

SELAMAT Report –
Executive Meeting 10 September 2011

As of 8 September 2011 559 individuals and/or organisations in NZ and overseas had access to SELAMAT by mail or the Internet

Overseas distribution totals 51 recipients comprising 21 mailings and 30 Internet access. We have 14 annual members (having paid from one to 12 years), eight life members and 26 complimentary recipients (two receiving four copies each having given substantial donations).

NZ Distribution totals 537 individuals or organisations. This comprise 350 mailings including 138 paid life; 20 widow complimentary; 18 12-year; seven complimentary & legal requirement; five merit life; three co-patrons and one WWII veteran complimentary. The remainder are mainly annual members with several paying from two to 10 years SELAMAT fees in advance. At the time of writing 150 members across the board have yet to pay their national subs for 2011-12. If members have doubts about their financial status please contact the National Treasurer Barbara Allison on 06 86 77 248 or bazbarbingizzie@xtra.co.nz.

I am well aware that the printing of the July issue was well below par with many photographs too dark for readers to distinguish subjects' faces etc. I have discussed this with our printers and advised them if the coming issue is of similar poor quality I will be terminating our relationship. In the meantime I will do my best, as I always do, to ensure I deliver the best product possible.

Members' contributions to SELAMAT are too few in number. For example it is very disappointing that no one from Waikato or Hamilton has so far thought it important enough to send me a picture or a few words on Blackie Graham's passing and funeral. Blackie of course was the creator of our taonga Mauri O Nga Toa. Almost equally disappointing was the failure of the Hamilton 2011 Reunion organising committee to give me a Reunion Update for our July issue. Accordingly I had to do the best I could with previously published material. Branch secretaries please note "From the Branches" has been a regular column for the life of SELAMAT. If you send a branch report to the National Secretary please also send to me at bazbarbingizzie@xtra.co.nz or 6 Coldstream Road Kaiti Gisborne 4010. I cannot do it all by myself. Remember, few contributions means you get a poorer newsletter.

All members should keep a small digital camera handy. Whenever you are with other veterans take a shot! Just remember photos must be accompanied by the WHO, WHY, WHAT, WHERE & WHEN of what the photo is about!

Barry Allison
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