



# New Zealand Veterans in Australia

(New South Wales)

NewZletter



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## Meetings held at Chatswood RSL

### The Month That Was

#### NZ Veterans in Australia Notices

##### NZ Veterans in Australia Logo

In last month's NewZletter I mentioned that it would be great to have a Logo representing us all. However, I do understand that other NZ Veteran organisations already have their own such as Vietnam Veterans etc. Nevertheless, it was a thought and I would like to thank Rion Gallagher and Chris Brownie for their suggestions as follows:



Chris's logo above also represents the three services and the Southern Cross. The logo on the left is contained within a peace laurel. This logo is available at a very affordable cost of \$20 (incl postage).

Please let us know what you think [nzvia@nzvia.com.au](mailto:nzvia@nzvia.com.au)

#### NZ Veterans in Australia (Victoria) Notices

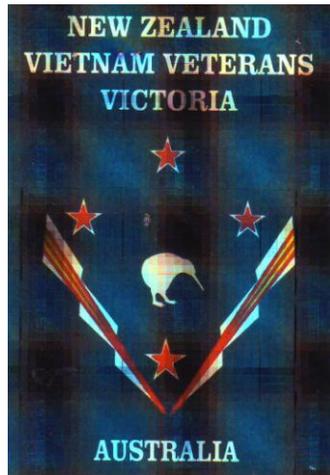
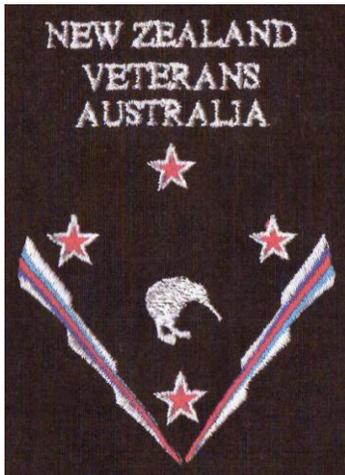
##### NZ Veterans in Victoria have a new Home



On the 12th of February 2010, the New Zealand Veterans in Victoria (officially the NZ Sub-Branch) were officially welcomed into their new home at Caulfield RSL. This was a momentous occasion for the NZ Veterans as they have not

had an official home for some years.

[picture above: Rob Webster (Senior Vice President Victoria RSL State Branch), John Decker (President Caulfield RSL), Rob Hole (NZ Consul General), Sam Smith (President NZ Veterans), James Coutts (Secretary NZ Veterans)]



Rion's logo above is a slight modification of the logo he and his wife designed for Vietnam Veterans in Victoria a number of years ago. Rion is happy for Veterans to use the logo without charge as long as he and his wife are acknowledged. The lightning bolts reflect the letter V for Veteran and the colours represent the three services. The Kiwi and Southern Cross need no explanation.



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The Caulfield RSL has now become the only true "ANZAC" RSL in Victoria. [picture right: James Coutts (Secretary NZ Sub-Branch), John Decker (President Caulfield RSL)



## East Victoria Park erects NZ Flagpole at ANZAC Memorial

Ian Fraser has also been keeping the NZ in ANZAC in WA by working to ensure the local council of the town of Victoria Park erect a NZ Flagpole for its ANZAC Day services and on 5<sup>th</sup> February he advised that it will be erected in time for this year's ANZAC Day service. Thanks Ian for your hard work and efforts to ensure NZ remains an ANZAC inclusion.

## NZ Veterans in Australia (Queensland) Notices

### Trinity Beach, Far North Queensland

David Johns (ex RNZAC) on the far right of the picture is another NZ Veteran working hard to elevate the NZ in ANZAC at Trinity Beach in north Queensland. ANZAC Day for David involves a service and a small parade starting at the flagpole and marching along Vassey Esplanade.



Trinity Beach, Far North Queensland 20 km north of Cairns, played an active part during WW2 and from 1942 was closed off to the public and used to train troops in sea borne assault techniques such as climbing down nets from ships, loading and leaving landing barges etc. Many streets in the suburb carry P.N.G names and the park and shopping centre is named Coastwatcher, commemorating the work of coastwatchers in the Pacific of whom 36 lost their life. The value of tanks in the island campaigns was found to be marginal and tank crews were trained to crew the landing barges.

