



New Zealand Veterans in Australia

NewZletter



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The Month That Was

NZ Veterans in Australia Notices

NZ Veterans in Australia Logo

Thank you to those Veterans that responded to the possibility of an NZ Veteran in Australia Logo that could be used to represent us all regardless of conflict or service. Thanks also to Rion and Chris for their Logo's. Being such an emotive issue it can be a difficult decision. However, the responses to date favoured Chris's Logos' and they were willing to pay the AU\$20. Although there was still differences on some aspects of the Logo: some didnt like the word Veteran, others wanted the words NZ or ONWARD featured somehow, most favoured the circular Logo.

Chris responded to an enquiry by a Veteran about the Logo's as follows:



Small but distinctive for bikers. (and looks ok on sports jacket). "Peace laurel" the circle is 10cm across, Army, Navy, Air Force with Southern Cross. "Veteran" measures 8 cm across x 10 cm. down. Same pattern. Structure is similar to the Veteran lapel badge. (Year of the veteran) Army, Navy, Air Force pattern is as close as I could get to the lapel badge. NZ southern cross stars are red. (Aussy stars are white !) The peace laurel is silver, same colour as silver fern. (As well as representing all kiwi servicemen, active and non-active the peace laurel also internationally identifies the purpose of a Defence Force, to maintain peace) Black, red and white are the colours of the maori flag. Crossed sword and taiaha could be done in a different colour? We tried "New Zealand" across the top, but that changed the dynamics and size to much. Both patterns are on computing software, with a local badge maker, so its not too difficult to make minor alterations "NZ"?? Send me your ideas and I'll run a proof.

The NZ Veterans in Victoria have also chosen a different Logo:

The words New Zealand Sub Branch is used to reflect their association with the State RSL which is understandable as the Veterans in NSW are also a New Zealand Sub Branch of the NSW RSL. Nevertheless, it can also have other words such as NZ Veterans in Australia, NZ Veteran, New Zealand Veteran.....



Furthermore, Maj (Retd) Bob Wood POW has also suggested a Logo which is basically the Year of the Veteran Badge as a Logo with the words NZ or VETERAN included:

There is no immediate panic to decide on a Logo so I will wait for any further responses this month and then hand it to the Honorary Executive to decide next month.

Thanks again everyone for your responses but more importantly thank you for your continuing interest in NZ Veterans.

Please let us know what you think nzvia@nzvia.com.au

NZ Veterans in Australia Publicity

Just a note to let you know that thanks to the NZ Veterans in Victoria, the NZVIA website has been included in the Melbourne Marae Appeal website as follows:
<http://www.maraemelbourne.net/front.html>

NZ Veterans in Australia (Victoria) Notices

ANZAC Day March in Melbourne

For Veterans wanting to march in the ANZAC Day March in Melbourne, the following information is provided:



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Meeting Point: cnr Little Flinders Street and Swanston Street
Time: 0845 hours (we cross the line at 0900 hours)
Contact: James Coutts, Mobile +61 437 353 975
Post March Function: Caulfield RSL (from approximately 1030 hours)

Please visit www.nzvia.com.au for more information.

NZ Veterans in Australia (Western Australia) Notices

Ian Fraser Promotes NZ Veterans

Dear Veterans, you may remember Ian in last month's NewZletter as he fights to keep the NZ alive in ANZAC. Well Ian has been keeping the NZ Veteran identity alive also by creating an RNZIR Logo for T-Shirts and Coffee Cups.

Ian provides more comments as follows:

I finally traced the badge off an old photo album and digitized it. The result is now available as a T-Shirt on www.zazzle.com.au and search on RNZIR. The T Shirt has come out beaut, I'm not so sure about the coffee mug.... The shirts can be customised so the guys can add whatever they like either front or back. I've stuck with the badge of my era but if the new boys want a black one let me know and I'll make one up.

I also think the T-Shirt is beaut Ian and can see a wider use of this initiative for NZVIA as a whole.

NZ Veterans in Australia (Queensland) Notices

ANZAC Day March in Brisbane

For Veterans wanting to march in the ANZAC Day March in Brisbane, the following information is provided:

Meeting Point: cnr George and Elizabeth Streets Park area behind Casino
Time: 0900 hours (we cross the line at 1000 hours)
Contact: Larry Southern, Telephone +61 7 3207 9603
Post March Function: Mirimar (berthed on southern end of the Victoria bridge adjacent to the library).

Please visit www.nzvia.com.au for more information.

