



New Zealand Veterans in Australia

(New South Wales)

NewZletter



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The Month That Was

NZ Veterans in Australia Notices

Launch of New Zealand Veterans in Australia Website



The December NSW NewZletter advised of the launch of the New Zealand Veterans in Australia (NZVIA) Website. Just click on the picture or go to www.nzvia.com.au. Just a reminder that NZVIA is a voluntary initiative and as such receives no direct or indirect funding so as you send me information to be published please be understanding of the demands of maintaining a website on a voluntary basis and also work and life in general. Please also note that we need a NZVIA Logo?

Furthermore, the website also contains an online forum. It is a recent addition with a couple of comments already entered about: Cpl Apiata VC whilst in Afghanistan being exposed by the media; the pending NZDF Medal and the website in general. However, please note that the forum is restricted so to read and contribute comments, you will need to register and provide as much information as you can to support your access as the forum is restricted to NZ Veterans only.

NZVIA Honorary Executive Request

Dear Veterans, as you know, on behalf of all NZ veterans in Australia, the NZVIA Honorary Executive are trying to build a database of NZ Veterans in Australia in the hope that we can maintain a close relationship with common interests. To date, the support has been absolutely fantastic so thank you all very much for your continued interest in NZ Veteran matters. However, it is appreciated that in doing this, you may also be a member of your own association and potentially receiving duplicate notices especially when a Veteran passes away. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience as we attempt to ensure all Veterans in AU are kept informed including those

that are not included in their own associations email lists or Groups such as Yahoo groups.

Nevertheless, our request is if you can give us one name and contact details of a NZ Veteran in AU that we may not have. Maybe a good starting point is to see if they are receiving the NZVIA NSW NewZletter (email only). Incidentally, the NewZletter goes to around 1200-1500 NZ Veterans in AU.

The reason for our request is twofold:

- We have been informed of two Veterans having passed away in AU one of which was in NSW and passed away in June last year. Sadly, we didn't know and on behalf of the NSW Veterans, could not coordinate the military aspects for the service. If a Veteran passes away in another State or Territory we can advise the NZ Veterans in those areas in the hope that someone can attend, and
- We would like to try and obtain as many NZ Veterans as possible on our contact list and keep them informed of Veteran matters and also keep them in touch with other Veterans in their area should they wish.

Please note any contact would primarily be by email.

Again, we thank you for your continued interest and apologise for any inconvenience but would appreciate your assistance in this request which will contribute to the growth and communications of the Veteran community in AU.

Please email: nzvia@nzvia.com.au



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NZ Veterans in Australia NSW Notices

January Activity Summary

Well Veterans, it has been a very quiet month with no planned activities except the ANZAC Day March Participants' Meeting and the bi-monthly committee meeting.

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.

ANZAC Day March Participants Meeting

After attending the meeting on Thursday 28 January 2010 we can pass on that there are no issues at all with the NZ Veteran contingent so again thanks to you all for your continued support.

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 will be promoting the ANZAC Day Church Service and hoping to increase its membership by flying the flags, banner and medals at the Waitangi Day festival this Saturday 6 February 2010 at the Holroyd City Gardens Park in Merrylands. It would be great if you could attend and support us anytime during the day which starts from 8am to 4pm and please wear you medals. There will also be flyers to hand out to as many as we can. Please note the Church have kindly allowed us to share their tent as we promote both the Veterans and the Church service.

Reminder: ANZAC Day Badge Selling - Thursday 22nd - Friday 23rd 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

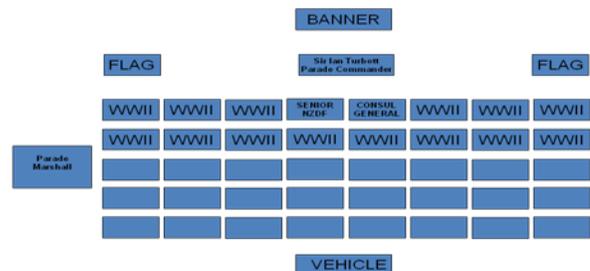
ideal opportunity to attract workers exiting the station and there are a few trainloads to attract. However, with ANZAC Day falling on a Sunday, it may be less favourable for selling. Nevertheless, we keep doing it and will keep doing it until our age's impact on our capability. So if you have time pop 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 attend as we continue to strengthen our long-term partnership.