A memorial plinth was established with a flag pole to mark the role that Trinity Beach played from 1942 onwards and is now located on Vasey Esplanade.

The Cairns and Atherton Tableland seethed with activity. Tens of thousand of Australian and American troops trained in the area. Reputed to be the largest military hospital in the Pacific, the Redlynch /Jungara Field Hospitals comprising 124 prefabs were established in 1943. Casualties landed at the Mareeba Air Base and Red Cross trains carried them to the hospital. Two 1200 bed hospital operated at Rocky point until 1946. The air base was used by B17 Flying Fortress bombers and other types.

The area was never far from action. In 1942 a Japanese bomber dropped a bomb north of Cairns, the action, it was thought, of a disoriented pilot!



The Caulfield RSL has thrown their support behind the NZ Veterans by planning to erect a flag pole to permanently fly the New Zealand flag and also adding the NZ Defence Force logo to their Wall of Remembrance. They are also attending the City of Glen Eira ANZAC march as "The ANZAC's" with both veteran groups combining for the day and both Executives will lead the March. This is to be held on the 18th of April 2010 at 2pm from Caulfield Park.

This is a huge step forward for the NZ Veterans in Victoria and thanks to the support of the NZ Consul General, Rob Hole, the future is bright.



[pictures above" Vin Elder (Secretary Caulfield RSL), Rob Webster (Senior Vice President Victoria RSL State Branch), John Decker (President Caulfield RSL), Rob Hole (NZ Consul General), Sam Smith (President NZ Veterans), James Coutts (Secretary NZ Veterans)]

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## NZ Veterans in Australia (Western Australia) Notices

### ANZAC Day in Perth



Dear Veterans, Pete Ramsay has been keeping the NZ in ANZAC in WA by working hard to elevate the official representation of the NZ Veteran at the Perth ANZAC Day services and also elevating the NZ Veterans group in the march. On behalf of Pete the NZVIA have sent a letter to the RSL of Australia requesting that they also elevate the NZ Representative at the ANZAC Day service and the NZ Veterans partaking in the march.



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A plane carrying 23 servicemen including General Vasey, Chief of the Army Medical services, and Major General Downes crashed off the beach in May 1945 whilst attempting to land at Cairns. The esplanade was later named in his memory.

Thus, it is appropriate that a small parade on ANZAC Day provides an opportunity for reflection.

Thanks Veterans for your efforts in elevating the NZ in ANZAC at the many activities we attend.

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### February Activity Summary

Another quiet month with only one activity.

### Change of Details



Please note the change to the details for the NewZletter. The change is 'symbolic' only in that the NZ Sub-Branch as a legal entity remains extant including its bank accounts. However, the name and email address of the NewZletter reflects a wider approach to NZ Veterans and is in line with the recently created Website. It may get confusing because any Subs or payments must still be made to the NZ Sub-Branch and/or banked in the NZ Sub-Branch bank accounts but simply let me know if you have any queries.

### NZVIA NSW Webpages

The NZVIA NSW WebPages now contains the ability for anyone to make an online donation to the NZVIA NSW. The ability to pay membership fees online is still being progressed.

### NZ Veteran Representation Requested at Kempsey-McLeay ANZAC Day Service

Well Veterans, it is happening albeit slowly that the NZ is being reiterated in ANZAC Day services. And for the first time and at the request of Kempsey-McLeay RSL our own NZ Veteran Jim Dove will be the official representative to the Kempsey-McLeay ANZAC dawn and 11am service this year. This along with the other Veteran efforts above is great news for NZ Veterans and we look forward to any further news as we remember.

### Waitangi Day Festival to Promote the NZ Veteran ANZAC Day Church Service at The Sydney Maori Anglican Fellowship Church of Te Wairua Tapu



Dear all, the NZ Veterans in NSW promoted the ANZAC Day Church Service at the Waitangi Day festival in Merrylands. Thanks to those veterans that assisted. It was a reasonably good day with lots of flyers handed out to

everyone we could see. Thanks also to the church for allowing us the use of their tent. I am confident that the service will be packed this year as we remember our fallen.

