



# New Zealand Veterans in Australia Incorporated NEWZLETTER



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## The Month That Was (2012 Theme: Family/Whanau)

### National Presidents Address



Dear NZ Veterans in Australia, another month gone and continuing our theme of family/whanau the NZ Veterans in VIC arranged a Unveiling and Medals presentation which I understand was attended by a number of NZ Veterans and their families. It's great to see the states taking the opportunity to arrange more formal medal presentations to our Veterans and I look forward to hearing about this in the future.

Recently I returned to New Zealand to attend the opening by the Governor General Lt General Rt Hon Sir Jerry Mataparae of a new country campus for my old school Dilworth. After the ceremony I seized the opportunity to talk to the Governor General and asked him whether he might be able to attend a New Zealand Veterans event in Australia. He replied that he does not normally travel outside of New Zealand but under certain circumstances it might be considered. I also had a chat to Sir Wilson Whineray. Sir Wilson Whineray served on the Dilworth School Trust Board for several years and worked closely with me on the Waharoa project.



The upcoming month of April is where the demand on our time is intense. However, we know this every year, we prepare for this every year, and every year we accept those demands in memory of our fallen. Nevertheless, again I would please ask that you seek out our WW2 Veterans and ensure they remain connected with us as we go about our busy lives as they are getting fewer at marches and services and we need to ensure they are also not forgotten.

Lest We Forget

Ron Haira

### New Zealand Veterans in Australia Incorporated

Dear Veterans, please be advised that the New Zealand Veterans in Australia Incorporated was officially registered as a Not-For-Profit organisation in NSW earlier this year with subsequent financial accounting requirements as at 1 July 2011.



Please go to [www.nzvia.com.au](http://www.nzvia.com.au) to view the Constitution and if you would like to join the Council as a State Representative can you please submit your registration of interest to [nzvia@nzvia.com.au](mailto:nzvia@nzvia.com.au)

Please note, the organisation is new, it has no intention of taking over other well established organisations such as the Vietnam Veterans but is attempting to represent all NZ Veterans that have an interest in NZ Veteran Matters. We would consider seeking a nominal membership \$5 per year just to cover administration costs as it is the intent that everything we do will be done electronically. Furthermore, all financial members only will receive monthly financial statements with an Annual Report being posted on the website.

Membership can be made as follows:

New Zealand Veterans in Australia Inc  
Westpac Martin Place  
BSB: 032024  
ACCT: 849523

### New Zealand Defence Service Medal

Dear Veterans, please be advised that applications are now being taken for the NZDSM.

You can apply directly online, or download the application form. Click on the following link  
<http://medals.nzdf.mil.nz/nzdsnm/index.html>



For those that can assist, please help out our Veterans complete their application if they are not in a position to do this. Brian Meyer has been very active advising NZ Veterans of this entitlement and I have been assisting some older NZ Veterans apply with the easiest method being online.

At this time the service starts at 9:30am at the Merrylands RSL with a march to the memorial followed by the laying of Wreaths and speeches.

A draft Order of Service is included at the end of this NewZletter.

### ANZAC Day March Wednesday 25 April 2012

### Veterans Funded for WWII Commemorations



Dear Veterans, a letter has been sent to VANZ advising of four WWII Veterans interested in attending commemorations overseas as part of the NZ Government funding of WWII Veterans who wish to travel to 70<sup>th</sup>

anniversary commemorations overseas. The WWII Veterans who have so far been nominated are:



NZ1221 Frank Harlow  
(Greece/Crete) DOB  
10.08.1913

NZ82871 Maurice Borland (Egypt/Italy) DOB 27.06.1918  
NZ42758 Arch Campbell (Pacific) DOB 29.11.1920  
NZ4261 Maj (Retd) Bob Wood POW (Italy/North Africa)  
DOB 12.08.1914

If you know of any other WWII Veterans that should be considered can you please support them and register their details with VANZ or let me know so I can follow up on your behalf.

The ANZAC Day March next year will be the same format as every other year. However, just a further reminder, 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, directly after the march we will have the school from NZ perform for us again as they do every two years when they are here in Sydney on their reciprocal tour.



