



New Zealand Sub-Branch

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We Will Remember Them

April for all of us veterans will always be the busiest month of our year as we remember those that fell before us.

Chatswood RSL ANZAC Dinner – Friday 17 April 2009



The first of the many activities for NSW veterans was the Chatswood RSL Dinner. We are invited guests to the dinner every year and have the honour of giving the formal ANZAC address. This year our

Senior Vice President Ron Haira gave the address which was both moving and received a very heartfelt applause by the gathered AU Veterans including His Worship the Mayor of Willoughby Pat Reilly (picture above Ron and Pat). Nevertheless, it was a great dinner (picture below L-R Neville Berridge, Maree Rayner, John Rayner) and whilst only a few of us were in attendance, it was a great night had by all and we received a very warm welcome. Incidentally, every time the MC spoke about any invited guest or group, the gathered AU Veterans always said 'don't forget the Kiwis'. In fact they said it at least five times which was very much appreciated.



Ceremony of Remembrance for the ANZAC Fallen Announcement – Sunday 19 April 2009

I want to thank everyone who attended to make this a memorable service in honour of the NZ Soldier Statue. As you know from my previous NewZletters the first event was the announcement, then the placing of the Gallipoli sand in the Statue, then the



official service last year and finally the one year anniversary. What was special this year was that a Plaque (picture

above) was presented to the NZ Consul General and the State President of the NSW RSL as a token of our appreciation for the many years of negotiations and assistance that went into placing the NZ Soldier Statue on the bridge. The plaque actually contained a piece of the core from the Plinth of the NZ Soldier Statue. The service was small but memorable and as only veterans know, full of emotion. The officials attending the service were (right to left in picture below) Major Jeff Howe RNZIR the NZDF

Representative,
Land
Commander
Australia Maj
Gen David
Morrison AM,
Director of the
City of Sydney
Community and
Cultural



Services Ann Hoban, NZ Consul General Sarah Craig, President NZ Sub-Branch Sqn Ldr (Retd) David Winkelmann AFC MID and State Vice President of the NSW RSL John Haines OAM. For those that have not seen the statue, next time you travel over ANZAC Bridge please spare a moment to remember as we always do. It is intended to have a service at the statue every year. However, it will only be attended by NZ Veterans and a representative from the State RSL. It was also nice that TVNZ attended and interviewed David Winkelmann and included a short televised article on their website.



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St Stephens Church Willoughby ANZAC Service - Sunday 19 April 2009

North Sydney ANZAC Memorial Club - Sunday 19 April 2009

We have always attended the above two services. However due to the clash with the NZ Soldier Statue we left our representation to John Rayner to attend. Incidentally our own NZ Navy Veteran Alex Wilson runs the North Sydney ANZAC Memorial Club.

Coogee/Randwick ANZAC Service - Sunday 19 April 2009

Neville Berridge WWII Navy Veteran always attends the Coogee/Randwick ANZAC Service on our behalf and thanks to the excellent rapport he has established with the Committee, they formally announce our participation and contribution which is very pleasing. In fact they provide the NZ Wreath.

Note: Sorry Veterans but trying to be in all places at once to take photos tends to be a challenge.

ANZAC Day Badge Selling - 23-24 April 2009

If you remember in previous NewZletters that some Malaya/Vietnam Veterans from NZ were attending the Sydney ANZAC Day March this year. Well in the spirit of NZ Veteran camaraderie they helped us sell ANZAC Badges from 0630-0930 on Thursday and Friday morning at the Martin Place Station.



(Picture above L-R: Ann Winkelmann, Vic Gadsby, Janet Barclay, Maurie Kellow, Hineari, Bukit Hill, Barrie Leslie, Neville Berridge, Catherine Hill, Margaret McInroy, John Rayner, Kathleen Kerehona, Taawhi Kerehona, Ally Wilson, Jo Bird, Tweet Bird, David Winkelmann, Lindsay Taylor, Mac McKenzie).



