAND Contingent will be well back in the Order of March.

Incidentally Graham Roch was telling me today that the first time the March was held in SYDNEY 10 years ago he marched with the SM of As of both the NEW ZEALAND Army and the AUSTRALIAN Army on either side of him.

We do our best to keep the NEW ZEALAND Flag flying at the many Commemorative Services which are relevant also to NEW ZEALAND.

Having the Band and other visits from NEW ZEALAND helps tremendously.

Aye

Brian Jerry Meyer

Reserve Forces Day March - Sydney

Thanks to Barrie for again coordinating this years Reserve Forces march in Sydney. As with other groups, we may be a small group but we will always stand tall and proud flying the flag in support of our own Territorial forces and the major contribution they make to the Defence force. Furthermore, many of our TF have served and continue to serve on overseas missions just as effectively and efficiently as our regular forces. That is why we not only have TF veterans marching but also non-TF veterans. Nevertheless, it was a significant march this year for Reservists as they celebrate 60 years and as a result the Reserve Forces Day Council are issuing Commemorative Certificates to all attendees.



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Thanks again Barrie (above left) and veterans (above right Gary Keenan and Ian Conway-Powles) for an excellent showing on a equally magnificent and memorable day. Picture below left to right is Lee-Ann Taylor, Ken Frank, Lindsay Taylor, Harry Browne and Chris Perry.



And finally thanks to Sir Brian Dudley (picture below) who has supported the Reserve Forces Day march since NZ Veterans were involved.



Mid-Year Lunch



A few veterans met at the Chatswood RSL for our annual mid-year lunch (picture left to right Janet, Barrie, Ken, Frank and Neville). The lunch is not a specially catered event; it is simply a get together over the

normal lunch in the Bistro with a glass of wine, ale or juice whilst enjoying a good round of general chit chat. It's also good to see how some of our veterans are doing as the years progress.

The meal is reasonably priced and generally pretty good as with a lot of RSL Clubs with menu's including Roast Pork/Beef, Pasta and many other filling food items. However, a few of us (namely me) couldn't resist the temptation of a healthy Pavlova which finished off the lunch nicely. More chat over a coffee in the lounge afterwards and then before you know it, its 3pm. A great lunch in great company. Thank you again veterans. It's always great to see you (picture right Tom and Lindsay and wives).



Other Notices

Change of Sub-Branch Email Address

Veterans please note the change to the Sub-Branch email address which is now nzsubbranch@virginbroadband.com.au

ANZAC Day 2009

ANZAC Day 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.

The NZ Regular Force Cadets

During the period of the "Cold War" between 1948 and 1991, an average of over 5000 New Zealand boys vied each year for





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entry into the Army's elite RF Cadet School or the "Club" as it was colloquially known. Less than 3% of those who applied to join, made the grade. The Army accepted them as young as 15 into its ranks offering continued education, trade training and apprenticeships. Most would go on at age 18 to become the backbone of the New Zealand Army serving with distinction in Korea, Borneo, Malaya, Vietnam, Bosnia, Afghanistan, East Timor, Iraq and other regions of conflict as Senior Non - Commissioned Officers (NCOs). A few would earn commissions as officers. Some went on to serve with the SAS and as key personnel of other Regular Force units.

Today they can be found in leadership roles in all aspects of business, social services, government and politics following their successful careers in the Army and other arms of the services, both at home and abroad. Coinciding with the end of the cold war the School closed its doors in 1991.

For you RF Cadet veterans, attached to this NewZletter is the Registration Form for the 60th anniversary reunion celebrations to be held at Arena Manawatu in Palmerston North over the Labour Weekend.

<http://www.rfcadet.org.nz/main/>

Upcoming Events

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

Committee Meeting Matters

The next Committee meeting is on the Sunday 27 July at 1030 hours. 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.

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www.evsa.org.nz

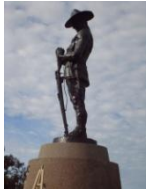
RNZN Reunion

For all Naval veterans there is to be a RNZN Reunion in 2009 in Sydney. I included the information on this in a previous NewZletter.

Reunion Contacts: Bill Tahu btahu@aapt.net.au
Alister MacAskill alister9@tpg.com.au

NZ Soldier on ANZAC Bridge in Bronze

Alan Somerville will do the NZ Soldier in Bronze for any veteran interested in obtaining one. Please go to the following website to www.bronzeaussie.com.au to get more details.



NZ Sub-Branch Victoria

Welcome to Ron Hornblow the Honorary Secretary of the NZ Sub-Branch in Victoria. Ron has a membership of about 16 veterans so whilst this NewZletter goes to veterans in NSW, if you know of any veterans in Victoria, please ask them to contact Ron on (03)9309 3002.

