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Greetings to you all,

Winter is upon us but as of yet, not too cold. The rains further South have had a devastating effect on many people, especially the farmers, who have had great swathes of land completely covered in dirt and gravel. For almost all of us, by now we should have had the first of our Covid 19 jabs. Must admit I will be more than a little pleased to end all of this, unfortunately though, I suspect it is a little way off yet. Have you had your Flu jab?

AGM: The 'brains trust' met Saturday 12th and it is confirmed that our AGM will be held Sunday September 19th in the Tasman Bay Cruising Club, with an Asian type lunch to follow. Of course the bar will be open with yours truly attending to your every wish. For those who are hesitant in being present, in

case they are shanghaied into one of the management positions, don't be afraid. We already have prospective President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer. More to follow at a later date. Diary the date.

SICK BAY: A number in recent times: Allan Hamilton, Dick Thomas, Joy Evans, Gary and Patricia Howard, Beverley Dowling and Margaret and Neil Balloch. We all wish you better health in the upcoming days. We want you with us, always.

MID YEAR LUNCH: A mid-year lunch is planned for Sunday July 18th at the Moutere Inn. Previous lunches there have been well attended and great meals were served. Below is the menu. It would be grand to see as many as possible, so as to really enjoy the company and banter. In order to make all as comfortable as possible, we will dine in the room adjacent to the bar, as before, thus allowing others to dine in the bar area. The bar will be open at 1100 and we will sit at 1200.

Please get back to me via email or phone as to who wishes to attend and your meal choice, by Monday morning July 12th, so as to allow the caterers wriggle room for ordering stores.

Two course menu, Main and Dessert, \$35 per person.

Pan fried John Dory fillet, with mustard greens, rice in a coconut and lemongrass broth

Braised lamb shoulder with potato gratin, red cabbage and red wine jus

Sticky toffee pudding with vanilla ice cream

Chocolate mousse with berry compote and shortbread crumb

NEW MEMBER: Tom Dooley has joined us, now living in Ruby Bay after having 'swallowed the anchor'. Tom was previously Royal Navy, and a Weapons Engineering Officer in the RNZN, completing his appointment as a Lieutenant Commander. A sea appointment saw him serving in HMNZS Te Mana on the East Coast of Africa carrying out anti-piracy patrols. Welcome Tom, please enjoy your time with us.

BRUCE COFFEY: Had a recent email from Bruce, living for the next couple of years in Queensland, but still is keen to keep up his membership. Has already become acclimatised to the warmer weather, thus when recently he needed to return to Palmerston North for a number of days, the cold was far from his liking. Bruce sends his greetings to all of the membership. DEAN MIKE

HAWKE: A farewell service was held in the Nelson Cathedral for our 'Padre', early evening of Friday 18th of June. The congregation was far larger than I expected with the Cathedral being about 80% full. Many people spoke regarding Mike's service to the Cathedral and community at large, including our Patron Peter Cozens and his thanks to Mike for his involvement in a number of services military, including, for the last four years, our HMS Neptune service.

A COUPLE OF SEA MILES AGO: Found and sent by WOGI Jack Donnelly, my classmate in the 48th Seaman Boys, May 11 1960.



In somewhat distinguished company. Rear Admiral Peter Phipps, Chief of Naval Staff, Lt Cmdr. Fred Ralph, 1st Lt HMNZS Tamaki and PO Boy Bill Morley. December 1960 on the 'Rock'. Still have the Manual of Seamanship, Volume 2, albeit well out of date now. The basics of seamanship still exist though and must always do so. RA Phipps went on to become Vice Admiral Sir Peter, Chief of Defence Staff. Excellent for a lad who started as an Ordinary Seaman in the Christchurch Volunteer Reserve. Sadly, after retirement, Sir Peter was killed in a car crash outside the Woodbourne air base at Blenheim. He was one of the true leaders of the Royal New Zealand Navy and always had time for the Junior Rating.

HMNZS BLACK PRINCE: At the service for Dean Mike last evening I was talking to a minister who had been an EM in Black Prince. He was in her 4th of March 1955, when she had a 'technical' snafu while conducting a shore bombardment shoot off Point Perpendicular gun range, Jervis Bay and rattled a salvo of 5.25's into and near the town of Currarong, giving the local Post Office a bit of a hurry up. To my understanding, the shells were plugged, not HE, thus, fortunately, no one was injured.

QUOTE: "There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure." *Colin Powell, US Army General.*

For now, go safely, go the Highlanders tonight and Yours Aye,
Murray