

MESSDECK TIMES

Official Scuttlebutt of Royal NZ Naval Association.-Taranaki Branch
Produced and written by your Publicity Officer Trevor Wylde

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Time to catch you up with what is happening with the Association
& Branch and inform you of what activities that have been arranged.

LAST POST

Noel Kearns NZ 13207 Ldg Stoker RNZN "K" Force
Ex-Royal Navalmens Assn. Gold Badge ----- RNZRSA Gold Star
Sam Stinson Submariner RN NZ 12161 RNZN
Terrence Albert (Joe) Kay (Inglewood) RNZN WW2
Henry Davidson (Waitara) RNZN & KEV
Mrs. Olive Kemp
National Councillor Jan Luttrell's Husband Bill (Hamilton) Stoker Late 50's-60's

"We will remember them"

Our Sympathy's to all Families

TRAFALGAR DAY LUNCHEON

This coming Monday 15th.October 2007.

At this Month's Luncheon we will celebrate the 202nd. year since the Battle of
Trafalgar. Past President Pete will give a talk on Battle of Trafalgar

**If you are not a regular attendee of the Monthly Lunches could
you ring Trevor 7515595 and leave a message if not home**

REMEMBERANCE DAY

St.Mary's Church SUNDAY 11th. November 2007.

As this year we strike the actual day of remembrance on the Sunday we are having
a special service at St.Mary's to commemorate this day. We would like see a good
attendance of Naval personal and their families. There will be a luncheon at Cobb
& Co. following the service. Those wishing to attend lunch :-

Please contact Peter Hamilton Ph. 7567392



MILITARY TATTOO

ROTORUA SAT. 23RD. FEBRUARY 2008

Anyone interested in going to Rotorua for the Tattoo a trip is being organised by the Army Assoc. to leave the NPRSA at **0830 Sat. 23rd**. returning **Sun.24th**. approx **1530**. Cost is **\$125per person** and includes bus, bed & breakfast and tickets to tattoo. Contact **Graeme Lowe 7537366** or **Colin Putt 7534917**
45 seats only and cut off date is 28th. November

XMAS DINE AND DANCE CABARET

Sat Dec. 8th.2007 at New Plymouth RSA Clubrooms

Cost\$25-00pp includes Dinner,Wine, Entertainment&Xmas Present

Muster 1730 Hrs Dinner 1830hrs. Dance 1930hrs

Once again we have new caterers (Yes I know Again!!) I am sure they will be OK I know we have been let down before but we are RSA so we should support where we can, and I know they have had many chances but I wouldn't like it to be said the Navy let them down. Mind you over the years with the no of reunions we have had has brought a lot of finance into the clubrooms so I suppose you could say the RSA has let our Association down badly over the past 3-4 years. Our no's at the dinners over the last few years have dwindled so we are doing something different to get us all back together again. The other services are being invited to join us for the dance at a small cost.

It's time to get on with life so lets get together and enjoy ourselves

CUT ALONG DOTTED LINE

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XMAS DINE & DANCE Sat.8TH.DEC.

Name.....

No Attending @ \$25 per Head.....

Enclosed \$.....

Post to T.Wylde, 146A Ngamotu Rd, NP

“Well no I’m actually a blonde!” “I thought so” the Doc said” Your finger is broken”

Sick Bay

If you know of anyone who is unwell please let me know. **Trev 7515595**

Don Hornblow has had a spell in hospital but is now home.

Margaret Kearns has had a knee operation and is also home.

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WELFARE & PENSIONS Enquires to **Phil Hare Ph. 7534057**

PENSION UPDATE by Phil Hare

As we age our medical problems may worsen and we may develop further health problems so our pension needs to be reviewed on a regular basis. I have visited Veterans recently who have not thought to update their pension for decades. The disability payments they eventually received could have been actioned years before. Ask yourself the following questions and if they apply **TAKE ACTION NOW.**

- 1:-** Do you have any medical problems which can be traced to your service. Sometimes it is not obvious that there is a link but it is always worth discussing these problems with your Doctor or Welfare Representative. Currently a 30% disability is worth \$110 per fortnight. In addition war pensions pay for any treatment needed for an accepted disability
- 2:-** Have your disabilities deteriorated with time. It is always worth considering putting in for a review of your existing problems. This could result in more dollars in your pocket.
- 3:-** Are you approaching the 70% disability required to be eligible for the Veterans Pension. Even though the pension is the same as the super there are other benefits .For instance if you or your wife die the other partner gets a lump sum payment to help with expenses and probably a burial grant. Your partner will also be entitled to a **surviving spouse pension** which will greatly improve her situation. **If you need prolonged hospital care the Govt. cannot touch your assets, a very big plus.**

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Helen Clark was out jogging one morning along a walkway when she tripped and fell over the bridge railing and landed in the creek below. Before the Secret Servce could get to her , 3 kids who were fishing pulled her out of the water. He was so grateful she offered the kids whatever they wanted. He 1st. kid said, “I want to go to Disney land” “No problem” says Helen “I’ll get you there on a NZ Air Force plane.” The 2nd. kid said “ I want a new pair of Jonah Lomu Adidas boots” Helen said “I’ll get them for you and even get Jonah to sign them” The3rd.kid said, ”I want a motorized wheelchair with a stereo headset” Helen was a bit perplexed by this and said.” You don’t look

handicapped. The kid said” I will be when dad finds out I saved you from drowning!!!!”