This year our front rank will be led by WWII Veteran Sir Ian Turbott Kt AO CMG CVO who will march initially and then move into the Landrover shortly after the Cenotaph. Our 98 year old (Greece/Crete) Veteran 1221 Frank Harlow and 94 year old (Egypt/Italy) Veteran 82871 Maurice Borland will also be marching with us this year for the first time. Both Frank and Maurice will be in wheelchairs and it will be nice to have them join us.

Furthermore, we are fortunate to have Maurie Kellow (V5) and his wife Carol (WA) plus Tweet Bird (V5) and his wife Jo (NZ) attend our march. Malayan Veteran Alan Ferguson (1 Bn NZ Regt 57/59) is also hoping to attend.

### NZ Veterans in Australia (New South Wales) Notices

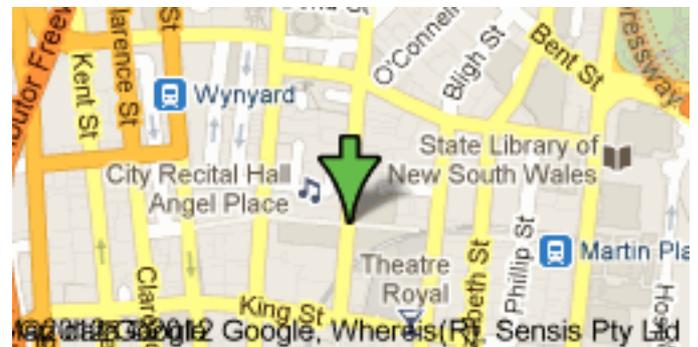
### ANZAC Day Service Merrylands Sunday 22 April 2012



Dear Veterans, please be advised that Hamiora (Sam) Wihongi RNZN (left on picture) is arranging NZ Veteran support to the Merrylands RSL ANZAC Service this year and is seeking

maximum support from all NZ Veterans in NSW. Hamiora has been a staunch supporter of NZ Veteran activities in NSW and it would be great if we could support him at this service which I understand will be the first time that we are hoping to see a huge NZ Veteran attendance and participation.

NZ Veterans in NSW form up at 0830 hours on the corner of Pitt Street and Martin Place ready to march off at 0900 hours.



The post-March function is held at the Chatswood RSL Club.

### Chatswood RSL Club

446 Victoria Avenue, Chatswood NSW 2067

## ANZAC Day Church Service Sunday 29 April 2012



The ANZAC Day Church Service will be held at the Sydney Maori Anglican Fellowship Church of Te Wairua Tapu, 587 Elizabeth Street, Redfern, on Sunday 29 April 2012 at 1030

hours, the first Sunday after ANZAC Day. To support the 2012 theme, it is intended that presentations of the NZDSM and any other medal entitlement will be presented to the families of our Veterans no longer with us. However, it will also be another official opportunity for current Veterans to be presented the NZDSM by our dignitaries one of which will be Indigenous Veteran Sub-Mariner David Williams.

Anyone wanting to have their NZDSM presented at this service, can they please contact me to ensure the efficient planning and preparation for the service is conducted:

Greg Makutu  
[nsw@nzvia.com.au](mailto:nsw@nzvia.com.au)  
Mobile: 0404 005 341

An Order of Service is included at the end of this NewZletter.

## Remembrance Day Poppy Selling at Martin Place Station 8-9 November 2012

NZ Veterans in NSW will again sell Poppies at the Martin Place Station from 0630 hours – 0930 hours on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2012. Our ranks are thinning but our commitment to doing what we can to promote the presence of NZ Veterans and help our own wherever possible remains strong.

Anyone is welcome to join us at the station and for breakfast afterwards. As always the trains arrive and the stampede of citizens keeps us busy but their generosity continues to amaze us every year (Picture l-r: Allan Watt, Gil Brogden, Ron Haira).



## Remembrance Day Church Service Sunday 11 November 2012



Dear Veterans, the Remembrance Day Church Service will be held on Sunday 11 November 2012 at the Sydney Maori Anglican Fellowship Church of Te Wairua Tapu at 1030 hours.