NZ Veterans in Australia

Dear Veterans, there has been some discussion recently that started with how NZ Veterans in Australia can obtain qualitative support from the RNZRSA but eventually expanded to how all NZ Veterans in Australia can have a say in matters relating to NZ Veterans as one collective group within the RNZRSA, NZDF, VANZ and the NZ Government. Whilst the NZ Sub-Branch and WA have a Charter with the RNZRSA, it does not include veterans from all the other States. Furthermore, even having a Charter does not mean that the groups are included in veteran matters. For example, the MoU agreed between the NZ Government and Vietnam Veterans was negotiated between the NZ Government and the RNZRSA/EVSA. With so many veterans in Australia and more or less no substantial support from the RNZRSA, VANZ, NZDF or the NZ Government, it is timely that consideration be given to how we can be regarded as a large enough collective group to be included in all veteran matters being progressed in NZ such as changes to the Acts and future MoUs or agreements. Do we establish a RNZRSA Australia? Or the NZ Sub-Branch of the RSL of Australia rather than of each State? Or the NZ Veterans Association of Australia? Whatever or however we progress this, there are many other matters that will need to be addressed such as funding, constitution, relationship between the NZ Veteran organisation and the RSL of Australia, goals, vision, mission statement, strategic direction, subsidies, fees..... But the most important matter that can make this work is having a President of this organisation that has the skills, experience and business acumen to be able to work with and across all levels of the veteran communities (RNZRSA, EVSA, NZDF, VANZ), both the Commonwealth and State Governments in Australia and the NZ Government.

At the end of the day, the NZ Sub-Branch is currently established in NSW and Victoria and I am not sure if there are other NZ Sub-Branches in other States. Therefore, we can continue to operate as separate groups lobbying separately for the support of the NZ veteran communities or consider forming a Australia



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wide collective group and be invited to discuss any matters relating to NZ Veterans as is done for the RNZRSA and EVSA.

In order to determine how much support this has please feel free to comment and provide feedback with your views, suggestions or ideas. I would also be interested in whether there is anyone out there that could lead this organisation.

Membership 2008 Reminder



NSW Veterans are reminded that the 2008 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 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 Reg King, Taawhi Kerehona, Neville Berridge, Harry Browne, Dick Roach, Bill Casey and Brian Hewitt.

The Last Post

Salutations to All

It is with deep regret I forward this email on the passing of Hemi Nuku RNZAC NZ REGT/RNZIR

Hemi gave 26 years of service to the Crown. First of all in CMT/TF in the RNZAC

Then joined the RF to serve in 2NZ Regt in 1959. Served again in MALAYSIA in 65/67 with another trip to SINGAPORE in the 70s

Rest in Peace Hemi

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn
At the going down of the sun and in the morning

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

4th verse Ode to the fallen by Laurence Binyon

WE STAND ON THE SHOULDERS OF GIANTS

ONWARD

LEST WE FORGET

Brian Meyer

Other News





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Century of service for Medical Corps celebrated



100 years of Army service to the medical profession will be celebrated in Palmerston North next week (8-13 July).

The Royal New Zealand Army Medical Corps (RNZAMC), which has often deployed with the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) to operations ranging from humanitarian aid and disaster relief situations to conflict zones, was formally established in 1908.

Among the highlights of the centennial celebrations will be the Centennial Medic Challenge for the 'Kidman Trophy' on Thursday 10 July, a day-long competition that will test NZ Army medic's skill in providing combat casualty care.

Other activities during the week include: A medical conference, a medic poster competition, a centennial parade and the 'Century of Service' Ball. They will take place at locations across Palmerston North including Linton Military Camp and the refurbished Awapuni Raceway.

A centennial cocktail party will also see the launch of the book: "The Staff, the Serpent and the Sword" by Captain (Retired) Ken Treanor and the unveiling of RNZAMC Centennial painting by Army Artist Captain Matt Gauldie.

Regimental Colonel of the Medical Corps Brigadier Anne Campbell said the week recognises a long history of loyal service by the Corps which has seen some significant developments in providing medical treatment.

"The Corps is able to provide complex delivery of the healthcare that has advanced over the last century; from antibiotics, to the availability of vaccinations, advancement in resuscitation and surgery, prevention of illness and injury with better protective equipment, and of course the availability of aero medical evacuations. This reflects where medicine was during WWI to now. Many of these advances were trialled on the battlefield. What a century."

For more information please contact Bas Bolyn, Army Public Relations on 04 496 0285 or 021 478 574.

For more [information on the Centenary](#) events please visit the linked page.

