



New Zealand Veterans in Australia

NewZletter



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The Month That Was

NZ Veterans in AU is now on Facebook.

After unsuccessfully attempting to generate NZ Veteran discussion using an online forum from within the NZVIA website (www.nzvia.com.au) it was decided that Facebook may be better forum as it is used by many other Veteran organisations including the RNZRSA not to mention that Facebook is immensely popular. Therefore, whilst most information including pictures will be on the website, please use NZVIA Facebook as a possible form of discussing issues regarding NZ Veterans [NZVIA Facebook](#)

NZ Veterans in AU Logo

Well it has been some time in seeking your views on a Logo for NZ Veterans in AU and the preference is to use Chris Brownie's Logo. This is the preferred choice so it does not clash with the Logo of the NZ Sub-Branch in Melbourne who have chosen the NZDF Logo and NZ Sub-Branch in NSW who have chosen to stay with the RSL Logo.



Chris, we would be more than happy to promote your Logo on our Blazers and on the NewZletter and any other form of correspondence. I will contact you soon separately by email. Regards Greg.

ANZAC vs Anzac

Dear Veterans, I apologise if my next comment offends anyone. However, I wish to explain that I personally prefer ANZAC spelt in capital letters and have taken the liberty to ensure it is always written this way in any correspondence I write. I am aware that Anzac is legal but nevertheless my preference is capitals.

NZ Veterans in Australia (New South Wales) Notices

Christmas Lunch Sunday 12th December 2010

A great Christmas Lunch was held again this year and well attended. And for the first time in a few years we had the pleasure of the company of the NZ Consul General Martin Welsh which was very nice. Ron Haira, the President of NZ Veterans in NSW (officially the NZ Sub-Branch of the RSL) seized the opportunity by inviting Martin to present Certificate of Thanks to some members for their contribution to NZ Veterans in NSW over the year(s) namely Taawhi and Kathleen Kerehona and Greg Makutu.



Dee Why ANZAC Day and ANZAC Sunday Services Request Singer

Dear Veterans, a request has been forwarded on to us via the RNZRSA from Dee Why RSL requesting a singer to sing the NZ National Anthem at their ANZAC Day and ANZAC Sunday services as follows:

From: jbridle@tpg.com.au
Sent: 5 August 2010 6:17 p.m.
Subject: RSA Website Enquiry

Form Submission:
Fullname: John Bridle



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Email: jbridle@tpg.com.au

Member: No

Message: I am the Hon Secretary of Dee Why RSL Sub-Branch. (Suburb of Sydney) The RSL has recently incorporated the NZ Flag into our memorial services on ANZAC Sunday and ANZAC Day, and I am looking for a Maori singer if possible resident in the area to sing God Defend NZ and Aotearoa on these days. Are you aware of any NZ ex-servicemen in our area, if so, a contact would be appreciated? I noticed several Maoris at our ANZAC Day Dawn Service on April 25, but do not know who they are.

John Bridle

Veterans, if you can help please contact John as it would be absolutely wonderful to have a NZ Veteran or NZ Citizen sing our National Anthem at their services.

NZ Veterans in NSW AGM

Reminder that the NZ Veterans in NSW (officially NZ Sub-Branch) will be holding their AGM at the Chatswood RSL Club on Sunday 30 January 2010 at 10:30am. All are welcome.

ANZAC Church Service at the Sydney Maori Anglican Fellowship Church of Te Wairua Tapu



A reminder that the next biggest event for NZ Veterans in NSW is the ANZAC Day March and the ANZAC Church Service which is always held on the first Sunday after ANZAC Day which is Sunday 1 May 2011. Invited Guests include CDF of NZDF and ADF, Lord Mayor of Sydney, Cpl Apiata VC, Tpr Donaldson VC, NZ Consul General, State President of the RSL, Presidents from the many NZ and AU Veteran organisations in NSW including Indigenous Veterans Representative sub-Mariner David Williams.

