



New Zealand Sub-Branch

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NZ Sub-Branch Notices

Change of Postal Address

Please note the change to the NZ Sub-Branch Postal Address.

Remembrance Day Poppy Selling - Tuesday 10th - Wednesday 11th November 2009



Well the Poppy Day selling went very well, not only the selling but the profiling and promoting of NZ Veterans to the Australian and New Zealand workforce in Sydney (Gil Brogden preparing for the

early morning rush). As they exited their packed trains before venturing out to the morning sun, they were herded past waiting NZ Veterans standing proud and firm with Medals on display and Poppy's in hand. And as they do every year, the Sydney workforce are very generous and we are always very grateful. This year we were assisted by some members of the Te Wairua Tapu Maori Anglican Fellowship Church which was very nice because our Veterans are tiring and as such we have established a partnership with the Church who have supported us every year with the ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day services at the Church (l-r: Neville, John, Christine, Kathleen, Auntie Hine, Taawhi, Brian, Rose, Brian, Janet, Luke, Gil).



Remembrance Day Church Service - Sunday 15 November 2009



And 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). I was asked once (by a non-NZDF person) that we should change the way the service is done because it's the same every year. I simply replied that Veterans do not care much about how the service is done, but

'why' so it makes no difference that the service is the same every year, we are here to remember our fallen. And remember we did, with a combined speech by the Church and the Veterans that reminded us what we already knew in our hearts and our minds. Note: not only the Korowai and Lemon Squeezer but also the Poppies (l-r: Frank, Ron, Greg, Archdeacon Malcolm Karipa, Norman, Taawhi, Neville, Brian).



Lest We Forget

Reminder: Christmas Lunch - Sunday 13 December 2009



Please be reminded that the Christmas Lunch is to be held on Sunday 13 December 2009 at 12pm-3pm at the Chatswood RSL Club. The cost is estimated to be \$25. Our numbers are diminishing but we will continue to have a Christmas Lunch as a way to not only thank you all for the support and camaraderie throughout the year, the attendance at the many services, the



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early hours of ANZAC Badge and Poppy Selling and the great amount of personal time you give to remember our fallen but also as a way of socialising with those that understand.... Just a reminder our guest speaker is Chris Perrin, State Secretary NSW RSL and he will speak on the relationship between the RSL and NZ Veterans, and the state of the NSW RSL, future direction, membership.

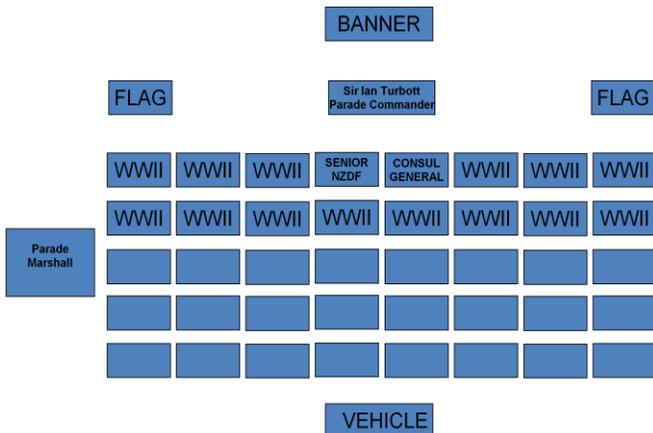
Reminder: ANZAC Day – Sunday 25th April 2010

ANZAC Day in 2010 will more than likely be the same format as this and previous years. However, just to clarify, the term 'veteran' in today's context refers to all serving and ex-service personnel not just those that served overseas. So whether you have a medal or not, as long as you served in the military you are considered a veteran and I would be very privileged to march alongside you at ANZAC Day every year. Furthermore, I will be more 'pushy' this year so please form up early, be smartly dressed and stand proudly in your ranks and files. The ANZAC Day March structure is shown below.



The vehicle has been placed at the rear of the marchers due to the exhaust fumes causing problems in previous years and WWII veterans (declining in numbers) are to be given pride of place at the front.