Reminder: ANZAC Day - Sunday 25th 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. Furthermore, I will be more 'pushy' this year so please form up early, be smartly dressed and stand proudly in your ranks and files. The ANZAC Day March structure is shown 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 25th 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. However, (subject to availability and approval) we are also hoping to have as our special Guest of Honour **Cpl Willie Apiata VC**. If Cpl Willie Apiata VC is available we will also invite **Tpr Mark Donaldson VC**.

Therefore 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 25th 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 9th - Wednesday 10th 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 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



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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).



Congratulations 40'South and all the best for your celebrations.

Contact: fiona.stewart@nzdf.mil.nz

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 or
Peter Foster Email. peterfos@slingshot.co.nz

Other Notices

Change to NZ Army Band to Meet NZ Veterans attending Military Tattoo - February 2010

Dear Veterans, I apologise for the late notice but after obtaining an update from the Band, it would be very difficult for them to meet Veterans now due to their demanding rehearsal schedules and ability to be available even when not rehearsing.

Lost Trail - G Tauriki

We wish to locate G TAUARIKI ex 1NZ Regiment 1961-63, possibly C Company, who was part of 1NZ Regiment's 100 mile record breaking team of 1961.

If you have confirmed details of his whereabouts would you please advise us.

Regards,
John and Annette
Kura takahi puni

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Hoon Hay.
Christchurch 8025.
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Fax: 03-942-6376.
Email: the44millars@clear.net.nz .

150th Birthday Celebrations of the 4th Otago Southland Battalion Group 26-28 February 2010



Veterans, please be advised that 4th Otago Southland Battalion Group will be celebrating their 150th Birthday during the period 26-28 February 2010 in Dunedin.

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.

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 40th 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.



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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.

The suggested format is:

Saturday 23 October 2010: Get together to be based on the Christchurch RSA.

Sunday 24 October 2010: Visit to Burnham Camp including lunch, concluding with a March Out.

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 .

RF Cadet 24th 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
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

Many thanks for your help

Regards

Neil Warner

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.

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



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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 (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 form are also on the website 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.

Acknowledgements / Personal Notices

Happy Birthday to Margaret McInroy, David pepper-Edwards, Ian Esler, Ron Fowell, Rebecca Brierton, Brian Gridley, Ivan McNicholl, Jim Robinson, Bruce Jenkin, Dick Wharera and Roger Shortt.

The Last Post

NZ Vietnam Veterans Last Post

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

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

Last Post Reminder

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

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

Lest we forget



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Other News



Change at the top for Naval Base

Commander of HMNZS PHILOMEL, Captain Fred Keating (MC09-0008-185tn).

28 January 2010

A ceremony to mark the change of Commanding Officer for the Royal New Zealand Navy base, HMNZS PHILOMEL, will be held at 10am, Friday 29 January at Devonport Naval Base.

During the ceremony Captain Dean McDougall will relinquish command of HMNZS PHILOMEL and Captain Fred Keating will assume command.



The changing of command takes place when Captain McDougall states "You have the ship" and Captain Keating replies "I have the ship".

The Change of Command Ceremony is traditionally formal and impressive – designed to strengthen the respect for authority, which is vital to any military organisation.

Captain McDougall will be greeted with a Haka Powhiri performed by the Navy Maori

Cultural Group to farewell him from the position he has held. Witnessing the ceremony will be the ship's company of HMNZS PHILOMEL, invited guests, families and friends.

Deputy Chief of Navy, Commodore Bruce Pepperell, will review the ceremony.

Biography – Captain Fred Keating

Captain Fred Keating joined the RNZN in January 1976 as a Junior Weapon Electrical Engineering Mechanic and on

completion of initial training posted to sea in HMNZS OTAGO. In 1982 Captain Keating was selected for advanced technical and professional education which was undertaken at HMNZS TAMAKI, the Auckland Institute of Technology and HMS COLLINGWOOD. Specialising in combat system engineering he subsequently returned to sea in HMNZS CANTERBURY in 1985.

Captain Keating commissioned in May 1987 and following graduation from the RNZN Officer Training School and sea service in HMNZS WELLINGTON posted to the United Kingdom to study Systems Engineering at the Royal Naval Engineering College Manadon and HMS Collingwood. On successful completion of the Weapon Engineering Application Course he returned to New Zealand in 1989 and posted to HMNZS SOUTHLAND as the Assistant Weapon and Electrical Engineer Officer (AWEO) followed by further sea service in HMNZS CANTERBURY as the Deputy Weapon and Electrical Engineer (DWEEO).

