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THE BOSUN'S CALL

NEWSLETTER OF THE NELSON BRANCH OF THE ROYAL NEW ZEALAND NAVAL ASSOCIATION

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Greetings All, I trust the worst of the rain is over, somehow I don't think so.

AGM 2021: Our AGM is to be held at the Tasman Bay Cruising Club, Cross Quay, Nelson, on Sunday 19th September, commencing at 1100. On completion, drinks to follow then lunch, sitting at around 1245. Please find below, a Nomination Form, looking for the positions of President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer. For us to continue in a grand manner, we need people to step forward in our local Branch.

I onpass a quote which appeared in 'The Claymore', the newsletter for HMNZS Otago, but originally from the September 1922 issue of 'THE WREN', magazine of the Association of Wrens, entitled "Concerning Committees and Associations".

'I commend to you to take seriously your responsibilities, and realise your importance.... to carry on the traditions of the past, yet build up for the Association, an actively useful future'.

A reminder will come a little later, but I will need to know names as to who is attending, given that we will need at least 30 for the lunch. Diary this team, so as we may have a great attendance. See further below for our menu. Almost all of us will have served in Asia, thus I am sure the lunch will be most appreciated. Wives/husband/partners most welcome.

Although the bar has EFTPOS, please bring cash for your buffet lunch and membership subs.

LUNCH AT MOUTERE INN: July 18th saw 38 members and wives/partners sit for lunch. As usual, much banter and noise with, I am sure, all enjoying their time. We lost four due to last minute work calling or illness, and with the case of Fay Baker, the huge amount of rain the days before, which necessitated her and help, needing to electric fence an area to regroup her stock. You may have seen the news item of a chap being rescued from his camper van in the Motueka River, via Helo, and later the same Helo forcing some stock to higher ground from the river. These were Fay's cattle.

BILL AND JANE FILMER: The Very Best to Jane and Bill on the 50th Anniversary of their wedding. Saw an album of photos from the day, Bill in his uniform as an LSBA and Jane looking so good in her wedding dress. Just a few weeks later they departed for Singapore where Bill was appointed to a British Military hospital in Changi, for a period of two years.

NEW MEMBER: Dave Sutton was Royal Navy, Nov. 75 until Nov. 97. And finished up as a Chief Petty Officer Air Engineering Artificer (Electrical). Welcome to our Branch Dave, I trust you will enjoy your time and gatherings with us.

THE TABLE OF KNOWLEDGE: We meet every Wednesday, 1600 at the Stoke Rugby Club in the Greenmeadows Centre. This is RSA night but we have a happy table of RNZNA members and wives, much noise and fun. Meat raffles and for those who are RSA members, a free draw for more meat. As a member of RNZNA you are able to attend, even if you are not a member of RSA, just bring your Membership Card.

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BUFFET

Home Made Pork Spring Rolls & Prawn Twisters

Asian Style Poached Fish with Ginger & Rice Wine

Honey Soy Chicken

Stir Fry Black Pepper Steak

Asian Style Vegetables

Yeyen's Nasi Goreng with Egg

DESSERT

Es Buah with Lychee and Fresh Fruit Ice Cream

ROYAL NEW ZEALAND NAVAL ASSOCIATION NELSON BRANCH

NOMINATION FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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This nomination must be in the hands of the Secretary no later than ten days before the Annual General Meeting.

Above is Nomination Forms for the various positions for our Branch Management.

SURPRISE: Had a card from Buckingham Palace the other day. Unbeknown to myself, Jenny had messaged the Queen expressing her condolences at the Crossing of the Bar of the Duke of Edinburgh. Albeit that the Queen in all likelihood, had not seen the message from Jenny, the reply was quite neat to receive. When I picked up the mail from our box, wondered what on earth we were receiving, stamped Buck House. Definitely not a Knighthood for this old Jack.

CONGRATULATIONS: Recently member Rodney Barnes was in Wellington where Chief of Navy, Rear Admiral David Proctor presented Rod with his Certificate of Service in Booklet form as well as a board with cap ribbons and plaques of all the vessels he had served in. Thank you Rodney for your 20+ years of service.

RUGBY: Well that's the Bledisloe Cup wrapped up for another year. Better still, our Mako's are two from two, beating Auckland in their 2nd game. Good one indeed. Keep it up boys.

QUOTE: We've been conditioned to think that only politicians can solve our problems. But at some point, maybe we will wake up and recognise that it was the politicians who created our problems. *Ben Carson.*

AND A SECOND ONE: Some people's idea of Free Speech is that they are free to say what they like, but if anyone says anything back, that is an outrage. *Winston Churchill*.

For all of you, Go Safely and Yours Aye, Murray