It's a great spot for selling and ultimately fundraising because you capture thousands of commuters going to work and even with the recession they were extremely giving. Then it's off to breakfast

followed by a reconciliation of stock and money and back to the station again the next morning. I snapped a few photos of citizens buying badges (from L-R Tweet Bird, Bukit Hill and Catherin Hill) but had to be careful because they can get a little uncomfortable having their photos taken without their knowledge hence why I cannot show their faces. Still it was a wonderful contribution to the ANZAC spirit and we just cannot thank the NZ Veterans enough for their support.

SYDNEY ANZAC DAY MARCH

Well as I have done forever, I attended the dawn service arriving at the Martin Place Cenotaph at 0315 hours to get a good viewing spot. And as always by 0345 hours Martin Place is a sea of bodies from George Street to MacQuarrie Street and beyond. It's incredible that it is not until they turn off the lights for the last post that you realise just how early it is because it is so dark. But then again, it's what we as Veterans do and have done for years past and will do for years into the future.



Then its March time and for those that have never attended the Sydney ANZAC Day March, I can tell you that it is absolutely incredible not only because we

are the first marching group after the dignitaries but also because the crowds are huge and do not stop cheering us on from the moment we step off at Pitt Street then past the Cenotaph down George Street to Hyde Park. And this year Vic Gadsby (picture above) one of the Vietnam Veterans that came over from





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NZ was at the front carrying the NZ Returned Services Banner. Our Parade Commander was Ken Frank (picture above) WWII Japan Veteran and War Correspondent who was accompanied by his son which was nice as Ken suffers from Macular Degeneration.



However, not only did the Malaya/Vietnam Veterans from NZ attend but two WWII Veterans Harry Spencer (left) and Ossie Hansen

(right) also flew over from NZ. Harry Spencer is one of only two surviving members of Freyberg's close body guard during the desert campaign. Also accompanying them was NZ Army Veteran John Russell. John Russell is the grandson of Maj Gen Sir Andrew Russell KCB KCMG CB the NZ Division Commander WWI and long-time NZRSA Dominion President who laid the NZ wreath when 1,400 NZers came across for ANZAC Day in 1938 in Sydney and took back with them the concept of the Dawn Service. John's father was Lt Col John Russell the CO 22Bn and was killed in action on 6 September 1942.



And then to add to what was already a memorable day, WWII Veteran Sir Ian Turbott AO, CMG, CVO, CSTJ, FAIM, FAICD, HonDLitt (UWS), FRSA, JP also attended his first march in the Sydney ANZAC Day march. We have invited Sir Ian Turbott to lead

next year's march should he be available.

With so many visitors attending from NZ it was great to have TVNZ involved and glad that our WWII Veterans were featured on the 6pm news on TV1. But what was the most memorably

moving moment for me was that every NZ Veteran that attended the march took the time to meet and greet our WWII Veterans.



Amazingly even Australian Defence Force officers and an Ex-NZ Army Veteran now NSW Police Senior Sergeant came over to greet them.

But let's not forget the Veterans who have come and been coming every year for years because it is these Veterans that will keep the ANZAC alive as age wearies the WWII Veterans.



And I must thank the Cadets in front of us for marching so quickly because it left us out on our own and therefore the sole focus of attention for most of the march until the band caught up midway down George Street.

The young Veteran in the Green Beret (picture top left) is Paul Oldfield RNZIR and he has been trying to talk his friends from the Battalion to come over for the Sydney ANZAC Day March. If he can get them over wouldn't that be wonderful.

Veterans, thank you for a very memorable and magic ANZAC Day.

Post ANZAC Day March Function

Thanks to the Veterans that joined us at the Chatswood RSL Club after the march. There we met the President of the British Royal Marine Veterans, the Chief Executive of the Club and many more Veterans including Ray Farrell who was another surprise attendee over from NZ. However, during the informal speeches, an Australian Pilot, Pete Bradford stood up to say a few words.



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But rather than me tell you why this was a special moment in history I asked Pete to explain in his own words what he said that day.

Dear Greg, Pete Bradford is my name, we met at the RSL. I was the honorary KIWI for the day. It was a wonderful day, especially for me to catch up with Bill Taare again.