(Picture: Megan Leonard and Charlie Karena being presented their NZDSM by HE Maj Gen (Retd) Martyn Dunne and Councillor Philip Black). To support the 2012 theme, it is intended that presentations of the NZDSM and any other medal entitlement will be presented to the families of our Veterans no longer with us. However, it will also be another official opportunity for current Veterans to be presented the NZDSM.

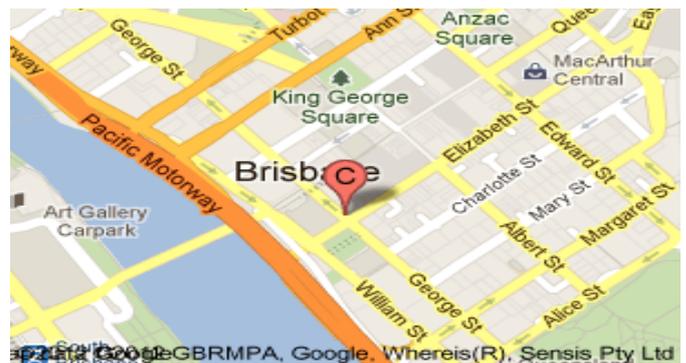
## NSW Services and Commemorations

Last month following the AGM of the NZ Veterans in AU (NSW), (officially NZ Sub-Branch RSL) on Sunday 22 January 2012, an email was sent to all NZ Veterans in NSW notifying of the new committee. The email also included a calendar of upcoming events. You are all welcome to attend any of the events with us some of which we attend not only in support of the event but also to promote NZ Veterans in AU. All are followed by a coffee and cake somewhere close and of course general chat and camaraderie. The next general meeting is on Sunday 27 May 2012 at 10:30am at the Chatswood RSL Club, and again you are all welcome to attend. However, if you would like to contribute to the running of the organisation please consider joining. Details contained further in the NewZletter.

## NZ Veterans in Australia (Queensland) Notices

### ANZAC Day March Wednesday 25 April 2012

The ANZAC Day March next year will be the same format as every other year whereby we form up at the corner of George Street and Elizabeth Street around 0930 hours and start the march at 1000 hours.



The post-March function will be held on the Mirimar berthed on the southern end of the Victoria Bridge adjacent to the library.

## Mirimar Cruises

Brisbane QLD 4101  
1300 729 742

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

***Unveiling and NZDSM Medals Presentation Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012***

*Dear NZ Veterans in Victoria, I do hope your Unveiling and Medals presentation was memorable and everyone seized the opportunity to participate.*

*To promote the event if anyone took photos, I wouldn't mind getting them so I can post it on the [NZVIA Website](#) and [Facebook](#) and the RNZRSA Facebook ([RSA New Zealand Remembers Our ANZACs](#)).*

***ANZAC Day March Wednesday 25 April 2012***

*The ANZAC Day March next year will be the same format as every other year whereby we form up at the corner of Flinders Street and Swanson Street around 0845 hours and start the march at 0900 hours.*



*The post-March function will be held at the Caulfield RSL Club.*

***Caulfield RSL***

*4 St Georges Road, Elsternwick VIC 3185  
(03) 9528 3600*

***NZ Veterans in Australia (Western Australia) Notices***

***ANZAC Day March Wednesday 25 April 2012***

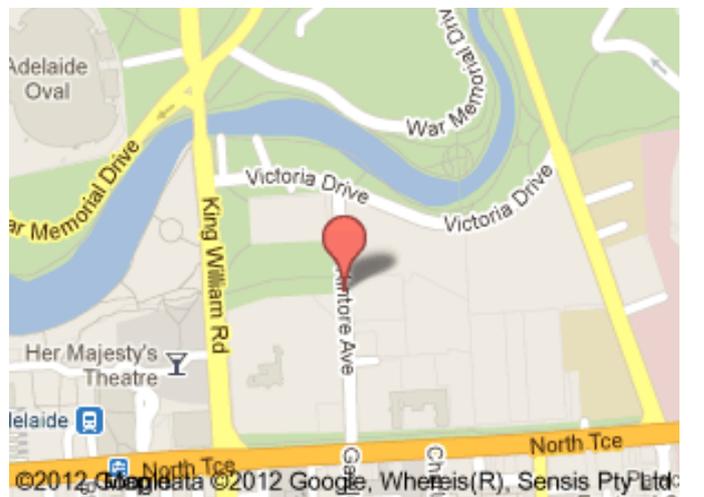
*The ANZAC Day March next year will be the same format as every other year whereby we form up along St Georges Terrace with the Allied Forces and start the march at 0935 hours.*