NZ Veterans in Australia (New South Wales) Notices

Reminder: ANZAC Day Badge Selling Thursday 22nd - Friday 23rd April 2010

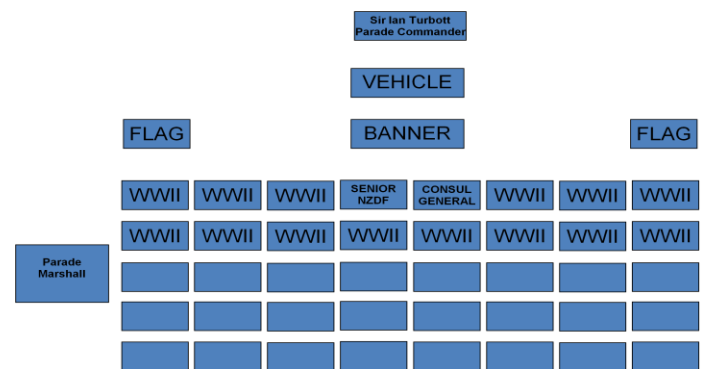
Veterans are reminded that every year we sell badges at the Martin Place station over two days in order to generate revenue for our ongoing operational activities. Martin Place station provides an ideal opportunity to attract workers exiting the station and there are a few trainloads to attract. However, 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 attends 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. The March structure is shown below.



You will note the change to the March structure which was done to ensure consistency with all other marching organisations.

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.



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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 this year, the Service will be held on **Sunday 2nd May 2010 at 1030 hours**. Unfortunately, **Cpl Apiata** is not available for this service so we intend to invite him to the Remembrance Day service. However, our distinguished guests include: **Sir Ian Turbott, NZ Consul General Ms Sarah Craig, Commander Australian Fleet Rear Admiral Steve Gilmore AM, CSC, RAN and Mrs Kate Gilmore, NZ Defence Representative, NSW Police Local Area Commander Superintendent Luke Freudenstein, State RSL Vice President John Haines, President Indigenous Veterans David Williams, Maori and Business Community Leader John Williams, President Mortdale RSL Sub-Branch Bill Mackay, President Penshurst RSL Sub-Branch Russell Norrish, President Oatley RSL Sub-Branch Michael Tiddy**. We are also honoured to have **Peter Carrington RNZAF** as our Bugler. We have been looking for a NZ Veteran Bugler for years so it will be an exceptionally emotional service indeed when Peter plays the Last Post and Rouse.

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 we have been given 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).



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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).



Other Notices

Notice from Birmingham Branch of the National Malaya and Borneo Veterans Association in the UK

Veterans of Malaya and Borneo please note that NZVIA received a nice email from Jim Dawson of the above association commenting on our website and in reply it would be nice if you also took a look at their website www.theorderlyroom.info for items of mutual interest.

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

Dear RNZE Sappers, we hope your 50th Anniversary Reunion was well attended and memorable. We also wish you all the very best for the future.



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

Also to the 2NZEF (Japan) and BCOF Veterans, we hope your final Reunion was well attended and there were numerous photographs taken to ensure we never forget.

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/>

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."

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



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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 going under the umbrella of the South East Asia Veterans Association. 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. A SEAVA Newsletter is attached to this month's NewZletter.

V3 1 Battalion RNZIR Reunion 3-6 June 2011

Following the very successful V3 Company reunion held in Te Araroa last year it has been decided to hold a further reunion in Greymouth over Queen's Birthday Weekend 2011. All members of the V3 family are most welcome to attend. Full details can be found on the reunion website <http://www.premierstrategies.com/victor3/victor3.html>

RNZN Reunion in Gold Coast 2011

RNZN Veterans please be advised that the next reunion will be held in the Gold Coast in 2011. The reunions are blessed with a

large attendance of Navy veterans and I am sure the 2011 reunion will also be the same.

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

RF Cadet 50th Anniversary Reunion 2013 (Bennett Class)

Reminder for any RF Cadet Bennett Class veterans to please contact Roy Jones or Ben Hadfield as follows:



Ben Hadfield benzza@iprimus.com.au.
 Roy Jones 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. Applications form are also on the NZVIA NSW page of



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the www.nzvia.com.au website. Just scroll down to the end of the Membership column.

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).

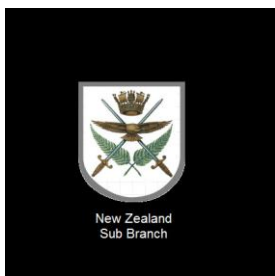
Please note the following:

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



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 **Paul Payens, Wayne Taylor, Graham Armstrong, Pat Woolley, Ben Akari, Dennis McCrorie, Dave Peters, Brian Forsman and Trent Direen.**

The Last Post

777186 Pte Anthony John Mortimer W3 RNZIR

Dear Veterans, John Mortimer W3 RNZIR passed away in the early hours of Monday 22 March 2010. John's funeral was held at the ECO Memorial Park, Quinns Hill Road West (off Jacobs Well Road) Stapyleton (near Yatala) in Queensland at 1000 hours on Tuesday 30 March 2010.

