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The Month That Was

It was another quiet month in July for NZ Veterans all around Australia.

NZ Veterans in Australia (New South Wales) Notices

Feedback on ANZAC Day Church Service at Te Wairua Tapu in Redfern

Just to inform NZ Veterans in AU that feedback received from the Maori Business Network in NSW stated that the ANZAC Day Church Service at Te Wairua Tapu is "a must attend on Sydney's social calendar". Thank you to the NSW Veterans for a very moving and memorable service.

Mid-Year Lunch Sunday 18th July 2010

Dear Veterans, the NZ Veterans in NSW held their mid-year lunch at the Chatswood RSL club. The lunch is another nice opportunity for veterans to meet and chat over a lunchtime meal. There is normally not great numbers to the lunch but for those that attend, it's always nice to see each other again and exchange stories past and present. Whilst we do not normally have guest speakers our very own 96 year old 1221 T/SSgt Frank Harlow took the opportunity to relate his experiences in Greece and Crete. Ron introduced Frank who served with DivCav in Greece and Crete then returned to NZ to set up the armoured fighting school in Waiouru retiring as a T/SSgt instructor.



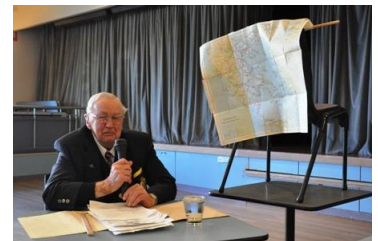
(Picture above: Ron introducing 1221 T/SSgt Frank Harlow (Far left))

Frank conducted a lot of research for his presentation which had not only his own personal experiences but included statistics of the time he was in Greece and Crete and his statistics were very frightening especially in regards to the KIA, WIA and POWs. Frank also used maps of Greece and Crete to further explain his involvement as he spoke. Nevertheless, some of Frank's experiences including his role in DivCav were very interesting

as he talked about how they had to use the high mileage Bren Carriers and the South African Marmon-Herrington Ford armoured cars. According to Frank, the cars were ugly, high profile and 13 ton weight armed with a Bren light machine gun and point five Boyes anti-tank rifle which proved useless against tanks, the bullets just splashed off. To make matters worse they were fitted with sand tyres which were practically useless in some off-road conditions. Frank recalls the time he had to take an officer down to Div HQ one day and while waiting for him and doing some housekeeping he heard a voice say "how do you like your armoured car corporal?" with which Frank replied "I'd sooner it was a light tank". The response was "so would I" and as Frank turned to see who it was he realised it was the Divisional Commander, General Freyberg. When Frank turned to leave, Freyberg told him to stay and informed him that the ships carrying the light tanks had been sunk and the replacement ship was also sunk so they had to make do with what they had.

This is one of the many experiences that Frank shared with us as we sat listening to every word. For the Veterans at the lunch they could certainly relate to Frank's experiences and afterwards, Greg thanked Frank for the presentation knowing that like most Veterans, he was reliving his past and of course the hurt that goes with it especially as some of Frank's comrades did not return.

It was a very moving lunch and something we will look forward to every year.



(Picture above: 1221 T/SSgt Frank Harlow)

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.



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And again we will be assisted by The Sydney Maori Anglican Fellowship Church of Te Wairua Tapu.

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.

Note: I apologise if my next comments offend 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 the NewZletter. I am aware that Anzac is legal but nevertheless my preference is capitals.

[NZ Veterans in Australia \(Queensland\) Notices](#)

An Update on the Issue of the Proposed New Zealand Defence Medal

Dear Veterans, Maj (Retd) Pat Dyson has kindly sent a Ministerial from the Associate Minister of Defence, Hon Heather Roy which provides an update on the proposed NZ Defence Medal. I have included it at the end of this NewZletter.