Past President Pete’s Report

This is my last report as I resigned as your President at the AGM.

I decided that after a few health problems which has now improved it is time for Joy and I to travel and spend more time with our grandchildren. I have really enjoyed my 3yrs as your President and I hope I have represented our organisation well. There have been many highlights during my tour of duty, too many to single out, but I will remember them always. I thank all the committee members I have sat with at our meetings, and there valuable input into various debates.

Joy & I have been to a few cocktail parties (on your behalf) on Her Majesties Ships, have celebrated with the Merchant Seamen on their recognition as the fourth service, enjoyed the Year of the Veterans presentations and most importantly have enjoyed the company of the members at our monthly lunches at Cobb & Co, Mid Winter and Xmas Dinners and any other social occasions. Many good things have happened during my term as your President including the bringing home of the model of H.M.N.Z.S.Taranaki, well organised reunions, Anzac Days, and many other events I can look back at and smile.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Monthly Lunches and Dinners
Good health and happiness in the future to all members and their families.

Yours Aye, Peter & Joy Kendrick

President Graeme’s Report

This is my first report as the incoming President.

There has not been much happening of late. We supported the Air Force & Brevet Associations for “Battle of Britain commemorations and also attended their luncheon at the Cobb & Co. an excellent turnout of Royal Naval Personnel and also our Merchant Navy Personnel.

Next Month there will be a Commemoration Service at St. Mary’s Pro Cathedral on the 11th. November, Armistice Day with a luncheon to follow.

As most of you realise as well as being President of the Royal NZ Navalmens Assoc.- Taranaki Branch I am also the Senior Vice President of the New Plymouth RSA and hope to keep you informed of what is happening on the RSA front.

On 27th. Oct. we will have on display the final drawings of what will be constructed on the RSA site so please come along and view them. Don’t forget nominations for RSA Executive open on Tues. 23rd. Oct. That is all on the RSA front.

As you know I have been your Vice President for the last two years and on the committee since 1996. As your new President I will endeavour to do my utmost for the Navalmens

Assoc. and will try to arrange some things for us to participate in over the summer months. Until the next newsletter fair winds and calm seas.

NATIONAL PRESIDENTS REPORT:-

This is a copy of my report submitted to the Ditty Box our National News letter

It is my privilege to make this report for Ditty Box as your National President of the New Association:- **Royal New Zealand Naval Association** .

I committed the 2yrs. of my time as Nat. Pres. of the Ex.RNA working towards the amalgamation of both associations. We have now achieved that goal and are now working to complete the formalities of registering with Incorporated Societies after we get permission from the Governor General to use the word “Royal” which is not far away. Both former associations have been wound up and deregistered. Any Branch that does not join the new association will have to stand alone as they will not have a national body to affiliate with and will not be recognised by the Royal New Zealand Navy. I am pleased to say that a large majority (85%) have already joined the new association.

By the time we have our National Council Meeting in March 2008 we should have everything in place then we can review our situation of where our branches are situated and if there is an area that we do not have covered we can investigate setting up a branch.I would like to see all areas of NZ covered by the new association. We have a well balanced committee that covers both islands and several branches. If anyone has any questions regarding the amalgamation contact myself . Nat. Sec. Brian Gill has put a lot of time and effort into formalities and I thank him for his excellent work.. Editor Bill Lochrie is producing the national newsletter “Ditty Box” and I thank him for his continued work. **Copies can be purchased @ \$ 10 per year for 4 issues.**

Yours Aye,
Trevor Wylde



E-mails:- Do you have an E-Mail address? If so we would like it so we can send out Newsletters instead of snail mail. Could you send me the addresses to [**trevor.cherryl@xtra.co.nz**](mailto:trevor.cherryl@xtra.co.nz)

Newsletters can be forwarded lot quicker and cheaper by E-Mail
We currently have 36 E-Mail address which is great. Any More??

POLO SHIRTS FOR SALE \$25-00 See Trev

There are a few left. Nice shirts and to clear before we get in new stock
Price drops to \$25.!!!! or 2 for \$45.!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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I was driving with my 3 young children one warm summer evening when a women in the convertible ahead of us stood up and waved. She was stark naked!! As I was reeling from the shock, I heard my 5yr. old shout from the back seat,

“Mom that lady is not wearing a seat belt”

COMMITTEE 2007/2008

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PROPOSED ACTIVITIES

Car Rally & Barbeque ???	late Jan ---- Feb	
Bus Tour	Thurs. 3 rd . April 2008	Blenheim
	Fri. 4 th . Sat. 5 th . Sun. 6 th .	Motueka
	Mon. 7 th .	Picton
	Tues. 8 th .	Home
Bowls	Wed. 30 th . April	Urenui