History: Royal New Zealand Army Medical Corps

- The foundation of the RNZAMC was as a volunteer medical bearer corps (later renamed field ambulances) established in 1898. The New Zealand Medical Corps (NZMC) was formally established in 1908. This included the establishment of an Army Nursing Reserve.
- More than 3600 members of the Corps served with the 1st New Zealand Expeditionary Force in World War One. The NZMC remained as a separate Territorial Force corps and was greatly affected by defence cuts in the depression but was revived during the Second World War.
- After 1945 the NZMC was subsumed within the New Zealand Army Medical Corps which in 1947 was granted the prefix 'Royal' to enable it to become the Royal New Zealand Army Medical Corps (RNZAMC).
- Currently, the RNZAMC is responsible for the evacuation and treatment of casualties as well as promoting health, preventing disease and providing assessment of armed forces personnel.
- During the last 100 years of service the Corps has served overseas in such theatres as Egypt, Gallipoli, France, Flanders, Palestine, Greece, Crete, North Africa, Italy, the South Pacific, Korea, Malaya, Vietnam, Iraq, Somalia, Bosnia, Bougainville, East Timor, Indonesia and Afghanistan.

- [NZ troops arrive home from Solomon Islands](#)
- [New Kiwi contingent for the Solomon Islands](#)
- [Thumbs up for Defence Force teams](#)
- [Century of Service for Medical Corps celebrated](#)

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Thumbs up for Defence Force teams

SLT Toulmin and SLT Topp exercise their thumbs in preparation for the Queenstown \$10 Challenge. [MC 08-0257-03].

Three teams from the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) will be practicing their hitchhiking skills over the next few months in preparation for a major fundraiser for Cure Kids, the Accor Queenstown \$10 Challenge, from 1-3 October.



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Teams participating in the event are given \$10 and have to use various modes of transport to get from Auckland to Queenstown in three days. There are 35 teams taking part and the team that arrives in Queenstown with the most points after undertaking a wide variety of challenges on the way will be the winner.



The NZDF teams are

- Navy: Sub-Lieutenant Fraser Toulmin and Sub-Lieutenant Darcy Topp,
- Army: Lieutenant Christian Anderson and Bas Bolyn,
- Air Force: Corporal Lydia Savage and Pilot Officer Sean McKeogh.

SLT Toulmin from the Navy team said, "Surviving on our wits is something we are trained to do in Defence so our teams should do well. However, it's not just about the challenge of getting to Queenstown; it's about raising awareness for Cure Kids and the thousands of children they help each year."

Prior to the event all teams participating in the Accor Queenstown \$10 Challenge have to raise \$7,000 for Cure Kids. Funds raised will be used for medical research into life-threatening conditions that affect children.

To assist the teams' fundraising effort the NZDF will be holding a Help Cure Kids Coffee Day on 22 July where all personnel will be asked to donate the cost of a cup of coffee to the teams' fundraising effort.

"The public are invited to support our teams and can easily donate to the cause using our online fundraising pages on the Cure Kids website www.curekids.org.nz," said SLT Toulmin.

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RNZAF Hercules shows muscles during test flights



Following the recent test flights of the newly modified Boeing 757, the first of the Royal New Zealand Air Force's upgraded C-130 Hercules has completed a series of

successful test flights at L-3 Communications Spar Aerospace facilities in Edmonton, Canada.

The upgrade, described by contractor L-3 Communications Spar Aerospace as the most comprehensive modernisation project ever undertaken on a C-130 worldwide, included centre wing refurbishment, a major rewire, replacement of the aircraft's communication and navigation systems with more modern systems and an upgrade to the C-130 self-protection system.

"The new aircraft will enhance our ability to operate with aircraft from other nations and decrease the workload of the crew in operational environments. By design, it should also make the aircraft easier to maintain and improve reliability," said RNZAF C-130 test pilot Squadron Leader Pete Saunders.

"There will be 86 hours of Acceptance Test flying which involves taking the new systems through their paces to confirm compliance. This will be followed up at home with further testing to ensure suitability during Operational Test and Evaluation," said Squadron Leader Saunders.

Two of the Air Force's fleet of five Hercules are being upgraded by L-3 Communications Spar Aerospace. The remaining three Hercules will be upgraded by Safe Air Limited, based in Blenheim.

The upgrade commenced in 2005 and is part of the C-130 Life Extension Project which will extend the operational capability of the Air Force's fleet of five Hercules until 2017.

Background

Description:

The Air Force's five C-130 Hercules aircraft are undergoing a progressive life-extension upgrade which will see the replacement of specific mechanical, avionic, and structural components. This includes centre wing refurbishment, a major rewire and new flight deck instrumentation and an upgrade to the C-130 self-protection system. The Life Extension Project will significantly improve the availability and reliability of the RNZAF C-130 fleet and ensure it continues to comply with evolving air traffic control



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regulations.

Timing:

Request for Tender (RFT) Issued 15 July 2003. RFT Closed 15 October 2003. Best and Final Offer (BAFO) issued 24 March 2004, BAFO Closed 19 May 2004. The preferred tender was announced on 6 August 2004. The contract was awarded on 14 December 2004.