This is the only event where it is managed by NZ Veterans for NZ Veterans with the support of the only NZ identifiable Church in NSW.

Go to the www.nzvia.com.au for more information and news of NZ Veterans.

Go to www.tewairuatapu.com.au for more information and news from the Church.

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CMT and National Service Association Notice

Greetings from the North City Branch of the CMT and National Service Assn.

We have just held our AGM and have had an update on progress with the manuscript on the History of CMT and National Service.

Accordingly, could you please arrange for the following short item to be published in the Australian NZ Sub-Branch NewZletter:

"NZ CMT men and NZ National Servicemen in Australia are encouraged to contact the author of a manuscript on CMT and National Service, Mr Peter Cooke PO Box 9724, Wellington 6141 or at petercooke@paradise.net.nz. Peter is interested in personal accounts, photos, memorabilia etc. He can also supply a Questionnaire Form that can be filled in.

The manuscript should be completed early in 2011 and Book Publication is being planned for August 2011, circa the 62nd

Anniversary of the passing of the Military Training Referendum. The project is being sponsored by the North City Branch of the CMT and National Service Assn."

Regards,

Malcolm Faulls
Vice President
North City Branch
CMT and NS Assn



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Reunion Notices

1 Battalion RNZIR Reunion Singapore 22-29 April 2011



Dear Veterans, just a reminder for those Veterans that served in 1RNZIR in Singapore. There are also very nice Polo Shirts available for purchase in memory of the Reunion. My discussions with many Veterans in NSW have indicated strong support for this Reunion but sadly you will be missed at the ANZAC Day March in many parts of AU. However, for NZ Veterans in NSW you are welcome to attend the ANZAC Day Church Service on Sunday 1 May 2011.

V3 1 Battalion RNZIR Reunion 3-6 June 2011

Following the very successful V3 Company reunion held in Te Araroa last year it has been decided to hold a further reunion in Greymouth over Queen's Birthday Weekend 2011. All members of the V3 family are most welcome to attend. Full details can be found on the reunion website

<http://www.premierstrategics.com/victor3/victor3.html>

RNZN Reunion in Gold Coast 2011

RNZN Veterans please be advised that the next reunion will be held in the Gold Coast in 2011. The reunions are blessed with a large attendance of Navy veterans and I am sure the 2011 reunion will also be the same.

For more information please go to www.nzvia.com.au

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 royvojones@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

NZVIA NSW Veteran Membership 2010



NSW Veterans are reminded that the 2010 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. Application forms are also on the NZVIA NSW page of the www.nzvia.com.au website. Just scroll down to the end of the Membership column or email nsw@nzvia.com.au

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.



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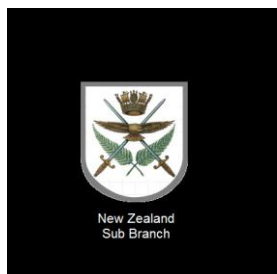
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Just a reminder, the NZ Sub-Branch is the legal entity for the NZ Veterans in Australia NSW so membership must remain with the NZ Sub-Branch in regards to its association with the NSW RSL.

NZVIA VIC Veteran Membership 2010

VIC Veterans are reminded that the **2010** RSL and NZ Sub-Branch (Vic) membership renewal is due. As stated in my email,



the NZ Sub-Branch (Vic) 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 a member of the NZ Sub-Branch (Vic). So for \$35 please send in your application form. Forms are available from the NZVIA Victoria page of the www.nzvia.com.au website. Just scroll down to the end of the Membership column.

Just a reminder, the NZ Sub-Branch is the legal entity for the NZ Veterans in Australia VIC so membership must remain with the NZ Sub-Branch in regards to its association with the VIC RSL.