[NZ Veterans in Australia \(Western Australia\) Notices](#)

A Request from Ian Stobie for Support

Dear Veterans, Ian Stobie has asked for a letter to be placed in the NewZletter. It explains the issues around legislation and service in USSR. His request is as follows:

Dear Sir,

My name is Ian Stobie and during my service with the NZDF I volunteered to do two tours of duty to USSR Moscow. Both member of RNZE and members of RNZMP were sent on a TOD lasting from 14 months down to 3 months for MP`s.

The reason I am writing to you asking for help /request is for you to send out a notice in your monthly NewZletter asking for those team members of both RNZE and RNZMP to contact me at leslieka@bigpond.com

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 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 Kaio Karipa, Norman, Taawhi, Neville, Brian).

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
Email: jbridle@tpg.com.au
Member: No



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I am attaching a letter that would I hope explain my reason for this, received by me from the National President of the RNZRSA Mr Robin Klitscher.

While you are aware the New Zealand Law commission has made 170 recommendation in their report, it is now more than ever for us members of those detachment to have our say.

As we have all fallen though the legislation cracks and are not covered while we reside outside New Zealand.

Regards
Ian Stobie

Dear Mr Stobie

Thank you for supplying the medical report completed by your GP. We have noted that the examination you went through was thorough and provided a lot of information about your past and current health states. We have discussed the information with Veterans' Affairs New Zealand, since they had previously requested the detail to see if there was any way in which they could provide assistance to you.

The fact remains, however, that VANZ can only assist ex-Service personnel who were injured prior to 1 April 1974 or those who have served in recognised wars or emergencies after that date. You will remember that 1 April 1974 was when ACC was introduced. Your service in Moscow is not classified as war or emergency service under the War Pensions Act, and it occurred after ACC was introduced.

The advice we have received from Veterans' Affairs New Zealand is that you should continue to pursue treatment for your health problems through the Australian public health system, since your circumstances do not fall into their sphere of action. This also means that Veterans' Affairs New Zealand is not able to assist with the cost of going to see Dr Risbey - but we can ask our Trustees to look at that separately.

From the information we have, it is evident that the circumstances surrounding the operation you had whilst you were working in Moscow has troubled you. We do hope, however, that the treatment you have been receiving from Dr Risbey helps to alleviate this.

We have taken advice from ACC on whether they are able to provide any cover for you whilst you are resident in Australia. But there are only a few cases where they are able to assist people who are not normally resident in New Zealand. Unfortunately

you do not fit into any of the categories where they can help whilst you are resident outside New Zealand.

The Royal New Zealand Returned And Services' Association is not able to pay for any ongoing treatment. We can assist with one-off costs from time to time in cases of need (see below), but not ongoing expenses for treatment.

I know that these answers may appear to you to be unfair. You have served your country and have been affected whilst in that service. Even so, although the laws of the country may grant rights they may also limit those rights; and we all have to accept the rule of law.

Kevin Bovill has indicated that he and you might consider going to Court using the Bill of Rights. As we have previously said, however, our legal advice on this is that the New Zealand Bill of Rights Acts 1990 does not expressly override other law enacted by other Acts of Parliament. The effect is that where another Act says X and the Bill of Rights says Y, then X must still be applied by a Court if there is a distinction.

If you were to return to live in New Zealand you may be able to obtain some assistance through ACC. Under the current legislation, however, you would still not be able to receive assistance from Veterans' Affairs New Zealand.

This will not be the answer you wanted to hear, and I am sorry we could not deliver better news, but we have looked at your circumstances from every angle available to us and as sympathetically as possible.

That said, please send us the accounts from your GP for the medical examination and for the report from Dr Risbey. The Trustees have already agreed to pay for the GP's report, and will consider reimbursement for Dr Risbey's report.

Yours sincerely

R J Klitscher
National President

NZ Veterans in Australia (Tasmania) Notices

Speech at a Commemorative Service to Mark the 50th Anniversary of the Cessation Of Hostilities of the Malayan Emergency by the Honourable Peter Underwood, AC, Governor Of Tasmania, Hobart Saturday 31st July 2010.