***NZ Veterans in Australia (South Australia) Notices***

***ANZAC Day March Wednesday 25 April 2012***

*The ANZAC Day March next year will be the same format as every other year whereby we form up along Kintore Avenue and start the march at 0930 hours.*



***Reunion and Other Notices***

***Vietnam Veterans Reunion 2012***



*Vietnam Veterans are advised that planning for the 2012 National Reunion to be held at Waitangi over Queen's Birthday Weekend 2012 is well underway under the able leadership of Rihari (Dick) Dargaville (V2). The reunion will be centered on the Copthorne Hotel & Resort just across the bridge at Waitangi and adjacent to the Treaty grounds, which will play a prominent part in proceedings.*

*For further information please contact:*

*The Secretary  
Ex-Vietnam Services Association  
PO Box 72-260  
Papakura  
New Zealand*

Email: [nzevsa@extra.co.nz](mailto:nzevsa@extra.co.nz)

## **2RRAR/NZ (ANZAC) Battalions Vietnam Deployments 1967-1968 and 1970-1971 Reunion 2012**

Dear NZ Veterans, at the end of this NewZletter are details of the 2RRAR/NZ (ANZAC) Battalions Vietnam Deployments 1967-68 and 1970-71 Reunion to be held in Townsville during the period 25-29 July 2012.

Please go to the following link to register and for further information <http://www.2rar-association.com.au/>

## **RNZN Reunion in Melbourne 2013**



RNZN Veterans, please be advised that the next reunion will be held during the Melbourne Easter weekend in 2013. The reunions are blessed with a large attendance of RNZN Veterans and I am sure the 2013 reunion will also be the same.

Please contact Reunion organisers for more information:

Georgina Nelson

Email: [georgina@maramelbourne.net](mailto:georgina@maramelbourne.net)

Mobile: 0419626150

Sonya Holland

Email: [sonya\\_holland@hotmail.com](mailto:sonya_holland@hotmail.com)

## **RF Cadet 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion 2013 (Bennett Class)**



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

Ben Hadfield [benzza@primus.com.au](mailto:benzza@primus.com.au).

Roy Jones [royojones@dreamtilt.com.au](mailto:royojones@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/>

Dear Malaya Veterans, please also note a message from Hiro Hamilton as follows:

Although MVD will be held on the 16th September 2012 it is probable that many will travel to Wellington on the 15th September and return home on the 17th September. Our NZMVA National Executive will have their National Executive Meeting in Wellington at 11 am 15th September 2012 most likely hosted by the Wainuiomata RSA President Russell Cook. It would be very productive if we were to have a number of your veterans present to update our Executive on where your associations aspirations are at for the future. I will keep you informed should there be a venue change. It is also being planned that a Social get together be held the Evening of

the 15th September 2012 for all those veterans to mingle and socialise before the 16th September. Again I will keep you informed about where this venue will be (most likely Upper Hutt RSA). There is a strong belief that huge numbers of veterans will travel to this MVD Inaugural Service and therefore travel and accommodation bookings need to be in place sooner rather than later. You will be able to contact William Russell our MVD Project Co'ordinator [William.russell@extra.co.nz](mailto:William.russell@extra.co.nz) should you require any further information. William Russell is based in Wellington. Our MVD Poster is still in DRAFT mainly to advise our veterans the date and time, what will be added will be the need for all our veterans to make a strong commitment to attend, this will send a strong message to our Politicians and members of the NZ Public that the MVD Inaugural Service has been a long time coming. No reira nga mihi whanui rau rangatira ma, noho ora mai.

Hiro Hamilton NZMVA National Secretary

Note: Flyer at end of this NewZletter.

## **Ex-Vietnam Services Association Inc**



Reminder for all NZ Vietnam Veterans to keep in touch with your fellow comrades and keep up to date with the latest information through your association.