Acknowledgements / Personal Notices

Happy Birthday to: **Victor Gadsby, Gerry Jackson, Warren Evans, Bruce Ford, Chris Winnill, Selwyn Johnson, Bob Hill and Brian O'Donohue**

The Last Post

Last Post Reminders in NZ

Dear Veterans, there are notices sent for our Veterans that pass away in NZ. I do not repeat them in this NewZletter but if you want to keep in touch with notices regarding Veterans in NZ please let me know and I will send you the link(s). I think most Veterans here get the notices anyway.

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



New Chief of Defence Force welcomes his appointment



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MAJ GEN Rhys Jones, who will take up his role as Chief of Defence Force in January 2011. **6 December 2010**

The new Chief of the New Zealand Defence Force, Major General Rhys Jones says he's looking forward to the challenges his new role will bring.

"With the release of the White Paper the New Zealand Defence Force has an opportunity to transform itself

into a force shaped for the next 25 years and more. With such a great organisation and such talented and dynamic people we will succeed."

MAJ GEN Jones thanked the Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Cabinet for giving him this opportunity and paid tribute to his family who have helped him throughout his career.

"My wife and children have had to live with the stresses and strains of being a military family; the constant moves and long periods of me being away during critical times in their lives."

He has also thanked the current CDF, Lieutenant General Jerry Mateparae and his colleagues, past and present in the Defence Force, for their assistance.

"These are the people who gave me the professional knowledge and experience to be where I am today and who recognised a faint glimmer of ability and took it upon themselves to teach and support me."

Lieutenant General Jerry Mateparae has passed on his congratulations.

"MAJ GEN Jones has shown exceptional leadership qualities throughout his distinguished career with the New Zealand Army. Most recently as Chief of Army he has been a leading figure on the Defence Force's Executive Leadership Team (ELT)."

Through the Government's Defence White Paper the Defence Force is entering a new era where we are being encouraged to redistribute our resources from the 'middle' and 'back' to enhance our frontline capabilities. Meanwhile, we must continue to deliver in the operational space, and be ready for the next challenge. I know MAJ GEN Jones is focused on the opportunities and challenges facing the Defence Force and is

committed to ensuring we are a strong, vibrant and professional Force, now and into the future. "

MAJ GEN Jones will officially take up this position on January 24.

BIOGRAPHY: MAJOR GENERAL R.R. (RHYS) JONES

Major General Richard Rhys Jones was born in Timaru, New Zealand on 2 May 1960. He was educated at Wanganui Boy's College and attained University Entrance.

Major General Jones enlisted into the New Zealand Army in December 1978 and attended the Royal Military College, Duntroon Australia from 1979 to 1982. He graduated into the Royal New Zealand Armoured Corps at the rank of Lieutenant in December 1982, with a Bachelor of Arts degree. During his career he has attended staff college at Fort Leavenworth, USA, and higher defence college at the Australian Defence College. He has also attained a Master of Arts in Strategic Studies from La Trobe University (Melbourne) as well as a Diploma in Qualitative Futures.

His staff appointments have been mainly within the Capability Development area, culminating in his appointment as the head of the NZDF Development Branch.

Major General Jones has held a variety of training posts. In 1987/88 he was the New Zealand Instructor at the Australian Defence Force Academy (Officer Cadets). From 1992 to 1995 he was an instructor at New Zealand's Tactical School, becoming the Chief Instructor for his last 18 months. He has also been Chief Instructor at the School of Armour and has been the New Zealand Directing Staff at the Centre for Defence and Strategic Studies, part of the Australian Defence College.

Major General Jones has had operational duty in the Middle East with the United Nations Truce Supervision Organisation, as an observer, then Operations Officer with the Observer Group Lebanon.

Major General Jones has commanded at every senior level. He was the Commanding Officer of New Zealand's armoured regiment; Queen Alexandra's Mounted Rifles (QAMR), and at Formation level the Commander 3rd Land Force Group based in the South Island of New Zealand. He was Land Component Commander within Headquarters Joint Forces New Zealand, and then in October 2007 Major General Jones became the Commander Joint Forces New Zealand on promotion to Major General. He was appointed the Chief of Army on 1 May 2009.