Also please note that Sir Ian Turbott AO CMG CVO Hon.D.Litt (UWS) NZ World War II Veteran has accepted our offer to be the Parade Commander.



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



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

Redfern. As the 25th April is on a Sunday next year, the Service will be held on Sunday 2nd May 2010 at 1030 hours. Sir Ian Turbott AO CMG CVO Hon.D.Litt is our first confirmed dignitary that will be attending. However, (subject to availability and approval) we are also hoping to have as our special Guest of Honour **Cpl Willie Apiata VC**. If Cpl Willie Apiata VC is available we will also invite Tpr Mark Donaldson VC.

Therefore Veterans it would be great if you can come along and support not only ANZAC Day but also the Church who have been supporting NZ Veterans for many years and 2010 will be the Church's 25th Anniversary.

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





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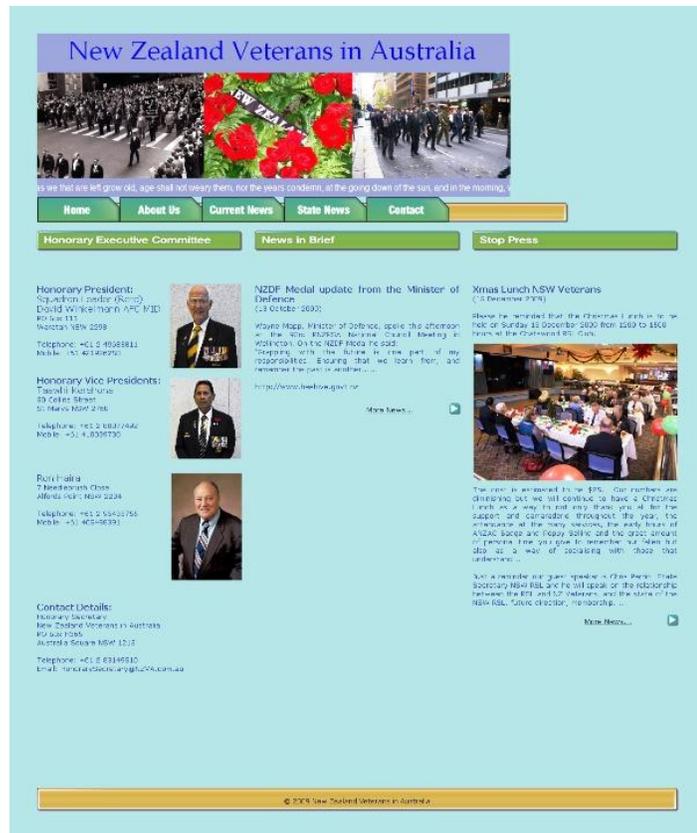
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Statues. Nevertheless, the actual Wreath-Laying part of the service is very short. As with the service this year it is hoped that we will get approval from Sydney Ports Authority to use the same parking area and also RTA approval. It would be a good opportunity to see the Statue albeit whilst attending the service.

New Zealand Veterans in Australia (Website)

Dear Australia based Veterans: I am currently developing a Website for us all called the **New Zealand Veterans in Australia** www.nzvia.com.au (please note all hyperlinks are not active but give a general understanding of the future website and email structure)



The purpose of the website is to simply have a central place albeit on the Internet, for us to submit our news, articles and information regarding NZ Veterans in Australia. Separate pages have been developed for each of the States with the emphasis on information pertaining primarily to NZ Veterans in your States. Although there will be a Current News page(s) which will contain information about NZ Veterans in general either AU or NZ including RNZRSA news, NZDF news, VANZ etc.

There is **no funding** either directly or indirectly for NZVIA and therefore the supporting positions are all Honorary (voluntary) including the Honorary President president@nzvia.com.au, Honorary Vice President vicepresident@nzvia.com.au, Honorary Secretary secretary@nzvia.com.au.