### Reminder: ANZAC Day Badge Selling - Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2010

Veterans are reminded that every year we sell badges at the Martin Place station over two days in order to generate revenue for our ongoing operational activities. Martin Place station provides an ideal opportunity to attract workers exiting the station and there are a few trainloads to attract. However, with ANZAC Day falling on a Sunday, it may be less favourable for selling. Nevertheless, we keep doing it and will keep doing it until our age's impact on our capability. So if you have time pop on down with Medals and join fellow comrades followed by a breakfast. It starts from 0630-0930. The Sydney Maori Anglican Fellowship Church of Te Wairua Tapu Church also attends as we continue to strengthen our long-term partnership.



### Reminder: ANZAC Day - Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2010

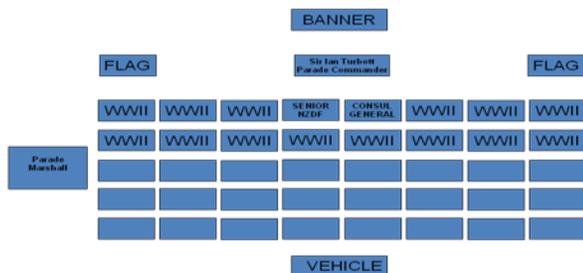


ANZAC Day in 2010 will more than likely be the same format as this and previous years. However, just to clarify, the term 'veteran' in today's context refers to all serving and ex-service personnel not just

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. The March structure is shown below.



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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 Kt., AO., CMG., CVO., CSTJ., FRSA., FAIM., FAICD., Hon.D.Litt (UWS) a NZ World War II Veteran has accepted our offer to be the Parade Commander.

Sir Ian Turbott was a New Zealand Veteran that served in the NZ Expeditionary Force from 1940 to 1946. He saw active service in the Solomon Islands, the Middle East and Italy, for which he was decorated. He then entered the Colonial Service ultimately being made The Queen's representative in Antigua and then Grenada, where he was Governor. Sir Ian Turbott has also served in various prominent political and academic positions in Australia culminating in his appointment as Emeritus Chancellor of the University of Western Sydney.

Sir Ian Turbott joined us for the first time last year and we hope he continues to enjoy his comradeship with fellow NZ Veterans for future marches.

**Reminder: Veteran ANZAC Day Church Service at the Maori Anglican Fellowship Church of Te Wairua Tapu (Church of the Holy Spirit) - Sunday 2 May 2010**

Veterans, please also be reminded that our main activity for ANZAC next year including the march will be an ANZAC Church service at The Maori Anglican Fellowship, Church of Te Wairua Tapu (Church of the Holy Spirit) in Redfern.



As the 25<sup>th</sup> April is on a Sunday next year, the Service will be held on **Sunday 2nd May 2010 at 1030 hours**. Sir Ian Turbott is our first confirmed dignitary that will be attending. Unfortunately, **Cpl Apiata** is not available for this service so we intend to invite him to the Remembrance Day service.

Nevertheless, Veterans it would be great if you can come along and support not only ANZAC Day but also the Church who have been supporting NZ Veterans for many years and 2010 is the Church's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year.

**Reminder: Veteran ANZAC Day Wreath-Laying Service at the NZ Soldier Statue on ANZAC Bridge - Sunday 2 May 2010**



Following on from the Church service a Wreath-Laying service will be held on the same day at 2pm in the afternoon. This year and hopefully future years the NZ Veterans are sharing this service with the Mortdale RSL Sub-Branch so that there will be a shared cost to the service. The intent is for the NZ Veterans to host in 2010 with Mortdale hosting 2011 and so on. The other benefit is that Archdeacon Malcolm Karipa will also officiate at this service when the NZ Veterans are hosting it. The service will be held under the bridge to ensure less distraction to vehicle traffic, with the Wreath-Laying service conducted at the Statues.