Notice from Bruce Weir V3: I attended John Mortimers (W3) funeral today at (Stapyleton) Beenleigh. It went off well and there was a message from both platoon commanders from Vietnam that praised him as a skillful Soldier. There were about 10 Kiwi Vietnam Veterans in attendance and the family praised those who ensured that his last few weeks in hospital were much brighter. Wayne Lindsay our local Kiwi EVSA rep led the soldiers part of the service and did a great job.

Notice from Wayne Lindsay: We laid John to rest today. What a great turnout from from Brisbane & Gold Coast Kiwi Vietnam Veterans -15 attended! It was an excellent service which did John proud. Throughout the service the two words Trust and Loyalty came through. These were the exact same sentiments that came through from all the condolence emails I had received to pass on to the family. The family were rapt in the acknowledgement of John's service to NZ by all the Veterans who attended.

Rest in Peace John

Eddie Grey NZSAS

Dear Veterans, Eddie Grey NZSAS passed away in the early hours of Thursday March 6 2010 at Tweed Heads. Eddie's funeral was held at the Tweed Heads Memorial Gardens (Crematorium) at 1100 hours on Wednesday 31 March 2010.

Notice from Bruce Weir V3: Hi Everyone, I attended Eddies funeral today at Tweed Heads and passed on our condolences to his Widow Betty. A special mention from his SAS mates. Betty



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was pleased that we remembered him and pleased to see us at the funeral. I will be liaising with Betty to see that she gets her entitlements.

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

New Zealand Navy Ships, HMNZS CANTERBURY, ENDEAVOUR, TE KAHA, HAWEA and TAUPO were joined in the harbour by Royal Australian Ships, ARUNTA and ANZAC who are visiting Auckland and Nelson.

The Navy's sealift and amphibious support vessel, HMNZS CANTERBURY, that has been away for six weeks, returned from Australia where she took part in a number of exercises.

ANZAC Frigate, HMNZS TE KAHA and tanker HMNZS ENDEAVOUR have been conducting sea trials in preparation for a deployment. Inshore Patrol Vessels HMNZS HAWEA and TAUPO returned from working with other government agencies in maritime surveillance and patrol missions.

- [Send an Anzac message to kiwi forces](#)
- [Navy man's personal link to Gallipoli](#)
- [HMNZS OTAGO's voyage delayed](#)
- [Veterans chosen for Gallipoli ballot](#)
- [Defence Force launches student competition](#)
- [Advice for Gallipoli travellers](#)
- [New Zealander takes command of Multinational Force in Sinai](#)
- [French Navy ship open to the public](#)
- [Navy helicopter training turns into real rescue](#)
- [Kiwi troops face tough weather conditions in Afghanistan](#)

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Other News



Navy ships descend on Auckland



Ships HMNZS CANTERBURY, HMNZS ENDEAVOUR, HMAS ARUNTA, HMAS ANZAC, HMNZS TE KAHA, HMNZS HAWEA, and HMNZS TAUPO (MC 10-0076-001) 19 March 2010

An unusual sight greeted Auckland residents as seven Navy vessels came over the horizon and into Waitamata Harbour today.



Junk yard war looms for Army mechanics

The 2008 challenge. Teams compete to create an armoured go-



cart with an electromagnet to uplift various items from a predetermined course. (LN08-0006-19) 23 March 2010



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Army mechanics will turn junk into treasure this weekend in a scrapheap build-off that will see teams use old parts to build working mechanical contraptions set by a panel of judges.

The scrap yard challenge is part of the annual Logistic skills competition that will be held at Burnham Camp this weekend to celebrate the 14th anniversary of the Royal New Zealand Army Logistic Regiment (RNZALR).

The Army's best drivers, chefs, stewards, mechanics, suppliers and administrators will compete across the wide spectrum of trades that make up the RNZALR.

Each trade group of the regiment aims to demonstrate their excellence within trade while highlighting the individual skill of its team members.

Drivers will negotiate varying driving tasks and situations they could be exposed to whilst deployed on operations as they compete for the Driver of the Year. This will see drivers use the wide variety of military vehicles the NZ Army operates including the UNIMOG, Pinzgauer and heavy lift truck and trailers.

Chefs will battle it out in the kitchen while stewards aim to provide top class service when they compete for the Roy Smith Trophy. They will be cooking up top class cuisine for invited guests including Chief of Army Major General Rhys Jones, local MP Amy Adams and the Selwyn District Mayor Kelvin Coe.