The website address as follows:

[www.evsa.org.nz](http://www.evsa.org.nz)

## **NZVIA NSW Veteran Membership 2012**



NSW Veterans are reminded that the 2012 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 \$30 (of which \$25 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.

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.

## NZVIA VIC Veteran Membership 2012



VIC Veterans are reminded that the 2012 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.



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## Acknowledgements / Personal Notices

Happy Birthday to: **Paul Payens, Corey Hughes, Wayne Taylor, Graham Armstrong, Pat Woolley, Ben Akari, Dennis McCrorie, Dave Peters, Brian Forsman and Trent Direen.**

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## 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.



### Lest We Forget:

#### W35348 WO Bob Painter (RNZASC/RNZCT)

Dear Veterans, please be advised that WO Bob Painter passed away on 7 March 2012 from Cancer. Bob was cremated at Heritage Park Crematorium, Goodna, Brisbane on the 12 March surrounded by friends and family. Bob was in the Army for 28 years starting out as a RF Cadet through to WO. Bob served in Burnham, Waiouru and Addington Barracks. Bob had just retired from the Presidency of the Redback Plains QLD RSL Sub-Branch after six years. Bob leaves behind his wife Jean, five daughters and one son, grandfather to 16 and great grandfather to 13.

The article kindly provided by Bob's eldest daughter Florence.

### We Will Remember Them:

NZ40128 James Hamlin  
NZ40270 Edward Wall  
W35348 Bob Painter  
NZ460580 Samuel Kopa  
NZ823104 Murray Cooke  
NZ213189 Dave Allan  
NZ37465 RF Turner  
NZ39050 Ken Ranginui  
NZ31156 Harry Allen

## Other News



### Overseas Deployments

Dear NZ Veterans in AU, thought you might be interested in knowing where our current NZDF personnel are deployed around the world.

There are currently 808 New Zealand Defence Force personnel deployed on 16 operations, UN missions and defence exercises across 12 countries, including:

- A - South Sudan (3 personnel)
- B - Sinai (28 personnel)
- C - Middle East (8 personnel)
- D - Iraq (1 person)
- E - Afghanistan (187 personnel)
- F - Korea (3 personnel)
- G - Timor-Leste (78 personnel)
- H - Solomon Islands (8 personnel)
- I - Antarctica (0 personnel)
- J - Bahrain (5 personnel)

All overseas deployments are co-ordinated and run by Joint Forces New Zealand. Once deployed, NZDF personnel come under the control of Commander Joint Forces New Zealand. For the latest deployment statistics please see Current Deployment Information.

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

### Three NZDF bands to provide military music

27 March 2012

The New Zealand Defence Force announced today its decision to fund three military bands to provide musical support at ceremonial events around the country.

The Navy Regular Force Band, based at Devonport will be responsible for providing music for all events in the upper North Island, while events in Wellington Central will be covered by the Wellington-based Air Force Territorial Force band. South Island events will have music provided by the Army Regular Force Band, based at Burnham. This band will also be used in the lower North Island, where the Air Force Territorial Force band is unable to fulfil the commitment.

As part of the structural change, seven part-time bands - four Army Territorial Force bands and three Air Force Territorial Force bands - will be no longer be funded by the New Zealand Defence Force, saving more than \$2.6 million over five years. Army and Air Force will work with the Territorial Bands around the possibility of ongoing affiliations, associations and transfer of existing bandspeople into the other trades within the Territorial Forces.

Chief of Defence Force, Lieutenant General Rhys Jones, said the new structure will ensure that the musical requirements of major ceremonial events in New Zealand will continue to be met.

"Military bands are an important part of our military history and make a significant contribution to the NZ Defence Force, New Zealand Government, and local communities. We will be prioritising events like ANZAC Day and other important occasions to ensure they still receive coverage.

"While we are adopting a new structure, military bands will continue to have a presence throughout the country and provide musical support at ceremonial events," Lieutenant General Rhys Jones says.

The decision comes after a consultation process which invited submissions on the proposed new structure. More than 130 submissions were received and considered as part of the consultation process.

Changes will be implemented by the end of June 2012.

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For further information please contact Defence Communications Group Media Phone - 021 487 980



### Navy helps DoC reach Sub-Antarctic



Navy inflatable operating in Tagua Cove in the Auckland Islands with HMNZS WELLINGTON in background.