Major General Jones is married to Debbie and they have three children. His hobbies include reading history, war gaming and black powder shooting.

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Latest information on the NZDSM medal project

21 December 2010

The tender process for production of the medal has been completed. The successful tenderer will be announced next year after the contract has been finalised and signed.

The first stage of the application process is expected to open in late February/early March. Medals will be issued based on the age of the living ex-Service person. The medals will be sent to the oldest applicants first and to those of any age who are terminally ill. To assist NZDF in ensuring the oldest applicants receive their medals first, it is expected that the initial call will be made for applications from ex-Service personnel over seventy years of age. Any applications received from persons under that age will not be processed and persons should wait until the NZDF advises that the next age group should send in their applications.

This is also the case for those applying of behalf of deceased spouses, next of kin etc.

Hiring of additional staff to work on the NZDSM project at Trentham Military Camp will begin in February 2011.

An initial NZDSM presentation will be made to a selected group of ex-Service personnel at a ceremony in Parliament in the first half of 2011. For logistical reasons it is anticipated that the majority of these personnel will be drawn from the Wellington area.

"The continuing patience of ex-Service persons and their families is acknowledged and sincerely appreciated," said Commodore Kevin Keat. "NZDF is making excellent progress on its preparations for issuing more than 100,000 NZDSMs. It is worth noting that NZDF has set itself a challenging target of less than six months to be ready to issue the NZDSM. This is less than half the 12 months required by NZDF in 2001-2002 to prepare itself for the issue of (only) 12,000 New Zealand Operational Service Medals."

For further information please read the NZDSM FAQ sheet which is being updated regularly basis in line with questions received through the medals site.

Once the application process opens the Medals Office aim to

deliver medals to those entitled to receive them as quickly as possible and will be providing frequent updates about the NZDSM Project on the Breaking News page of our website and on the FAQs about the NZ Defence Service Medal page.

Related media statement:

11 October 2010 - New Defence Force medal announced



Mighty warship open to public

HMNZS TE KAHA during a Fleet Entry into Auckland Harbour (MC 10-0076-006)

1 December 2010



The Anzac Frigate HMNZS TE KAHA will be in Timaru from 3 to 6 December 2010.

TE KAHA has spent a month participating in exercises off Eastern Australia working alongside HMA ships DARWIN, BALLARAT AND STUART.

While in Timaru, the ship will be open to the public.

What: HMNZS TE KAHA will be open to the public.

When: Saturday, 4 December 2010.

Time: The ship will open at 11:00am and last visitors at 2:30pm.

Where: The ship will be berthed at No1 Wharf, Port of Timaru.

HMNZS TE KAHA

Standard Displacement:	3,600 tonnes
Length Overall:	118 metres
Beam:	14.8 metres
Draught:	6.2 metres
Speed:	27+ knots



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Range: 6,000 nautical miles at 18 knots
Complement: 177 Officers and ratings
Propulsion: Combined Diesel or Gas Turbine
(CODOG) 1 GE LM 2500 Gas Turbine (30,000 hp) 2 MTU 12V 1163 Diesel's (8,500 hp) Twin Shaft Controllable Pitch Propellers

The first of the Royal New Zealand Navy's (RNZN) ANZAC class frigates, TE KAHA was launched in Melbourne on 22 July 1995, and commissioned in Auckland exactly two years later.

TE KAHA's assets include weaponry, radars, sonar and electronic monitoring systems. The combined diesel or gas turbine propulsion system gives her both long range endurance and high speed capability when needed.

The SH-2G (NZ) Seasprite helicopters presently operate from TE MANA and TE KAHA, embarked with aircrew from the RNZN and maintainers from the RNZAF. By 2007 they will

also operate off the two new Offshore Patrol Vessels and the Multi Role Vessel.

TE KAHA is built to the German MEKO 200 Class design. Sections of the ship were built separately (some in New Zealand) and then combined to produce the final product. There are now ten in the ANZAC class, eight Australian and two New Zealand ships.