The NMBVAA wreath was laid by NZ Veteran in Tasmania Roger Carter (1RNZIR)





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1966-1971, 1980-1982), and Col Challenger from Tasmania. Col was to lay the wreath. However, as he can't walk much Roger offered to help him as Roger is a member of our NMBVAA Inc in Tasmania.

"There are several small wars some veterans of which claim are 'forgotten'. One is the Malayan Emergency. I don't know why this conflict is sometimes referred to as the forgotten war for it began in June 1948 with the Declaration of an Emergency following the assassination of three European plantation managers in the State of Perak, and did not end until the Declaration was withdrawn on 31 July 1960. By that time 6,700 guerrillas, 1,800 Malayan and Commonwealth troops, over 1000 Malayan police and more than 3,000 civilians had lost their lives in the conflict. ii It was the longest military commitment in this country's history. In all, about 7000 Australians served alongside British, New Zealand, Gurkha and Malayan forces against the communist insurgents. iii Thirty-nine Australian servicemen were killed in Malaya, although only 15 of these deaths occurred as a result of operations, and 27 were wounded, most of whom were in the army. iv This year marks the 50th anniversary of the cessation of the Declaration of an Emergency and today we have gathered together to make sure that the servicemen who served in the Malayan Emergency are not forgotten, especially those who lost their lives or were wounded in the course of their duty.

It was in essence a war that had its roots in English Imperialism of the century before last, was tainted with racial conflicts and fueled by fears of communism. It might be said with the hindsight the English had no business remaining in Malaya after the end of World War II and Australia should not have acceded to the British request for Australian troops. But of course, hindsight is always excellent 20/20 vision, and we are not here today to debate these issues. We are here to remember the Australian service men who fought in the conflict and the thirty-three nurses who were deployed overseas during the Malayan Emergency. As I said recently at a commemoration to mark the end of hostilities in Korea, we have gathered here today to honour the Australian service men and women who fought in a war because their country called upon them to do so. In this act of remembrance we especially think of those Australians who became the casualties of the Malayan Emergency. The men and women who serve in Australia's Defence Forces do so to help keep their country strong, and each of them swear that they will stand ready to respond when their country determines that there is a need to use force. It takes courage and commitment to do that. In the case of the Malayan Emergency the Australian Government answered the call by the British Government to defeat the communist guerrilla forces operating on the Malay Peninsula and Australian service men and women responded as they had committed they would do so and went to fight and die

once again. Today, together with members of the Tasmanian Branch of the Malaya and Borneo Veterans Association, and their families, we remember those men and women. We honour their service and we salute them for the commitment they made, for their dedication to duty, and for their courage in the face of battle. Lest we forget

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NZ Malaya, Borneo and Singapore Veterans Invited to Tour

Veterans are reminded that there are still seats available to tour Malaya, Borneo and Singapore departing on 21 September 2010 and returning on 4 October 2010. The complete cost is \$4200. Contact details are as follows:

For information contact Matu Clendon:

Phone: +64 9 267 0959

Email: matclen@xtra.co.nz

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,



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Malcolm Faulls
Vice President
North City Branch
CMT and NS Assn

A Registration Form is attached to this NewZletter and your co-operation will be greatly appreciated. However, please note Cheques should be made out to Pearce Battalion.

W3 Reunion – Proposed Date 19-22 November 2010

Reunion Notices

1NZ Regiment 1961-1963 Pearce Battalion Reunion 23-24 October 2010

Although this is primarily a message for those who served in the Pearce Battalion, 1NZ Regiment 1961-63 Malaya, we would appreciate your assistance.

There is a plan afoot to hold a "Pearce Bn" reunion in Christchurch over Labour Weekend this year, 2010. We have been asked to promulgate the following information and attached Registration Form, to all on our email network. which includes not only members of the Pearce Battalion 1NZ Regiment 1961-63 Malaya, but also those who served in Malaya/Malaysia during 1957-1971, plus other NZ Army personnel, in the hope that those not 1961-63 but who know members of that Battalion, will pass on this information and the Registration Form.