There is limited room at the Statues and every effort is to be made not to hinder the general public who also have a right to visit the Statues. Nevertheless, the actual Wreath-Laying part of the service is very short. As with the service earlier in 2009 it is hoped that we will get approval from Sydney Ports Authority to use the same parking area and also RTA approval. It would be a good opportunity to see the Statue albeit whilst attending the service.

**Reminder: Remembrance Day Poppy Selling - Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2010**

As with ANZAC Day badge selling, we also sell Poppies on Poppy Day which helps again from a revenue perspective but also in the profiling and promoting of NZ Veterans to the Australian and New Zealand workforce in Sydney. Again this is conducted at the Martin Place station from 0630-0930 over two days followed by a breakfast. And again we will be assisted by The Sydney Maori Anglican Fellowship Church of Te Wairua Tapu.



**Reminder: Remembrance Day Church Service - Sunday 14 November 2010**

In 2009, it was a very nice service at the Church for the Veterans and the Church to remember our fallen. Nowadays, we not only



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remember our fallen but also those of us that remain (Taawhi reading the Scriptures). And again we will have a Veterans Remembrance Service at the Church the Sunday after Remembrance Day where the symbols of our service will be displayed and the laying of Poppies will also be included.

Note: not only the Korowai and Lemon Squeezer but also the Poppies (l-r: Frank, Ron, Greg, Archdeacon Malcolm Karipa, Norman, Taawhi, Neville, Brian).



## 2NZEF (Japan) & BCOF Association Inc Final Reunion 15-17 March 2010

Veterans please be advised that there is to be a final reunion for 2NZEF (Japan) & BCOF Association Inc 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:

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 2NZEF (Japan) & BCOF Association Inc log on to <http://www.riv.co.nz/jf/index.htm>

Thank you 2NZEF (Japan) & BCOF Association Inc.

## Other Notices

### Legacy 2010

Dear Veterans, for those that did not know, there was to be a consolidation of reunions this year in Wellington to celebrate the awarding of the new NZDF Medal. This was to occur over the Queen's Birthday weekend. However, due to the medal not being available as yet, the Legacy event has been postponed until further notice.

### 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations of the 4<sup>th</sup> Otago Southland Battalion Group 26-28 February 2010



On behalf of NZ Veterans in Australia, we hope the birthday celebrations went well and all the best for the future.

### RNZE Sappers Association 50th Anniversary Reunion 12th to 14th March 2010 at the Papakura RSA

All serving and past Sappers (with Partners) are invited to attend the association's 50th Anniversary celebrations at the Papakura RSA. Unfortunately the venue only can accommodate 300 pers. so registrations will be accepted on a first in basis. If interested please contact either:



Don Rolle Email: [donald\\_rolle@clear.net.nz](mailto:donald_rolle@clear.net.nz) or  
Peter Foster Email: [peterfos@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:peterfos@slingshot.co.nz)

### W3 Reunion - Proposed Date 19-22 November 2010



Veterans, please be advised that W3 will be holding a Reunion during the period 19-22 November 2010 in Christchurch. W3 served in Vietnam from 1969-1970. It will be their 40<sup>th</sup> year reunion and as with the many other reunions, as the ranks diminish, the memorable value of such reunions gets stronger for those that remain. The proposed programme was listed in the December NEWZLetter.

For ex-Members of W3 please log on to <http://www.w3vietnam.org.nz/> to get more information.

### 1NZ Regiment 1961-1963 Malaya Veteran reunion 23-24 October 2010

It is intended to hold a Reunion of 1NZ Regiment 1961-63 Malaya veterans during Labour Weekend 2010.

There is to be a one only fee of \$60 (sixty dollars) paid up front to cover all expenses. Before confirmation of this proposed Reunion is able to be made, numbers intending to attend will need to be known. To this end, please get in touch with either of the following in order to confirm your intention.

Fred Watts 4/54 Pages Road Linwood Christchurch 8062.  
Phone: 03-981-3227.  
Or  
Mrs Tau Sheehan. Email: [tau.sheehan@clear.net.nz](mailto:tau.sheehan@clear.net.nz).