Just a quick summary of how Bill and I have become good mates again after a fateful incident on the 14th of January 1970. Bill was the forward scout of a 6 man patrol, led by Sgt Graham Campbell. Early on the morning of the 14th, they were engaged by a large North Vietnamese force. They were actually ambushed and in the initial fire fight, Graham was shot. An extremely heroic disengagement and withdrawal was carried out with Mac MacCallion literally carrying Graham. A hot extraction was called for. I just happened to be the pilot of the chopper to get them out. Because the area was very thick tall jungle, it was necessary to winch them out two at a time using a jungle penetrator.



A book was published last year, called "Soldiers without Borders, Beyond the SAS", the author is Ian McPhedran. There is much in the book about the KIWI SAS, including a chapter on the extraction of Graham's patrol.

I have had the pleasure of making contact with his widow Ellen and her family. Ellen married Terry Culley, who was commander of 4 Troop.

Yours sincerely
Pete Bradford

Afterwards I went to shake Pete and Bill's hand and Bill said "this guy saved my life". You can picture the emotion that was on his face as he said this.

I have met and talked with so many Veterans in Australia I tend to lose track of their names and military history but I will never tire of the stories nor will I ever tire of meeting NZ Veterans.

ANZAC Day March in Yass NSW – Maj (Retd) Ross Himona

I was the guest speaker at the Yass NSW ANZAC Parade last Saturday at a lunch in the Soldiers Club afterwards. I was invited to speak by an old comrade, who was a classmate of mine at the RMC Duntroon, a long time ago. He and I also led the parade down the main drag.



The theme of both speeches was to put the "NZ" back into "ANZAC" and it went over very well.

The Gallipoli Company of cadets from the RMC Duntroon provided the catafalque party and guard of honour. There were two NZ cadets with them and their company commander is the NZ exchange officer at the RMC. Ross's speech follows:

ANZAC - Australian & New Zealand Army Corps Some Military History

FIRST AUSTRALIAN OVERSEAS CONTINGENT

HMS Alligator & Isabella and a detachment of 50th Regt sailed from NSW for NZ on the first military operation undertaken by the Australian colonies to any external destination. They sailed on 31 Aug 1834 on a mission to rescue hostages held by Maori tribes at Taranaki on the west coast of the North Island. They arrived back in Nov 1834, having not just rescued the hostages but had themselves a bit of a shoot-up while they were there, bombarding Maori fortifications and causing quite a bit of collateral damage to people and crops.

NZ LAND WARS

1840s



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1860s The colonies of NSW and Van Diemen's Land contributed greatly to the forces and supplies to fight the NZ Land Wars against several Maori tribes. Several thousand Australian colonists were recruited to fight in NZ. As you know the NZ Land Wars was not a one-sided affair and the tribes gave as good as they got. But in the end we lost most of our land.

Several Maori were captured and imprisoned in Van Diemen's Land and it was only recently that their tribes were able to repatriate their remains to NZ.

OLDEST WAR MEMORIAL

Where is the oldest war memorial in Australia?

In Hobart, in remembrance of Taswegians who were killed in the NZ Land Wars by the Maori tribes.

REVENGE – THE TRIBES FIGHT BACK

Tribal societies everywhere are well known for their long memories and for the fact that they will seek revenge for as long as it takes, across many generations, even centuries.

So it is too with Maori tribes. Many of those tribes shot up by those early Australians are still seeking revenge. We have been infiltrating Australia ever since the NZ Land Wars, fully intending to eventually take over your country.

In ones and twos and small groups we have been quietly slipping in through Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane. We have established FOBs in places like Bondi, Kings Cross & Surfers Paradise. We even have them in Perth and in Kalgoolie.

We are targeting key industries like the shearing industry, the entertainment industry, the mining industry, the racing industry, and the NRL.

We have been quietly marrying your women and breeding new Australians with loyalties to the Maori tribes.

While the ADF looks northwards from Darwin, Tindall and Cairns – protecting against invasion from the North and from boat people we Maori are slipping in every day through Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane airports.

I'm the recce party for the invasion of Bungendore and Yass.

We never forget. We never forgive. We will eventually take you over.

THE GREAT FORGETTING

We rely on the fact that almost all Australians think their military history started on 25th April 1915 at Gallipoli.

We rely on the fact that almost all Australians don't know that their military history began with wars against the Maori tribes. We rely on the fact that you have forgotten that we have been your enemies for the last 175 years, and that you think we are your allies.