It is hoped with your support we can share the Honorary positions on an annual/bi-annual/tri-annual basis starting with NSW, then other States and Territories. I suspect the Website Manager and Honorary Secretary may remain for a longer term to maintain consistency and continuity but more than happy to reconsider this should you have an interest in doing this as well. The proposal for the contact addresses for each of the States and Territories will be: vic@nzvia.com.au, qld@nzvia.com.au, nt@nzvia.com.au, act@nzvia.com.au, wa@nzvia.com.au, nsw@nzvia.com.au, sa@nzvia.com.au, tas@nzvia.com.au and wa@nzvia.com.au.

This is a work in progress and I do want to make it clear that because the NZVIA is voluntary and there is no funding, all correspondence will be by email only as there are no resources available to manage the organisation any other way e.g. postal mail etc.

Please also be patient and understanding when providing information you would like updated on the website (once it goes live) as websites take a lot of work to maintain and as with most of us, the demands of work and other life commitments can place high demands on a voluntary organisation like NZVIA.

Although it would be nice if we had a Logo as I personally would be very proud to wear a Pocket with a Logo and the words **New Zealand Veteran**. I prefer this to New Zealand Veteran in Australia because I can wear it anywhere and everywhere I go (other countries). However, I am certainly open to suggestions.

A Logo suggestion could be the NZDF Crest as that would include all Veterans regardless of Service and/or overseas mission, or even the NZ Coat of Arms.

Again it is a work in progress and I will advise once it has gone live. Please also note that you continue to be sent the NewZletter as that is how most of you preferred to read about NZ Veterans in Australia.

Other Notices

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



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

Congratulations 4O'South and all the best for your celebrations.

Contact: fiona.stewart@nzdf.mil.nz



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

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

Don Rolle Email. donald_rolle@clear.net.nz or
Peter Foster Email. peterfos@slingshot.co.nz

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

Veterans please be advised that there is to be a final reunion for 2NZEF (Japan) & BCOF Association Inc during the period 15-17 March 2010. It is to be held in Gisborne and if you are interested please send your registration fee of \$25 single Veteran, \$35 Veteran and Partner, \$15 Widow or Widower, \$30 Visitors to:

T.O. Tuhaka
N.Z. J Force + B.C.O.F. Veterans Ass
Gisborne Branch
59 Valley Rd Gisborne N.Z. 4010

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

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

Query from Queensland Veteran Wayne Lindsay

Dear Veterans, Wayne is the Queensland Pension Rep for EVSA and is currently managing 17 Veterans. However, if anyone has experience in welfare matters but more specifically ACC claims, could they please let me know so I can pass your details on to Wayne.

RF Cadet 50th Anniversary Reunion 2010 (Thorpe Class)

Well there seems to be a number of RF Cadet Reunions coming up which is great as the RF Cadets produced some very high calibre and high profile soldiers so it makes sense that ex-RF Cadets are so proud of their involvement. And the



Thorpe Class are also intending to hold a reunion in 2010. So for you Thorpe Class members please email Andrew (Simmo) Simpson with your support and camaraderie and I do hope your reunion goes ahead and is not only enjoyable, but full of memories of your younger Cadet years. Contact Andrew by email below:

sgtsimo@hotmail.com
asimpson@tanknology.com.au

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



1 Battalion RNZIR Reunion – 22-29 April 2011

Dear Veterans, Neil Warner and a team of ex-1 Battalion RNZIR Veterans are planning a reunion for those who served with 1 Battalion RNZIR in Singapore. The dates being looked at are 22 April to 29 April 2009. A more detailed programme is being worked on at the moment. For those who were with 1 RNZIR whether attached or as a serving soldier are invited to advise us of their expression of interest in one last trip to our old home Dieppe Barracks as we have been advised the Barracks are being demolished.