From 1993 to 1995 he undertook further operational postings as the Weapon Engineer Officer (WEO) in HMNZ Ships SOUTHLAND and WAIKATO and then joined the Australian and New Zealand Anzac frigate project, leading a combined RNZN/RAN team tasked with the development, conduct and analysis of the Anzac Class Operational Test and Evaluation programme. He was the Operational Trials Officer for the Anzac First of Class trials and the introduction into naval service of HMAS ANZAC and HMNZS TE KAHA.

In 1999 Captain Keating attended and graduated from the senior staff course at the Royal New Zealand Air Force, Command and Staff College. He subsequently posted into the Maritime Headquarters where he was responsible for the planning and project management of major maintenance periods for fleet units.

In February 2001 he was promoted to Commander and assumed the post of Fleet Repair Officer with navy wide responsibility for the technical and financial management of the RNZN's repair and maintenance programmes.

From July 2003 until December 2006 Captain Keating served New Zealand in the United States of America as the Assistant Naval Attaché and Senior Technical Officer (Navy). On returning to New Zealand in January 2007 he was promoted to his present rank and assigned to Defence Headquarters in Wellington as the Assistant Chief of Navy (Capability).

Captain Keating holds a Master of Philosophy degree in Defence and Strategic Studies from Massey University.



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WO1 Barclay receives New Year Honour



Warrant Officer of the New Zealand Defence Force, John Barclay.
by Judith Martin (Editor, Army News)

19 January 2010

When John Barclay took on the role of Warrant Officer of the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) four years ago, he was entering new territory.

It was a new role both for him and the NZDF, and was established to provide an interface between the Chief of Defence Force and the NZDF's non-commissioned personnel.

The position, however, has developed into much more than that, and the effort Warrant Officer Class One Barclay has put into its development was recognised in the recent New Years Honours.

He is to become a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit. Despite the position being new, WO 1 Barclay was eminently qualified to provide the sort of advice needed; he had spent the previous four years as Sergeant Major of the Army, a position at the apex of the Army's non commissioned ranks. He admits a touch of trepidation when he began his new job.

"I saw and recognised the wider parameters, but they were at a level I had not worked to before."

One of his earliest challenges was supporting the move to provide professional military development for Warrant Officers throughout the Services.

"It had been a bit ad hoc till then, and I experienced that personally. The NZDF had warrant officers throughout its tactical, operational and strategic environments, yet there was very little training available to prepare selected personnel for strategic level employment."

WO 1 Barclay says the NZDF Command and Staff College has provided "amazing" support, as did the Chief of Defence Force, Lieutenant General Jerry Mateparae and the senior leadership of NZDF. The leadership programme that has been developed is now being taught at the Staff College in the form of the Warrant Officer Advanced Course and Programme. In addition there has been interest in the programme by other countries

The complexity of the business the NZDF undertakes now means it needs highly trained, educated, quick-thinking, decision-making personnel at all levels.

"We have to train our non-commissioned personnel to not just "do stuff", but to think and do at the same time."

While a traditionalist in many respects, the concept of doing your job because that's the way it's been done that way for years holds no truck with him. "We need every person at every level to be a thinker. We need people to question and evaluate what they do and look for any changes that will make things better and be supported as such."

He admits such a philosophy can be risky. "And that's the challenge for us. We need to nurture, grow and use it to our advantage. If we have confidence in our personnel why wouldn't we? The NZDF is a traditional organisation, and the concept challenges the way we have traditionally done things. But if we don't challenge we will not become the best that we can be".

WO 1 Barclay has taken a keen interest in NZDF culture including the NZDF's cultural environment. He has largely contributed toward ensuring that Maori culture has the appropriate representation and through that representation defining how this contributes toward fulfilling the organisational need and mission.

"The award is not about me, but more about us as a Defence Force. The NZDF is a great organisation, and every day personnel are striving to make it the best organisation. I am just one of many who are contributing toward this".

"It's invigorating to watch the change and growth that is taking place within the NZDF. If we continue to train, educate and empower our people in the thinking and decision-making processes, who knows what we can achieve?"

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Air Force Orion locates missing boat off Kiribati

Survivors wave to the Royal New Zealand Air Force P-3K Orion Search and Rescue crew. (WVN 10-0006-005)



23 January 2010

A Royal New Zealand Air Force (RNZAF) P3 Orion has successfully located a 16ft vessel missing at sea for six days in the seas off Kiribati.

