

## NAVALESE BITS & BYTES

December and the Christmas season is upon once again. I am of the opinion that the older one gets the quicker the years go?????. I certainly hope that weather will improve as I think we are all sick of living in 'dullsville', cloudy, drizzle etc. 1st of December is the start of the summer season so no doubt it will improve. So much for Global Warming??.

Our next meeting is scheduled for 4th December with an earlier start of 1700. The dinner that was to be held on Sunday 2nd December has been cancelled. After the meeting on 4th December there will be some scrum and bevvies etc and social get together for our members. We look forward to your attendance.

A Christmas luncheon is being organised for Ex and Current 'WRENS' by Jill Philips, liaison person for the Canterbury Branch of the Women's New Zealand Naval Association. This is to be held at the Papanui RSA on Saturday 15th December at 1230. All WRENS ex and current are more than welcome to attend. More information is available through Di Fowler at HMNZS Pegasus.

The Armistice Day parade was held on 11th November and was well attended both at the tree dedication ceremony at McLean's Island and also at the Papanui Memorial. A very significant occasion in our history.

I believe HMNZS Canterbury visited Lyttelton during November. Don't know the reason, perhaps it was a 'flying' visit?????.

Once again to all those who are not feeling the best we hope that you will soon be feeling better and to all those who will be celebrating their birthdays or anniversary's etc our best wishes and hope you have a great day.

Our sincere condolences to Bob Autridge on the passing of his partner, Aleeta, earlier this week. Our thoughts are with you Bob and we wish you well for the future. Aleeta will be a sad loss to all her friends and also the Papanui RSA.

On a brighter note I would like to wish you all a Bright and Happy Christmas and a Prosperous, Safe and Happy New Year

All the Best and Take care.

Ron Mayell  
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