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## RF Cadet 24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion 2010 (Thorpe Class)

Well there seems to be a number of RF Cadet Reunions coming up which is great as the RF Cadets produced some very high calibre and high profile soldiers so it makes sense that ex-RF Cadets are so proud of their involvement. And the Thorpe Class are also intending to hold a reunion in 2010. So for you Thorpe Class members please email Andrew (Simmo) Simpson with your support and camaraderie and I do hope your reunion goes ahead and is not only enjoyable, but full of memories of your younger Cadet years. Contact Andrew by email below:



[sgtsimo@hotmail.com](mailto:sgtsimo@hotmail.com)  
[asimpson@tanknology.com.au](mailto:asimpson@tanknology.com.au)

I do hope Thorpe Class and Bennett Class (below) members can support their respective reunions and I wish you all the best for your celebrations.

## 1 Battalion RNZIR Reunion – 22-29 April 2011



Dear Veterans, Neil Warner and a team of ex-1 Battalion RNZIR Veterans are planning a reunion for those who served with 1 Battalion RNZIR in Singapore. The dates being looked at are 22 April to 29 April 2011. A more detailed programme is being worked on at the moment. For those who were with 1 RNZIR whether attached or as a serving soldier are invited to advise us of their expression of interest in one last trip to our old home Dieppe Barracks as we have been advised the Barracks are being demolished.

This e mail address is my contact [director@manawa.co.nz](mailto:director@manawa.co.nz)

Many thanks for your help

Regards

Neil Warner

## 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](http://www.nzvia.com.au)

## RF Cadet 50<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:benzza@iprimus.com.au).  
Roy Jones [royvjones@dreamtilt.com.au](mailto:royvjones@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](http://www.evsa.org.nz)

## Committee Meeting Matters

The next Committee will be held on Sunday 7 March 2010 at 1030 hours at the Chatswood RSL Club and will be followed by the AGM. 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 NZVIA 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 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



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(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. Applications formare also on the website [www.nzvia.com.au](http://www.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.

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.

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### Acknowledgements / Personal Notices

Happy Birthday to **John Osborne, Norma Osborne, Alex Wilson, Sid Porter, Wally Butt, Greg Bell, Gary Keenan, Gil Brogden, Paul Kitney, David Dow, Lee-Ann Taylor, Tony Bullock, Claude Brook, Dave Hyland, James Kerr and Jan Dicken.**

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### The Last Post

### Brigadier Bob Gurr OBE

Bob Gurr



In loving memory

Dear Veterans, D'Arcy Bailey along with many other NZ Veterans attended Brigadier Bob Gurr's funeral and has provided the following extract from Lt Gen McIver to Brigadier Ian Thorpe.

Hi Ian,

I was amongst a group of Battalion members who attended Bob Gurr's funeral. Judy Burrows was there as well as D'Arcy Bailey and about six other soldiers who had travelled both from Australia and New Zealand. In addition the Army sent Ewan Williams to represent the Chief of Army and the present CO of 1RNZIR Lt Col Grant Motley. Grant Steel was also there. Barbara and Vicky Gurr were very pleased to see the group of Kiwis. It was a small but fitting funeral made more appropriate by the inclusion of an RNZRSA ceremony done by D'Arcy and by the group of soldiers doing a waiata to farewell Bob. The Aussies at the funeral were quite emotional about it." >>>Ends.

The other "Originals" in attendance were, Jim (Kingrat) Te Tuhi, (Te Kopuru) who along with General Don spoke the Ode both in Te Reo and in English respectively, John (Wimoka) Williams, (Mansfield, Brisbane), Duke Pewhairangi, (Arundel, Gold Coast), Ernie Donner, (Holleywell, Gold Coast), Willy Parker, (South Caulfield, Melbourne) and Marshall Tipene (?), (Footscray Melbourne), who was a member of the 61-63 Battalion and came along to represent his late brother.

As Don has pointed out the waiata, Maku, was sung by our group following the RNZRSA Service with the softly sung chorus being translated and spoken to in English by Willy Parker.