This e mail address is my contact director@manawa.co.nz

Many thanks for your help

Regards

Neil Warner



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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 royvojones@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

Committee Meeting Matters

The next Committee meeting is on the Sunday 29 November 2009 at 1030 hours at the Chatswood RSL Club. Therefore, if you have any ideas or suggestions even if you are not a financial member, then please let me know as we continually look to improve how the NZ Sub-Branch NSW operates.

Upcoming Events

Veterans please note changes to dates and timings of activities at the end of this NewZletter. Changes have been highlighted in yellow.

Membership 2010



NSW Veterans are reminded that the 2010 RSL and NZ Sub-Branch (NSW) membership renewal is due. As stated in my email, the



NZ Sub-Branch (NSW) would welcome your contribution to the operations of the association regardless of whether you retain your voting and speaking rights with your parent Sub-Branch and remain as an associate member of the NZ Sub-Branch (NSW) (picture above new Members Peter and Jan Dicken receiving their membership badge from Lindsay Taylor 2009). So for \$5 please send in your application form for Associate Membership. For current full service members please send \$29 (of which \$24 goes to the NSW RSL). For new members wanting associate or full service membership let me know and I will send you an application form.

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.

Acknowledgements / Personal Notices

Happy Birthday to Warren Evans, Trevor Phillips, Mark Allingham, Mike Hannan, Ron Martin, Sir Brian Dudley, Aaron Simpson, Kathleen Kerehona, Francis Thurston, Bryan O'Hanlon, Lindsay Taylor and Arch Campbell.

The Last Post

831597 Tukotahi James Lance PHILLIPS

831597 Tukotahi James Lance PHILLIPS, ex 1st Bn NZ Regiment 61-63 Malaya and 1RNZIR 63-65 passed away at Wollongong NSW 4 November 2009.



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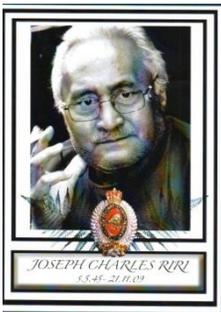


Tukotahi was cremated after a service at the Wollongong Crematorium held on Saturday 7 November 2009 with NZ Veterans represented by Neville Berridge (who conducted the NZ Veteran Service formal proceedings), Greg Makutu (who gave the service Eulogy) and Rick Harawira. And it was also great to be able to place the NZ Flag, Korowai and Lemon Squeezer on the Casket.



Lest we forget

543332 Private Joseph Charles RIRI



Joe was born on the 5th May 1945 in Opotiki and at the age of 21 joined the NZ Army on the 7th December 1966. After a further six years of loyal and dedicated service to the NZ Defence Force, Joe was discharged from the NZ Army on the 4th July 1972.

Six years may not seem like a long time in the NZ Army, but in that time, Joe served two tours in Vietnam firstly with Victor 3 and then a second tour with Victor 6, tours that must have seemed like a lifetime of service to Joe at a time when NZ entered what became NZs longest and most controversial war in June of 1964.

Joe along with his fellow Victor 3 comrades arrived in Vietnam in May of 1968 and left in May 1969. At some time during Victor 3 tour, the NZ force only numbered 543. 37 died while on active service and 187 were wounded. For Joe, knowing that 37 of his fellow comrades died would have been devastating. Yet because of his sense of loyalty and his personal commitment to the welfare and safety of his fellow comrades, Joe went back to Vietnam with Victor 6 in May 1971 until Victor 6 and Joe left Vietnam in December 1971.

Joe passed away on 21 November 2009 and his service was held on Tuesday 2 December 2009. Joe's service was attended by a number of Veterans not only from NSW but also from Western Australia and Queensland which was not only great that they could attend and farewell our own fellow Veteran, but also great to meet Veterans from interstate.

Joe was lying in an open coffin draped with the NZ Flag, Korowai and Lemon Squeezer along with his Medals. Neville Berridge conducted the NZ Veteran Service formal proceedings and Greg Makutu on behalf of Taawhi Kerehona and the other

Vietnam Veterans in attendance gave the service Eulogy. Taawhi was going to give the Eulogy but at the time, the emotion of losing a comrade was too much. To the Vietnam Veterans that attended, thank you for the privilege and honour to represent you on behalf of your fellow Vietnam Veteran Joe Riri. To Hank on behalf of all Vietnam Veterans in NZ, thank you for your messages of condolence and eulogy.