I'm joking of course, or you should hope I am anyway.

My tribes are from the other side of the North Island, and we are quite happy when anyone decides to do over those other tribes that got stousted in the NZ Land Wars. We don't like those tribes at all. We much prefer Australians.

ALLIES

Seriously though we did become close allies. Once we got over your Land Wars mistake.

SUDAN 1885

ANGLO BOER WAR 1899 – 1902

WWI

Of course everybody knows the term ANZAC was coined when something called ANZAC set off from Australia and New Zealand for Gallipoli to fight Johnny Turk as a duty to Empire.

NOT. What everybody knows is more legend than history. When the troops left home they did not leave as ANZACs; they were not heading for Gallipoli; and their enemy was not Turkey. Indeed at that time there was no Turkey.

The AIF and NZEF started on their way to fight Germany in Europe. By the time they reached Suez, the Ottoman Empire had entered the war. Waiting in Egypt, they thought about how to organise. Many suggestions were rejected by both Australians and New Zealanders as too likely to submerge their national identities. What finally took shape in Egypt in December 1914 was the Australia and New Zealand Army Corps. Even then the new term ANZAC wasn't much used. But after the landings at Gallipoli the word ANZAC was seared into the being of both nations, Australia and New Zealand. And all across Australia and New Zealand ANZAC speaks to us now from across nearly 100 years and thousands of miles with spiritual significance.

RMC & GALLIPOLI

Gallipoli is of particular significance to those of you from RMC Duntroon. As you know the first Commandant of RMC, Maj



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Gen William Throsby Bridges, fought and died at Gallipoli. There were many of his RMC cadets at Gallipoli as well.

On 4 Aug 1914 RMC was told that Britain had declared war on Germany. The First Class of both Australian and New Zealand cadets was graduated immediately for service in Europe. A few months later the entire Second Class of Australian and New Zealand cadets graduated and were warned out for overseas service. Almost all of the officer staff at RMC went as well.

The early history of RMC is inextricably enmeshed in the ANZAC story as those early Australian and New Zealand RMC graduates were among the original ANZACs. Many of them died there.

SOME MODERN HISTORY

We fought together at Gallipoli, and on the Western Front where tens of thousands of Australians and New Zealanders fought and died.

We have been fighting together, shoulder to shoulder, ever since, in various places.

ANOTHER FORGETTING

But there has been another forgetting.

Some recent research revealed that most Australians don't know that the NZ in the middle of ANZAC stands for New Zealand, and that today when Australians talk of ANZACs they are talking only of Australian diggers.

In fact the researcher revealed that one young Australian she was interviewing got extremely angry when she told him that the NZ stood for New Zealand. True.

WW2 & BEYOND

Beyond Gallipoli and the Western Front our troops fought together in WW2.

NZs 16 Fd Arty Regt fired in DS of Australian troops in Korea. My first NZ battalion commander who was also my military mentor fought as a platoon commander in 3 RAR in Korea.

We fought together in 28th Commonwealth Bde against the CTs in Malaya.

We fought together in Peninsular Malaysia & in Borneo against the Indonesians during their Confrontation against Malaysia. Both the Australian and NZ SAS fought in Borneo as part of the British 22 SAS Regt.

Then we fought together in Vietnam. We New Zealanders were part of 1 ATF at Nui Dat. We even formed ANZAC battalions in

Vietnam manned by Australians and New Zealanders. Our NZ SAS provided a troop to the Australian SAS Sqn.

Since then Australians and New Zealanders have served together in many places including East Timor, Bougainville, the Solomons, Iraq and Afghanistan.

I went to RMC for just over three years from 1962. In that time I forged friendships that have endured for over 47 years. Colonel Turner is one of those friends. Many of us Australians and New Zealanders from RMC and OCS Portsea served alongside each other on active service in Borneo and Vietnam. Many of us served together in 28th Commonwealth Brigade in Malaysia.

Over the years we attended courses together, and some of us were seconded to work in each other's Armies. Now that we've all retired from the service we still all keep in touch, Australians and New Zealanders.

We have lived our military and civilian lives in the shadow of the ANZAC heritage, and still do.