The casket was carried from the church to the hearse by our Battalion members and a Guard of Honour was then formed at the gates of the chapel for our last farewell to the "Boss" as the hearse was slowly driven away.

It was indeed an emotional and a fitting farewell for our Commanding Officer of the 1963-65 1RNZIR "Originals."

"May he rest in peace"

**Last Post Reminder**



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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

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## Other News



### Navy takes delivery of offshore patrol vessel



Chief of Navy, Rear Admiral Parr and Gary Collier of the Ministry of Defence (MC10-0039-069).

18 February 2010

Chief of Navy, Rear-Admiral Tony Parr and Ministry of Defence Project Director Gary Collier formally accepted the Offshore Patrol Vessel, HMNZS OTAGO, into the Royal New Zealand Navy at a ceremony in Melbourne today.

"OTAGO and her sister ship WELLINGTON will deliver the Navy substantial new capability to undertake Exclusive Economic Zone patrols, surveillance and military operations around New Zealand, the southern ocean and the Pacific," said Admiral Parr.

"OTAGO and WELLINGTON have the capability to operate further offshore than our existing patrol vessels, stay at sea

longer, and conduct more challenging operations – using their helicopter capability, sea-boats and embarked forces."

Rear-Admiral Parr said it was no secret the Navy had waited longer than planned to get the ships.

"The Navy is now focused on getting these ships into service to do the jobs they were designed for. We're confident the issues around the ships' weight, which have contributed to delays in acceptance, can be managed so they can successfully carry out their missions. We wouldn't have accepted the ships otherwise."

HMNZS OTAGO is the sixth ship in the Project Protector fleet. Acceptance of OPV WELLINGTON into naval service is expected in April.

Admiral Parr said that with the delivery of OTAGO and WELLINGTON the Navy will be operating a fleet of 12 modern, hi-tech and highly capable ships.

"With the completion of Project Protector the Navy can deliver the full range of maritime military capability from combat and security missions to peacekeeping, border patrol and humanitarian and disaster relief," said Admiral Parr.

The delivery crew of HMNZS OTAGO will now undertake safety and operational preparations for her voyage to New Zealand. We expect OTAGO to arrive at Devonport Naval Base toward the end of March where she will be welcomed with appropriate ceremony."

- [Defence Force's work in Afghanistan on show at Pataka](#)
- [NZPRT meet with ex-Mujahadeen and former Taliban](#)
- [Defence Force delivers aid to Aitutaki](#)
- [Navy's 'little ship that could' is sold](#)
- [NZDF Warriors at Air Force museum open day](#)
- [Students get chance to join Gallipoli contingent](#)
- [NZ Navy helps out in Haiti](#)
- [Navy ships at Waitangi](#)
- [Veterans' chance to join Gallipoli contingent](#)

[www.navy.mil.nz](http://www.navy.mil.nz)





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## Waiouru welcomes Territorial Force soldiers

9 February 2010

Quick thinking, rapid deployment, and long days are what Territorial Force soldiers can expect this week in Waiouru as they undertake their annual week of intensive field training.

"Exercise El Maadi" is the Territorial Force annual field exercise that will bring together Reservist soldiers from across the North Island to enhance their skills and train them toward deploying overseas.

The week-long exercise will begin with a number of small scenarios designed to confirm individual skills such as leadership, patrolling, medical procedures and vehicle checkpoints, culminating in a three day exercise that will combine these skills in a peacekeeping role.

"Exercise El Maadi will challenge the territorial soldier in the same way that they would be challenged in any deployment," says Colonel Jon Broadley, Deputy Commander for the 2nd Land Force Group.

"This will enable them to fully prepare for participation in Army deployments like those in the Solomon Islands (RAMSI), Afghanistan, and Timor Leste."

Currently 40 Territorial soldiers and officers are part of the 562 New Zealand Defence Force personnel are deployed on 14 operations, in 10 countries on UN missions and defence exercises around the world, in places such as Antarctica, Afghanistan, Timor-Leste, Solomon Islands, and Korea.