Unfortunately, although we have the names of those personnel of the "Pearce Bn" recorded in our database, we do not have contact details for all, and putting out a 'help please' may be the only way we will be able to let them know about this coming reunion.

"The suggested format is:

Saturday 23 October 2010, Registration and Get-together at Christchurch RSA, with a dance in the evening (dinner can be purchased in the RSA).

Sunday 24 October 2010, Visit to Burnham Camp including a Church Parade at the Chapel, lunch and a Parade "March Out" through the Camp Gates.

Arrival back at the RSA will signal the formal ending of the Reunion, however, the RSA Bar will be open and the Restaurant serving meals into the evening.

Please note that details could be changed but the broad outline will remain.

Please also note that Registration Forms must be returned no later than six weeks before Labour Weekend, that is, no later than 10 September 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/>

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 Singapore 22-29 April 2011



Dear Veterans, attached to this NewZletter is a Reunion Newsletter for those Veterans that served in 1RNZIR in Singapore. There are also very nice Polo Shirts available for purchase in memory of the Reunion.

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



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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.nzovia.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 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

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.nzovia.com.au website. Just scroll down to the end of the Membership column or email nsw@nzovia.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.

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





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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 **Reg King, Taawhi Kerehona, Neville Berridge, Botha Morton, Chris Brownie, Harry Browne, Dick Roach, Christine Young, Bill Casey, Robert Bird and Lt Col (Retd) Brian Hewitt.**

The Last Post

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.

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Other News



Defence Force arrives in Tuvalu for Pacific Relief exercise

HMNZS CANTERBURY in Tuvalu for Pacific Relief exercise (WN10-0138-005).

7 July 2010

Three hundred and fifty New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) personnel are arriving this week in Tuvalu as part of Exercise Tropic Twilight.



Exercise Tropic Twilight is an annual exercise to a Pacific nation which is used to rehearse and improve the ability of the NZDF to respond to disasters within the South Pacific Region.

The exercise is also used as a means to deliver and support the NZAID South Pacific development programme by completing numerous medical, engineering and development tasks on the Island.

"Our people take great pride in being able to give something back to our Pacific Island neighbours. Exercise Tropic Twilight is a good opportunity for us to enhance cooperation and relationships in the Pacific," says Lieutenant Colonel Todd Hart, Senior National Officer for the Exercise.

The large NZDF contingent deployed to Tuvalu include the Multi Role Vessel HMNZS CANTERBURY and crew, Air Force C-130 Hercules, Army Engineers, Army Medics and support personnel. Also taking part in the exercise is a Puma Helicopter and support crew courtesy of the French Armed Forces in New Caledonia (Forces Armees De La Nouvelle-Caledonie - FANC).

"The NZDF trains for a wide spectrum of operational environments, from providing humanitarian aid like we're demonstrating here in Tuvalu, right up to preparing for conventional combat situations," says Lt Col Hart.



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"We need to train across this spectrum because while you can scale down the skill set required to conduct Humanitarian and Disaster Relief operations, it is not as easy to scale up."

Exercise Tropic Twilight provides an excellent opportunity to exercise all three services of the NZDF in conjunction with other Government and Non-Government agencies alongside FANC who also have regional responsibilities.

The exercise is scheduled to conclude on the 17 July with all NZ forces returned when HMNZS CANTERBURY arrives back in Auckland on the 23rd of July.

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NZ PRT part of highway success in Afghanistan



Major George Tweedy walks with Bamyan Governor Dr Habiba Sarabi to the road sealing ceremony for a major section of the road connecting Bamyan

Province to Kabul. Credit: Private First Class Roy Mercon, US Army. (WV10-005-058tn)

27 July 2010

The people of Bamyan province, Afghanistan, will soon be able to reach their country's capital much more easily thanks to the construction of a new two-lane highway.

The provincial governor Dr Habiba Sarabi, Bamyan provincial government officials, local dignitaries including the district governor, and heads of shuras from local villages were present for the road sealing ceremony for a major section of the Bamyan-Kabul Road on 19 July.