HMNZS WELLINGTON has returned from the sub-Antarctic islands, where it helped Department of Conservation workers carry out important research on Auckland Island wildlife.

WELLINGTON transported the DoC team 465 km south from Bluff to the Auckland and Campbell Islands, New Zealand's southern-most outpost.

During the operation the ship used its RHIB (Rigid Hull Inflatable Boat) to help DOC undertake a census of the rare rockhopper penguin on the Auckland Islands, and transported DoC workers and scientists studying the island's ecology.

WELLINGTON's commanding officer, Lieutenant-Commander Rob McCaw, said supporting DoC was part of the Navy's wider role.

"As well as undertaking maritime surveillance we're here to help other government agencies – Customs, Police, Fisheries and DoC - reach the outer limits of New Zealand territory."

The Wellington recently deployed with Fisheries Officers board vessels on the outskirts of New Zealand's Exclusive Economic Zone, and was involved in the search last year for the yacht *Beserk* in Antarctic waters. DoC's Programme Manager for Outlying Islands, Pete McClelland, said the WELLINGTON provided the ideal platform for DoC's research.

"The Navy's two OPVs are built for this sort of thing – they have space built in for extra personnel, and cargo space on the back."

"Frankly, we couldn't do this work without the help of the Navy."

Mr McClelland said the census of penguins indicated that they are in a similar state of decline to populations on the more southerly Campbell Islands. The reason for the decline in rockhopper penguin numbers was unclear, but could be related to the fish the penguins eat moving further south as the oceans warmed.

The sub-Antarctic islands are part of the Southland DoC conservancy, but are difficult to reach because of their remoteness.

Mr McClelland said the voyage had also enabled planners writing the management plan for the islands, which will cover such issues as increasing tourist demand and introduced species management, to assess the island and its issues firsthand.

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[Courageous sailor wins top Navy award](#)  
[Navy helps DoC reach Sub-Antarctic](#)  
[Successful end to the season in Antarctica](#)

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



### **First NZ trained Bamyan Response Platoon graduates**

The PQRF platoon takes part in a live firing demonstration as part of the graduation ceremony activities  
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30 March 2012

The NZ Defence Force has helped local security forces in Bamyan Province, Afghanistan, take another step in their capacity building with the graduation of their first National Police Provincial Quick Response Force (PQRF) platoon.

Training the Afghan National Police to take over the role currently performed by NZ Defence Force military patrols is an important part of the transition strategy.

The graduating class of 28 recruits is the initial tranche of what is intended to be a company-strength of over 100 Afghans. Over the next 12 to 18 months this company will be developed by the NZ Provincial Reconstruction Team (NZPRT) and NZ Police.

Sergeant Justin Carter, a member of the NZPRT team training the PQRF, said he was impressed by the platoon's progress and their level of commitment and dedication.

"The NZPRT training team recognised very early on the importance of winning the hearts and minds of the policemen we would be training. We formed a very close professional working relationship and bond with our students."

The platoon trained for three months in a number of skill areas from the basics of first aid, navigation, radio communications and weapon handling, to comprehensive training in military tactics in order to defeat insurgent threats and respond to high risk contingencies.

Commander Joint Forces New Zealand, Major General Dave Gawn, said the PQRF has been designed, equipped and trained to be a tactical response capability for Bamyan Province.

"The PQRF are trained to a significantly higher standard in military tactics than routine Afghan National Police," he says.

"The development and training of the PQRF has progressed exceptionally well to date, but there is still a long way to go. Continued progress and momentum is required over the next one to two years to fully develop the PQRF capability."

Bamyan was the first Afghan Province to hold a transition ceremony in July 2011, marking the transfer of provincial level security and responsibility back to Afghan control. The NZ Government and the NZ Defence Force are committed to support the transition process to ensure a smooth and measured handover of responsibility.

The NZ Defence Force has played a key role in Bamyan, dating back to 2003 where it led the NZPRT for eight years. The NZPRT is currently led by civilian Director Richard Prendergast, and continues to support long term development, peace and security by facilitating reconstruction and assisting in the provision of a secure environment in Bamyan.