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The New Zealand Defence Force defends New Zealand, and supports New Zealand's wider security interests

Please contact Lieutenant Sarah Campbell - Media Adviser - Navy on 021 244 0638 for further information.

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Queens's medal awarded to Army Top shot



Corporal Timothy Bryce takes aim during the competition (WN 10-0249-007)

2 December 2010

The Queen's Medal was awarded to the NZ Army's 'top shot' at Waiouru yesterday.

Corporal Timothy Bryce from 1st Battalion, Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment in Linton won the competition by one shot in a fiercely contested match.

Sixty of the NZ Army's top marksman started the two day Queens Medal competition in Waiouru. The competition was broken into four elimination matches and saw shooters whittled down to ten for the final match up. Targets were engaged from 300 metres to 50 metres during the 45 minute long final.

Chief of Army Major General Rhys Jones attended the final match and presented the Queens Medal to Corporal Bryce at the prize giving last night.

"Shooting is a core skill within the Army and the standard shown during the Queen's Medal competition has been impressive. The ability for soldiers to apply good marksmanship principals is important as it allows soldiers deployed on operations to protect themselves and those they are protecting effectively," said Major General Jones.

"It was a tough competition and for Corporal Bryce to win by only one shot showed how close many of the competitors were in their skill levels," said Major Eugene Whakahoehoe, Chief Instructor of Combat School and officer in charge of the competition.



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Corporal Bryce will hold the title of Champion Army shot until the next Queen's Medal competition.

The King's Medal (now The Queen's Medal) was introduced to New Zealand by King George V in 1923. Awarded to the Champion Army Shot, The Queen's Medal is contested annually. Open to all branches of the New Zealand Army, The Queen's Medal matches are fired in daylight only, firing the current in-service Steyr rifle.

Photos of the Queen's Medal for Champion Shots of the New Zealand Military Forces can be seen on the NZDF Medals website.

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For any further enquiries please contact Major Kristian Dunne, Senior Media Advisor (Army), 021 478 574.

Defence Force personnel deployed on 16 operations, UN missions and defence exercises around the world.

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New Commanding Officer for Air Force's Rotary Wing



WGCDR Russell Mardon (left) hands over the Wing Commander's Pennant to incoming CO WGCDR Shaun Clark (OH 10-0770-023).

10 December 2010

With over 5000 flying hours under his belt, 10 years flying Sioux and Iroquois helicopters and five years flying fixed wing training aircraft, Wing Commander Shaun Clark stepped into his new role as Commanding Officer (CO) of Number 3 Squadron with a change of command parade at Royal New Zealand Air Force (RNZAF) Base Ohakea on 8 December.

The former student of Central Southland College is now in charge of the Air Force's rotary wing fleet, together with the personnel who fly and maintain them. No. 3 Squadron RNZAF provides operational support and training for the NZ Army. It also undertakes search and rescue missions, medical evacuation, and support to other government agencies such as the New Zealand Police and Department of Conservation.

A former leader of the Red Checkers aerobatics team, during their 2008 season, and more recently the CO of the Helicopter Transition Unit - which is responsible for introducing the new A109LUH and NH90 helicopters into service - 37-year-old WGCDR Clark says he is looking forward to returning to No. 3 Squadron.

"The role 3 Squadron performs is an important one and the flying is often exciting and challenging. Best of all, the Squadron is manned by a great team of professional aviators, maintenance and support personnel who are passionate about the Squadron and work hard to deliver military air operations for New Zealand.

"I'm very much looking forward to being a part of 3 Squadron again, and leading such a great team of people!" said WGCDR Clark.

As the Squadron prepares to gradually phase out the Sioux and Iroquois the new CO, who has previously deployed to Antarctica, Bougainville, Timor Leste and the Solomon Islands, is ready for his latest challenge.

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For more information please contact Anna Sussmilch, Defence Communications Group, on 04 496 0286 or 021 676 338.

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