With Dr Sarabi throwing the first shovel of 'hotmix' onto the road, the main asphalt paving machine was ready to start work.

Major George Tweedy, development officer for the New Zealand Provincial Reconstruction Team (NZPRT), said that the road, the first to be paved with asphalt outside of the main Bamyan town, will open up Bamyan to Kabul in the east and enable the farmers to get their produce to market much quicker than ever before.

"Bamyan province is a rich agricultural area that produces potatoes, wheat, apricots and other fruit, but with no real road infrastructure to speak of, it's been very difficult to capitalise on these assets and most of the produce rots in the fields. This road, and others like it, will bring real prosperity to Bamyan and the farmers in the area."

The Bamyan-Kabul road is one of many large road projects the NZPRT is working on, said Major Tweedy, with the projects amounting to more than \$150 million.

Major Jonathan Fiu, a liaison officer for the NZPRT, said that the PRT continues to focus on development and governance within Bamyan Province.

"Large-scale projects like roads connect the people to the main centres and allow for rural areas to be supported more effectively by the Afghan National Police."

27 Hōngongoi 2010

Nāu Te Rourou Nāku Te Rourou Ka Ora Te Iwi O Awhekenetāna

Ākuanei ka māmā ake te haerenga o ngā tāngata o Bamyan ki te tāone matua o Awhekenetāna, a Kabul. Nā te hanganga o tētahi huarahi matua hou i pēnei ai.

Nō te rā 19 o Hōngongoi i tau atu te tāhuna a tara ki te kaupapa nei, koia te wā i timata ai tētahi wāhanga nui o te huarahi Bamyan-Kabul. I reira te Kāwana a rohe, a Tākuta Habiba Sarabi, ngā atoato a rohe, ngā manu noho matarae o ngā pā, otirā ngā rangatira o ngā takiwā.

Ka kāherua te pakakū tuatahi e Tākuta Sarabi, kātahi kua wātea te mihini pakakū ki te mahi i āna mahi.



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E ai ki a Meihā George Tweedy, Apihā whakawhanake o te Tīma Hanga o Aotearoa (NZPRT), ko tēnei te huarahi pakakū tuatahi i waho atu i te tāone a Bamyān. Ka oti te huarahi nei ka watea a Kabul ki ngā kaupāmu, kia tere ake te tuku i ā rātou hua whenua ki ngā wāhi hokohoko.

“He rohe haumako, a Bamyān, koia e tuputupu pai ai te wīti, te tāewa, me ngā hua rākau. Heoi nā te āhuatanga o te rōri i uaua ai te harihari atu i ngā hua hokohoko atu ai, nā whai anō ka pirau haere ngā hua i te whenua. Mā te huarahi nei e whai rawa ai ngā kaupāmu otirā te rohe whānui o Bamyān.”

Tā Meihā Tweedy - ko te huarahi Bamyān-Kabul tētahi noa iho o ngā huarahi hūhūa, ngā huarahi rārahī, ngā hurahi waitara e mahia ana e te Tīma o Aotearoa (NZPRT). Neke atu i te \$150 miriona te wariu o ngā waitara nei.

E mea ana a Meihā Jonathan Fiu, te kaitakawaenga o te Tīma (NZPRT), e aro tonu ana te Tīma ki ngā mahi whakawhanake i te rohe me te kāwanatanga a Bamyān.

“Mā ngā waitara nunui, pēnei i ngā huarahi, e honohono te tangata ki ngā tāone matua, ka mutu, ka māmā ake te mahi manaaki me te mahi tautoko ā te rōpu Pirihimana o Awhēkenetāna i ngā tāngata o tuawhenua.”

KA MUTU

Pānui a Whakaahua: Meihā George Tweedy, Apihā whakawhanake o te Tīma Hanga o Aotearoa (NZPRT), rāua ko te Kāwana o Bamyān, a Tākuta Habiba Sarabi, e hīkoi ana. Ko te wā tēnei i whakanui ai tētahi wāhanga o te huarahi matua e honohono ai a Bamyān ki Kabul. Nā Private First Class Roy Mercon, US army te pikitia.