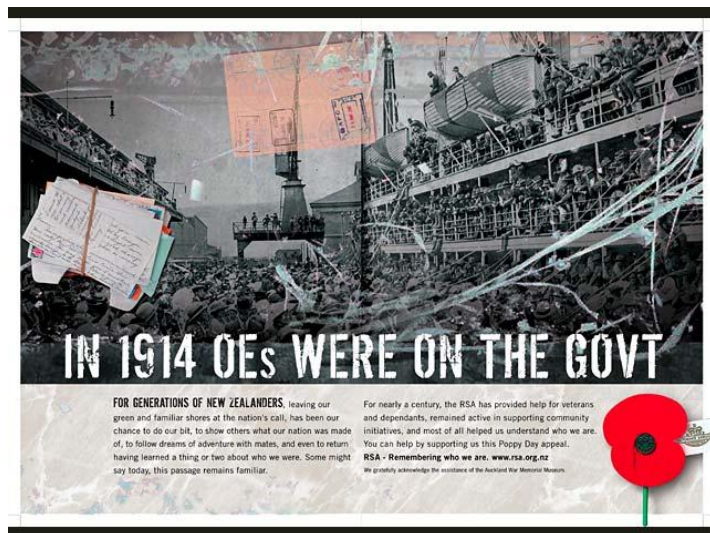
- [Richie McCaw swaps rugby for flying](#)
- [RNZAF personnel return from tour in Timor-Leste](#)
- [RNZAF Hercules shows muscles during test flights](#)
- [Last helicopter detachment heads to Timor-Leste](#)
- [Wings see new Pilots take flight](#)
- [Court of Inquiry announced](#)

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IN REMEMBRANCE



Lest We Forget



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NZ Sub-Branch Executive Appointments 2008

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 Ken Frank 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

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 Friday 15th	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 3rd	1100 Battle of Australia Martin Place Cenotaph (Wear Medals)
Friday 12th	1100 Battle of Britain Martin Place Cenotaph (Wear Medals)
Sunday 28th	1030 Committee Meeting



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November Friday 7th	0630 Poppy Selling Martin Place Station (Wear Medals)	Friday 24th	0630 Poppy Selling Martin Place Station (Wear Medals)
Saturday 8th	0800 Poppy Selling Town Hall Station (Wear Medals)	Saturday 25th	ANZAC Day Martin Place Cenotaph (Banners/Flags/Medals)
Sunday 9th	0800 Poppy Selling Town Hall Station (Wear Medals)	Sunday 26th	1030 ANZAC Church Service Te Wairua Tapu Maori Anglican Church Redfern (Korowai/Lemon Squeezer/Medals)
Monday 10th	0630 Poppy Selling Martin Place Station (Wear Medals)	May	Sunday 31 st 1030 Committee Meeting
Tuesday 11th	1100 Remembrance Day Service Martin Place Cenotaph (Banner/Flags/Medals)	Sunday 11 th	1030 ANZAC Church Service Te Wairua Tapu Maori Anglican Church Redfern (Korowai/Lemon Squeezer/Medals)
Sunday 30th	1030 Committee Meeting	July	Sunday 5th 1100 Reserve Forces Day Hyde Park (Banner/Flags/Medals)
December Sunday 14th	1200 NZ Sub-Branch Xmas Lunch Chatswood RSL [Committee Members, Official Invites: Consul General, Presidents Chatswood RSL/Sub-Branch]	Sunday 12th	1200 Mid-Year Lunch Chatswood RSL (Wear Medals)
2009		Sunday 26th	1030 Committee Meeting
January Sunday 25th	1030 Committee Meeting		
February Thursday 5 th	1100 ANZAC Participants Meeting (Lindsay)		
March Thursday 5 th	1100 ANZAC Participants Meeting (Lindsay)		
Sunday 8 th	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)		

"60 years on" 1948 2008

A Reunion for all who served with the Regular Force Cadet School

It is proposed to hold the above reunion at Arena Manawatu, Palmerston North, during Labour Weekend 2008 for all ex cadets, ex cadet staff & their wives/partners. If you wish to attend, please complete the registration form below and return to the Association Secretary asap, to enable accurate planning to be undertaken.

REGISTRATION FORM

Name : _____ Surname : _____

Company/Class/Staff : _____ Year : _____

Wife/Partner: _____ Surname: _____

Address : _____

Telephone Number:(____) _____ Mobile: _____

Email Address: _____

Attending: Yes / No. Numbers: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Registration Fee: The registration fee has been set at **\$ 150** per ex-Cadet, ex Staff Member or ex Cadet Widow's. and **\$ 100** for a wife or partner. Cheques are to be made payable to: RF Cadet Association.
Please forward this form together with your cheque for payment to :-

RF Cadet Association
P.O. Box 272-1219
Papakura 2110
New Zealand

No later than: Friday 29th August 2008.