After East Timor Gen Peter Cosgrove spoke at a dinner in Canberra in honour of the NZ Chief of General Staff and said of the NZ contribution in East Timor that there is no other nation he would rather have serving alongside Australian troops.

We NZers return the compliment in spades. There is no other country we would rather fight alongside than Australia.

Thank you.

Vic, Qld, WA, ACT, NT, Tas ANZAC Day March 2009

Can someone please send me some pics and a story so I can include it in a supplement to the April NewZletter.

Te Wairua Tapu Maori Anglican Church ANZAC Service - Sunday 26 April 2009

Well our involvement in ANZAC activities continued into Sunday whereby we attended the ANZAC Service at Te Wairua Tapu Church in Redfern. The service was initiated in 2002 by Vietnam Veteran Clarence Ormsby and we have been attending ever since. It's a small service but one that is specifically done for NZ Veterans. Archdeacon Malcolm Karipa is the officiating



minister of the church and has been extremely accommodating to any changes we ask. It's also nice that he places all three service hats in prominent positions. Of course one last minute change was the inclusion

of Harry Spencer in the speakers. However, Ron Haira was again available to give the ANZAC address. Another moving speech followed by Harry talking of his war years but more specifically his experiences with the 28th Maori Battalion which again was well received. Of course it wouldn't be a Maori service without a

cup of tea afterwards but in this case and probably because it was a special service, pork bones and puha was on the menu and a most welcome culinary delight I might



add. (picture above L-R: Angelo Papageorgiou, Neville Berridge, Ossie Hansen, John Russell, Malcolm Karipa, Ron Haira, Harry Spencer, Clarence Ormsby, Robin Lloyd, Taawhi Kerehona)



Me and Harry at Te Wairua Tapu Church ANZAC Service. It was my responsibility to say the Ode to the Fallen and a responsibility I was proud to do.

Farewell to our Visiting NZ WWII Veterans - Harry and Ossie - Sunday 26 April 2009

The weekend would not have been complete if our visiting WWII Veterans went home without seeing the NZ Soldier Statue on ANZAC Bridge so with the help of Janet Barclay and Neville Berridge, we took Harry and Ossie to the Statue and then to Watsons Bay for dinner and refreshments after the service.



Janet and Ossie at Watsons Bay enjoying the sunshine and a refreshing drink after a long weekend of ANZAC activities.

Acknowledgements / Personal Notices

Happy Birthday to Roger Bush, Roger Carter, Brian Meyer, Jim Smith, Michael Shale, Buck Healy, Charlie Karena, Pera Hauraki, Trevor King, Jim Mitchell, Dave Foreman, Mac Shedden, Ben Furby, John Westbrook and Dennis Costello.

The Last Post

133947 Malcolm McPIKE

Malcolm McPAKE ex 2NZ Regiment 1959-61 Malaya, passed away at Canossa Private Hospital, Oxley, Brisbane, Australia, yesterday, 17 April 2009.

Malcolm had been ill for some time, and had spent the past six to eight weeks in hospital.

A record, which we perused to gain his regimental number, provided 133947. However, this number could not be confirmed by us. It is felt that maybe the correct number might be 33947. If someone has a confirmed regimental number for Malcolm, would they please advise.



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Funeral details have not been supplied, but if and when they come to hand, we will send out a further notice. Our informant stated that the funeral is likely to be held on Tuesday, 21 April 2009.

Last Post Reminder

Veterans, I can honestly say (albeit with great sadness) that after attending many funerals in NSW, the families have been overwhelmingly grateful, appreciative and welcomed our ability to coordinate the military aspects of the funeral for our fallen comrade. It is incredibly moving to see the pride in the families not only when they hear and sometimes first learn of our fallen comrade's military service, but also when they see the Casket covered with the NZ Flag, respective service hat (Army, Airforce or Navy) and Korowai. Furthermore, all the families I have coordinated funeral details with have also been very comfortable with photos being taken knowing the reason for such photos e.g. veteran only distribution. You would have seen such photos in previous NewZletters.

Therefore, please let us know as veterans pass away in Australia so I can advise all the veterans in Australia. For NSW veterans, we try to attend wherever possible funerals of our comrades so please keep us informed.

NZ Sub-Branch Executive Appointments 2009

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Lest We Forget

More ANZAC Pictures