Inaia tonu nei, e 908 ngā tāngata o Te Ope Kātua o Aotearoa e mahi ana i tāwahi. Kei ngā whenua 10 o te ao, rātou e whakawai ana, e hāpai ake i ngā whaingā a te UN, me ngā Mahinga rongomau 14.

Me he pātai āu tēnā kia whakapā mai ki a Nicole Munro, Te Rōpū Kōrero o Te Ope Kātua, 021 569 148.

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Media Day 21 July: RNZAF Iroquois & Australian Army Blackhawk alpine flying exercise Coverage of Exercise Wolf around the Wanganui area (OH07-0315-12)

4 July 2010

No 3 Squadron (3 SQN) from the Royal New Zealand Air Force (RNZAF) will hold its annual mountain flying exercise over the period 19 - 30 July 2010.



Known as Exercise BLACKBIRD 2010 (BB10), the annual mountain flying exercise will be supported by members of Expeditionary

Support Squadron (ESS). The exercise is designed to familiarise Iroquois crews with high altitude flying and cold weather operations and will be held at RNZAF Camp Dip Flat.

BB10 will also be used as an opportunity to conduct night Search & Rescue (SAR) type continuation flying.

In addition, Exercise ANZAC ROTOR 2010 (AR10) will also be conducted by the 16th Aviation Brigade of the Australian Army. They will be operating four Blackhawk helicopters and conducting alpine flying training although they will be based at RNZAF Base Woodbourne near Blenheim over the period 19 - 23 July 2010.

A Media day is planned for 21 July 2010 and interested media are invited to attend.

Details are as follows:



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What: BB10 & AR10 Media Day. The day will consist of Detachment Commander Briefings, interviews with aircrew and other support personnel as required and the opportunity to go flying subject to appropriate weather conditions and available aircraft.

Who: No 3 Squadron, RNZAF. 4 x Iroquois helicopters, approx 143 personnel over two rotations. 6th Aviation Brigade, Australian Army. 4 x Blackhawk helicopters, approx 143 personnel.

When: Wednesday 21 July 2010 10am - 2pm.

Where: RNZAF Camp Dip Flat in the Marlborough, Molesworth, St Arnaud region. South Island.

Media are expected to make their own way to and from Dip Flat.

Interested media are requested to email Squadron Leader Kavae Tamariki (kavae.tamariki@nzdf.mil.nz) prior to 12pm Tuesday 20 July to register your interest.

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Dear Mr Fitzpatrick

AN UPDATE ON THE ISSUE OF THE PROPOSED NEW ZEALAND DEFENCE MEDAL

Thank you for your e-mail of 11 May to the Hon Dr Wayne Mapp about the proposed New Zealand Defence Medal. As this is a matter that comes within the part of the defence portfolio for which I am responsible, your e-mail was forwarded to me for reply.

Firstly, I note that you plan to attend an ANZAC Day parade at the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Kranji Memorial in April next year.

Secondly, final decisions by the government have not yet been made on the criteria for the new medal, although much time has been spent considering them. They are being reviewed so carefully because former and current Service personnel must be absolutely certain that the criteria are both fair and equitable.

The Medallic Recognition Joint Working Group has now submitted its report on the proposed New Zealand Defence Medal, although it has yet to complete the Review of Service in South East Asia (including Singapore).

A media statement will be issued very shortly after final decisions have been made, and information will be released to the *RSA Review*, and the New Zealand Defence Force Medals website: <http://medals.nzdf.mil.nz>.

I expect, however, that the NZDF will call for applications for the New Zealand Defence Medal before the end of this year, and the first medals will be issued as soon as possible after that. Hopefully, this will take place before ANZAC Day 2011.

Yours sincerely

Hon Heather Roy
ASSOCIATE MINISTER OF DEFENCE