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### ***Air Force Orion locates missing vessel***



*Missing man located by  
RNZAF SAR*

*6 March 2012*

*A Royal New Zealand Air Force (RNZAF) P3 Orion successfully located a missing 15ft vessel in the Kiribati region yesterday.*

*One man was onboard the overdue vessel, which was last seen west of Banaba Island, within the local fishing ground. When located, the fisherman was standing up and waving at the Orion crew. The vessel had drifted approximately 52 nautical miles from the fishing ground.*

*Squadron Leader Alan Brown, who helped coordinate the search and rescue operation, said the Orion responded quickly to a request for assistance, and was able to locate the missing vessel in a short space of time.*

*"The New Zealand Rescue Coordination Centre (RCC) received a request for assistance from the Republic of Kiribati on the evening of 04 March, after a search conducted by local authorities resulted in no sightings," Squadron Leader Brown said.*

*"The Orion launched from RNZAF Base Whenuapai at 0700hrs on Monday 5 March, and located the missing vessel within 20 minutes of arriving in the search area.*

*"The crew were able to drop supplies, including food, water and a radio, to the man. They then located and provided guidance to a nearby fishing vessel to enable it to divert to locate the survivor.*

*"This was a great result for the RNZAF, and for the survivor on the vessel, who was extremely relieved to receive our assistance."*

*The P3 Orion is currently conducting a second search in the area.*

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# MERRYLANDS RSL SUB BRANCH



**Commemorating the service of New Zealanders in conflicts  
at the side of Australian**

**ANZAC Sunday  
Memorial Service  
22<sup>nd</sup> April 2012**

**“O valiant hearts who to your glory came  
Through dust of conflict and through battle flame  
Tranquil you lie, your knightly virtue proved  
Your memory hallowed in the land you loved”**

**SERVICE**

**10:15am** **Assemble in Military road for march to Memorial Avenue**

**10:30am** **Assemble at cenotaph for Memorial Service and Wreath Laying Ceremony**

**Service MC:** **Mr Sam Wihongi**

*Introduce Merrylands RSL Sub Branch President Mr Syd Thode*

*Service led by Mr Haimona Hamiora*

**Hymn:** **“Kiplings Reccessional”  
Led by Ms Sarah Cocco**

**Prayer:** **Haimona Hamiora**

**The lords Prayer:** **Repeated by all**

**Hymn:** **“Lead Kindly Light”**

**Address by Guest Speaker:** **Mr Greg Makutu  
Internal Affairs  
NZ Consulate General**

*Placing of Wreaths*

**“The Last Post”.** **Bugler: Holroyd City Brass Band**

*The Remembrance Dedication*

**Sub Branch President:** **Mr Syd Thode**

*Pipers Lament*

*One Minute’s Silence*

*“Lest We Forget”*

**Reveille:** **Bugler**

*National Anthems of NZ and Australia*

**Benediction:** **Mr Haimona Hamiora**



# CEREMONY OF REMEMBRANCE

Order of Service

THE SYDNEY MAORI ANGLICAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH  
OF  
TE WAIRUA TAPU  
(CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT)

SUNDAY 29 APRIL 2012

10:30am

**ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS**

*Arrival of Sir Ian Turbott Kt AO CVO CMG Hon.D.Litt(UWS)*

*Arrival of Mr Martin Welsh, NZ Consul General*

*Arrival of Sub-Mariner David Williams, Indigenous Veterans*

**KARANGA**

*Mrs Mihirangi Hiku*

**OPENING HYMN**

*God of our Fathers, known of old  
Lord of our far flung battle line  
Beneath whose awful hand we hold  
Dominion, over palm and pine  
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet  
Lest we forget - lest we forget*

*The tumult and the shouting dies  
The captains and the kings depart  
Still stands, Thine ancient sacrifice  
An humble and contrite heart  
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet  
Lest we forget - lest we forget.*

**WELCOME**

*Archdeacon Kaio M Karipa*

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

*Kararaina Field, The Sydney Maori Anglican fellowship Church of Te Wairua Tapu  
Lt (Retd) Ron Haira, National President of the New Zealand Veterans in Australia*