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NZ Vietnam Veterans Last Post

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

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

Last Post Reminder

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

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

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NZDF, NZ Army, RNZN, RNZAF and RNZRSA Notices

Dear Veterans, I have not included any news from the above for this month just to minimise the size of the NewZletter



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NZ Sub-Branch Executive Appointments 2009

President	Sqn Ldr (Retd) David Winkelmann
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Vice President	Ron Haira
Vice President	Taawhi Kerehona
Honorary Secretary	Greg Makutu
Honorary Treasurer	Greg Makutu

Saturday 24 th	1400 Kapyong Day Martin Place Cenotaph (Banner/Flag/Medals)
Sunday 25 th	ANZAC Day Martin Place Cenotaph (Banners/Flags/Medals)
May Sunday 2 nd	1030 ANZAC Church Service Te Wairua Tapu Maori Anglican Church Redfern (Korowai/Lemon Squeezer/RNZAF Hat/RNZN Hat/Medals) 1400 NZ Soldier Statue Wreath- Laying Service (Wear Medals)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Veterans please note that the dates are tentative and subject to change as invitations and confirmation of activities are received. **Yellow** highlight indicates there has been a change.

December Sunday 13th 1200-1500 Xmas Lunch
Chatswood RSL Club (Wear
Medals)

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January Thursday 21st 1100 ANZAC Participants
Meeting (Greg)

Sunday 31st 1030 Committee Meeting

March Thursday 4th 1100 ANZAC Day Participants
Meeting (Greg)

Sunday 7th 1030 Committee Meeting
1100 AGM

April Friday 16th 1900 Chatswood RSL Dinner
Invitation Only (Wear Medals)

Sunday 18th 0930 Coogee/Randwick ANZAC
Service
1000 St Stephens ANZAC Church
Service Willoughby (Wear Medals)

1500 North Sydney ANZAC
Service and March
(Banner/Flags/Medals)

Thursday 22nd 0630 Poppy Selling Martin Place
Station (Wear Medals)

Friday 23rd 0630 Poppy Selling Martin Place
Station (Wear Medals)

Tuesday 25th Annual State Congress (President)

Friday 28th 1100 Indigenous Veterans Service
Martin Place Cenotaph (Wear
Medals)

Sunday 30th 1030 Committee Meeting

July Sunday 4th 1100 Reserve Forces Day Hyde
Park (Standard/Flags/Medals)

Sunday 18th 1200 Mid-Year Lunch Chatswood
RSL (Wear Medals)

Sunday 25th 1030 Committee Meeting

August Sunday 15th 1100 Victory in the
Pacific Day Martin Place Cenotaph
(Wear Medals)
1130 Vietnam Veterans Day
Springwood (Banner/Flags/Medals)

Wednesday 18th 1030 Battle of Long Tan Day
Martin Place Cenotaph
(Banner/Flag/Medals)

September Wednesday 1st 1100 Battle for Australia Martin
Place Cenotaph (Wear Medals)

Saturday 4th 1100 Merchant Navy Day Service
Martin Place Cenotaph (Wear
Medals)

Wednesday 15th 1100 Battle of Britain Martin Place
Cenotaph (Wear Medals)

Sunday 26th 1030 Committee Meeting



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October Wednesday 20th 1130 HMAS Australia Veteran's
Association Martin Place Cenotaph
(No Attendance Required)

Friday 22nd 1000 United Nations Association
Martin Place Cenotaph (No
Attendance Required)

1200 Ninth Australian Division
Martin Place Cenotaph (No
Attendance Required)

November Wednesday 10th 0630 Poppy Selling Martin Place
Station (Wear Medals)

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

Sunday 28th 1030 Committee Meeting