Supply technicians will encounter complex supply chain management issues as they battle for the Rickshaw Trophy; and the administrators will be required to solve many HR problems to gain recognition as the top administrator.

The weekend will also see soldiers demonstrating their fitness and shooting skills as they compete to win team and individual shooting matches.

Skills competitions are an integral part of being a soldier in the New Zealand Army and aims to demonstrate excellence within both trade and individual soldiering skills.

[NZ PRT vs. Bamyan: Tug-Of-War Challenge](#)
[NZ troops arrive home from Solomon Islands](#)

www.army.mil.nz



RNZAF pays tribute in anniversary church service



Governor General opening Parliament after the formation of a new Government. A NZDF Guard of Honour was on parade (OH08-0864-36)
26 March 2010

The Royal New Zealand Air Force will commemorate its 73rd anniversary with a church service at the Wellington Cathedral of St Paul's this Sunday 28 March at 2.00pm and members of the public are invited to attend.

The service is held to remember those who have served in the RNZAF and particularly those who have lost their lives in Service. New Zealanders who fought and died in other Air Forces are also remembered and thanks is given for the dedication of the men and women of today's Air Force.

During the service the Queen's Colour of the RNZAF, the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan (BCATP) Commemorative Pennant and the Standards of Numbers 3, 5, 40 and 42 Squadrons will be paraded.

This year the BCATP Commemorative Pennant, a special distinction similar in nature to a military battle honour and created to honour meritorious service in the time of conflict, will be carried by Pilot Officer Lisa McLay. This will be the first time the Pennant won't be carried by a BCATP veteran due to their increasing frailty. PLTOFF McLay says it is an honour to carry the Pennant. "I feel truly privileged to carry the Pennant as it represents such a significant time in the RNZAF's history."



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At the close of World War II the BCATP had produced 131,533 aircrew graduates including pilots, wireless operators, air gunners and navigators for the Air Forces of Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand and Canada. The RNZAF contributed 7002 graduates.

Music for the service will be provided by the Central Band of the RNZAF.

www.airforce.mil.nz

New Zealand Veterans in Australia Honorary Executive Appointments 2010-2011

<i>Honorary President</i>	<i>Lt (Retd) Ron Haira</i>
<i>Honorary Vice President</i>	<i>Taawhi Kerehona</i>
<i>Honorary Vice President</i>	<i>Brian O'Donohue</i>
<i>Honorary Secretary</i>	<i>Greg Makutu</i>

**Pearce Battalion (1NZ Regt 61-63)
REUNION 23-24 October 2010
REGISTRATION FORM**

Veteran Surname _____ First name _____

Service Number _____ Coy/PI _____

Spouse/Partner Surname _____ First name _____

Veteran Address/Contact:

Should you require uplifting from airport please indicate:

Date: _____

Flight number: _____

Arrival time: _____

I enclose registration fees @ \$60 per head _____

Please complete and post with your payment to:

**Fred Watts
4/5 Pages Road
Christchurch 8062**

or

**Tau Sheehan
4 Clinton Lane
Christchurch 8062**

**NOTE: Registration Forms and payments must reach one of the above
no later than 10 September 2010.**

South East Asia Veterans Reunion



Singapore / Malaya 2011 ANZAC Day

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Key Personal and SEAVA Members:

Neil Wanner , Bruce Blackburn, Mike Miller ,Richard Higgle , Lloyd Stone , Nat Tatana ,
Dave Gardiner, Mac Donald , Steve Hawkins ,Daryl Gregory , more to go on list

Going under the umbrella of the South East Asian Veterans Assn covers all of us that were posted to South East Asia 1972 to 1989.

The trip to Singapore will be a big one for some of you, if you are only going for a few days the main Parade is ANZAC Day which starts at 6:00am at Kranji War Memorial. There will be quite a few tourists and VETERANS .We will be asking if they can place the SEAVA Reunion in the main seating and that Neil and Mac lay a wreath for the Soldiers that Died in Singapore /Malaya.

Posters of the Reunion have gone out to RSAs around the country

The best time to book your Flights is November look at the net www.webjet.co.nz
Or www.expedia.co.nz including Hotels, the whole cost should not be any more than \$2000. Most Hotels you pay per room and not per Person, with free Breakfast

For Hotels look up <http://hotels.online.com.sg/>

For the Christchurch pers there is an AirAsia X - a Malaysian airline with very cheap airfares to Asia starting in Oct

It would be great if we all could stay in the same Hotel

We need to have Area Groups :

Aust Group

Auckland Group

P/North Group

Wellington Group

Christchurch Group

Cheers

Neil P/Noth

Mac Christchurch

Any Info just e Mail: director@manawa.co.nz or mac10@paradise.net.nz