The four teenagers (three females and one male) were all well but drifting approximately 50 nautical miles north west of the island of Tarawa. Their outboard motor stopped due to mechanical problems and the relieved teenagers were all waving frantically to attract the attention of the Orion crew.

The Search and Rescue mission was co-ordinated by the Rescue Coordination Centre (RCC) in Fiji who sent a request to RCC in New Zealand late Thursday evening. The Orion launched during the early hours of Friday morning and found the missing vessel just after an hour of arriving in the 11,000sq km search area.

A Patrol Boat from Tarawa was provided guidance to the location of the survivors and they were picked up at approximately 1030pm last night. The Patrol Boat with the vessel in tow were headed back to Tarawa.

"It's a great result to locate survivors in such a vast search area.

Our Orion crews are very highly trained and have significant experience in these missions, however you never really know what you're faced with until you arrive in the search area" said the Commanding Officer of No 5 Squadron, Wing Commander Nick Olney.

After a 20 hour day the Orion crew departed the search area and spent the night in Vanuatu before returning to NZ later today. Wing Commander Olney added "It's been a very busy week for No 5 Squadron with aircraft operating from the southern ocean

to north of the equator in support of Customs, Fisheries and in this case the RCC".

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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

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.

2010

March	Thursday 4 th	1100 ANZAC Day Participants Meeting (Greg)
	Sunday 7 th	1030 Committee Meeting 1100 AGM
April	Friday 16 th	1900 Chatswood RSL Dinner Invitation Only (Wear Medals)
	Sunday 18 th	0930 Coogee/Randwick ANZAC Service 1000 St Stephens ANZAC Church Service Willoughby (Wear Medals)
		1500 North Sydney ANZAC Service and March (Banner/Flags/Medals)



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	Thursday 22 nd	0630 Poppy Selling Martin Place Station (Wear Medals)		Saturday 4 th	1100 Merchant Navy Day Service Martin Place Cenotaph (Wear Medals)
	Friday 23 rd	0630 Poppy Selling Martin Place Station (Wear Medals)		Wednesday 15 th	1100 Battle of Britain Martin Place Cenotaph (Wear Medals)
	Saturday 24 th	1400 Kapyong Day Martin Place Cenotaph (Banner/Flag/Medals)		Sunday 26 th	1030 Committee Meeting
	Sunday 25 th	ANZAC Day Martin Place Cenotaph (Banners/Flags/Medals)		October Wednesday 20 th	1130 HMAS Australia Veteran's Association Martin Place Cenotaph (No Attendance Required)
May	Sunday 2 nd	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)		Friday 22 nd	1000 United Nations Association Martin Place Cenotaph (No Attendance Required) 1200 Ninth Australian Division Martin Place Cenotaph (No Attendance Required)
	Tuesday 25 th	Annual State Congress (President)		November Wednesday 10 th	0630 Poppy Selling Martin Place Station (Wear Medals)
	Friday 28 th	1100 Indigenous Veterans Service Martin Place Cenotaph (Wear Medals)		Thursday 11 th	0630 Poppy Selling Martin Place Station (Wear Medals) 1100 Remembrance Day Service Martin Place Cenotaph (Banner/Flags/Medals)
	Sunday 30 th	1030 Committee Meeting		Sunday 28 th	1030 Committee Meeting
July	Sunday 4 th	1100 Reserve Forces Day Hyde Park (Standard/Flags/Medals)		December Sunday 12 th	1200-1500 Xmas Lunch Chatswood RSL Club (Wear Medals)
	Sunday 18 th	1200 Mid-Year Lunch Chatswood RSL (Wear Medals)			
	Sunday 25 th	1030 Committee Meeting			
August	Sunday 15 th	1100 Victory in the Pacific Day Martin Place Cenotaph (Wear Medals) 1130 Vietnam Veterans Day Springwood (Banner/Flags/Medals)		2011	
	Wednesday 18 th	1030 Battle of Long Tan Day Martin Place Cenotaph (Banner/Flag/Medals)		January Thursday 20 th	1100 ANZAC Participants Meeting (Greg)
September	Wednesday 1 st	1100 Battle for Australia Martin Place Cenotaph (Wear Medals)		Sunday 30 th	1030 Committee Meeting