**GOSPEL HYMN**

*O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home.  
Under the shadow of Thy Throne  
Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,  
And our defence is sure.*

*O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home.*

**GOSPEL READING**

*Archdeacon Kaio M Karipa*

**MEDALS PRESENTATION**

*Greg Makutu, NZ Veterans in Australia*

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

*Guest Presenter*

**COMMEMORATION SERVICE SPEECHES**

*Mr Martin Welsh, NZ Consul General  
Sub-Mariner David Williams, Indigenous Veterans*

**WREATH LAYING**

*ANZAC Youth*

## OFFERATORY HYMN

*(The Lords Prayer)  
(Sung after Wreath laying)*

*E to matou Matua I te rangi  
Kia tapu tou ingoa  
Kia tae mai tou rangatiratanga  
Kia meatia tau e pai ai  
Ki runga kit e whenua  
Kia rite ano ki to te rangi  
Homai ki a matou aiane  
He taro ma matou mo tenei ra  
Murua o matou hara  
Me matou hoki e muru nei  
Io te hunga e hara ana ki a matou  
Aua hoki matou e kawea kia whakawaia  
Engari whakaorangia matou I te kino  
Nou hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha  
Me te kororia  
Ake ake ake Amine*

## ADDRESS AND INTERCESSION PRAYERS

*Archdeacon Kaio M Karipa*

*(All Stand)*

## THE ODE

*Lt (Retd) Ron Haira, National President of the New Zealand Veterans in Australia*

*“They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.”*

**LEST WE FORGET  
“LEST WE FORGET”**

*(Said by All)*

## THE LAST POST WILL BE SOUNDED

*Peter Carrington, RNZAF Veteran*

## SILENCE

## ROUSE

*Peter Carrington, RNZAF Veteran*

*(Remain Standing)*

## NATIONAL ANTHEMS

*The congregation are invited to join in singing the  
New Zealand National Anthem (1st verse Maori, 2nd verse English)  
And the Australia National Anthem (1st verse)*

## God Defend New Zealand

*E Ihowa Atua  
O nga Iwi matou ra  
Ata whakarongona;  
Me aroha noa  
Kia hua ko te pai;  
Kia tau to atawhai;  
Manaakitia mai  
Aoteraroa*

*God of Nations at Thy feet,  
In the bonds of love we meet,  
Hear our voices, we entreat,  
God defend our free land.  
Guard Pacific's triple star  
From the shafts of strife and war,  
Make her praises heard afar,  
God defend New Zealand*

**Advance Australia Fair**  
*Australians all let us rejoice  
For we are young and free  
We've golden soil and wealth for toil  
Our home is girt by sea,  
Our lands abounds in nature's gifts,  
Of beauty, rich and rare,  
In History's page let every stage,  
Advance Australia Fair.  
In joyful strains then let us sing  
Advance Australia Fair*

### **CEREMONY OF REMEMBRANCE CONCLUDES**

*The New Zealand Sub-Branch RSL and the Sydney Maori Anglican Fellowship  
Church of Te Wairua Tapu (Church of the Holy Spirit) acknowledges the following:*

*Sir Ian Turbott Kt AO CMG CVO Hon.D.Litt(UWS)  
Mr Martin Welsh, NZ Consul General  
Sub-Mariner David Williams, Indigenous Veterans Representative  
Greg Makutu, NZ Veterans in Australia  
Lt (Retd) Ron Haira, National President NZ Veterans in Australia  
Peter Carrington RNZAF Veteran*



## MALAYSIA VETERANS' DAY INAUGURAL SERVICE

**1100 HOURS 16 SEPTEMBER 2012**

**NATIONAL WAR MEMORIAL  
BUCKLE STREET WELLINGTON**

Members of Parliament, members of the Diplomatic Corps, NZDF and RNZRSA representatives will attend.

All NZMVA branches are urged to make provision for at least one member of their Branch, including widows or children to attend to lay a wreath on behalf of the Branch.



All those NZMVA members, including widows and children, living within reasonable driving distance of the venue are urged to attend.



The National War Memorial holds about 100 people. Available seating (after VIPs) will be distributed on a first come first served basis.

Post-service refreshments will be held at ????

Interested persons please contact event coordinator Bill Russell at????



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