[21 Gun salute](#)

[www.army.mil.nz](http://www.army.mil.nz)



## Tactical flying for Hercules exercise

An Air Force C-130 Hercules (WB 06-0065-12)

12 February 2010

February 2010



Low flying Royal New Zealand Air Force C-130 Hercules from No. 40 Squadron will be swooping around the top of the South Island from 15 - 24 February

as part of the combat qualification exercise TACEX.

The exercise is to train aircrew in C-130 tactical operations and will include formation flying, live airdrop operations involving heavy equipment and container delivery systems, and combat off-load procedures.

Based out of Air Force Base Woodbourne the day time flights will steer clear of built up areas. Drop zones will be in the Grassmere, Lake Station, Seddon, Te Rou and Wairau regions.

C-130 Hercules captain Squadron Leader Andy Scott said the type of flying done during TACEX is to ensure aircrews are familiar with the type of operations that are often used in overseas deployments.

"Flying at 250ft above ground level means there are a number of challenges the aircrew face when tactical flying. With the training on exercises such as TACEX, it means crews are able to perform with confidence when it comes to flying in combat situations or disaster relief."

[C-130 Hercules Aircraft Life Extension Programme](#)

[www.airforce.mil.nz](http://www.airforce.mil.nz)

## NZ Sub-Branch Executive Appointments 2009/2010 (AGM 7 March 2010)

President	Sqn Ldr (Retd) David Winkelmann AFC MID
Vice President	Ron Haira
Vice President	Taawhi Kerehona
Honorary Secretary	Greg Makutu
Honorary Treasurer	Greg Makutu
Welfare/Pensions Officer	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.

			Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	1100 Indigenous Veterans Service Martin Place Cenotaph (Wear Medals)
			Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>	1030 Committee Meeting
<b>2010</b>			July Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	1100 Reserve Forces Day Hyde Park (Standard/Flags/Medals)
March	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	1100 ANZAC Day Participants Meeting (Greg)	Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	1200 Mid-Year Lunch Chatswood RSL (Wear Medals)
	Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	1030 Committee Meeting 1100 AGM	Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	1030 Committee Meeting
April	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	1900 Chatswood RSL Dinner Invitation Only (Wear Medals)	August Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	1100 Victory in the Pacific Day Martin Place Cenotaph (Wear Medals) 1130 Vietnam Veterans Day Springwood (Banner/Flags/Medals)
	Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	0930 Coogee/Randwick ANZAC Service 1000 St Stephens ANZAC Church Service Willoughby (Wear Medals)  1500 North Sydney ANZAC Service and March (Banner/Flags/Medals)	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	1030 Battle of Long Tan Day Martin Place Cenotaph (Banner/Flag/Medals)
	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	0630 Poppy Selling Martin Place Station (Wear Medals)	September Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	1100 Battle for Australia Martin Place Cenotaph (Wear Medals)
	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	0630 Poppy Selling Martin Place Station (Wear Medals)	Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	1100 Merchant Navy Day Service Martin Place Cenotaph (Wear Medals)
	Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	1400 Kapyong Day Martin Place Cenotaph (Banner/Flag/Medals)	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	1100 Battle of Britain Martin Place Cenotaph (Wear Medals)
	Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	ANZAC Day Martin Place Cenotaph (Banners/Flags/Medals)	Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	1030 Committee Meeting
May	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	1030 ANZAC Church Service Te Wairua Tapu Maori Anglican Church Redfern (Korowai/Lemon Squeezer/RNZAF Hat/RNZN Hat/Medals) 1400 NZ Soldier Statue Wreath- Laying Service (Wear Medals)	October Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	1130 HMAS Australia Veteran's Association Martin Place Cenotaph (No Attendance Required)
	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Annual State Congress (President)	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	1000 United Nations Association Martin Place Cenotaph (No Attendance Required)  1200 Ninth Australian Division Martin Place Cenotaph (No Attendance Required)
			November Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	0630 Poppy Selling Martin Place Station (Wear Medals)



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

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> 1030 Committee Meeting

December Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 1200-1500 Xmas Lunch  
Chatswood RSL Club (Wear  
Medals)

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January Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> 1100 ANZAC Participants  
Meeting (Greg)

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> 1030 Committee Meeting

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