



New Zealand Veterans in Australia Incorporated NEWZLETTER



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The Month That Was

NZ Veterans in AU is now on Facebook

After unsuccessfully attempting to generate NZ Veteran discussion using an online forum from within the NZVIA website (www.nzvia.com.au) it was decided that Facebook may be better forum as it is used by many other Veteran organisations including the RNZRSA not to mention that Facebook is immensely popular. Therefore, whilst most information including pictures will be on the website, please use NZVIA Facebook as a possible form of discussing issues regarding NZ Veterans [NZVIA Facebook](#)

New Zealand Defence Service Medal



Dear Veterans, please be advised that applications are now being taken for the NZDSM.

You can apply directly online, or download the application form. Click on the following link

<http://medals.nzdf.mil.nz/nzdsml/index.html>

For those that can assist, please help out our Veterans complete their application if they are not in a position to do this. Brian Meyer has been very active advising NZ Veterans of this entitlement and I have been assisting some older NZ Veterans apply with the easiest method being online.

Medallic Recognition of New Zealand Military Service in South-East Asia since 1950

Some aspects of the service by New Zealand military personnel in South-East Asia between 1950 and 1989 are currently not eligible for medallic recognition. In 2005, the Minister of Defence instructed that this situation be researched and reported upon for the period 1950-1975. An independent historian was employed by the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) to research the subject and prepare a report covering the period up to 1975. His full report is available on the NZDF Medals website at <http://medals.nzdf.mil.nz/seasia/about.html>

Consultation on Medallic Recognition of New Zealand Military Service in South-East Asia since 1950, which has been released by the CDF and is now up on the NZDF Defence Comms Group and Medals Website

<http://medals.nzdf.mil.nz/seasia/about.html#docs>

The documents include the checklist and both the summary and full report. There is also a submission form.

Public consultation closes on 23 August 2011, and the working group expects to report back to the Government by 31 October 2011. The consultation documents will be distributed via the RNZRSA Affiliates network, and can also be viewed and downloaded from the New Zealand Defence Force Medals website.

Notes for all submissions

1. It is preferred, to ensure clarity and understanding, that all submissions are typed. Submitters are encouraged to add additional pages and attach photocopies of any supporting evidence for their case. Please do not send original documents.
2. Submissions (with checklist and supporting evidence) can be e-mailed as a text response; or with an attached file; to medals.admp@nzdf.mil.nz; or mailed to:

Medallic Recognition Joint Working Group
C/- Deputy Director Medals Policy
Defence Personnel Executive
Headquarters New Zealand Defence Force
Private Bag 39997
WELLINGTON 5045

NZ Veterans in Australia (New South Wales) Notices

Te Wairua Tapu Annual Memorial Service Sunday 24 July 2011

Dear Veterans, the Sydney Maori Anglican Fellowship Church of Te Wairua Tapu are holding a Memorial service on Sunday 24 July 2011 at 1400 hours. This is an annual service whereby we remember those that have passed away in the last 12 months. For us in NSW they include NZ Veterans Tanya White, WWII/Korea Veteran Neville Berridge and WWII Veteran William Kelvin Everett. However, as this is our first attendance at this service, we can also remember the many other NZ Veterans that have passed away such as Val Litchfield, Joe Riri, Ken Deacon, Tukotahi James Phillips, Edison Wineera, Rex Pedersen, Fred Crossman, James Thomson, Bob Hapuku, Norm Baxter and Frank Quinn.

NZ Veterans in NSW Mid-Year Lunch Sunday 31 July 2011



Dear Veterans, the mid-year lunch is being held on Sunday 31 July 2011 at 1200 hours following the bi-monthly meeting. This is always a small but memorable lunch and a great opportunity to catch up again and chat about anything and everything. Everyone is invited so come along to the Chatswood RSL and enjoy a nice lunch with great camaraderie.

Te Wairua Tapu Ball Saturday 8 October 2011

Dear Veterans, if you are looking for a nice evening of food, drink and dance at a very good venue, please be advised that The Sydney Maori Anglican Fellowship Church of Te Wairua Tapu are holding a Ball on Saturday 8 October 2011 at La Mirage Function centre and Restaurant, 65 Ramsey Road, Five Dock. Tickets are \$120 each and the Ball starts at 1830 hours.

Please contact me if you are interested in attending.

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Reminder: Remembrance Day Church Service Sunday 16 November 2011

The Remembrance Day Church Service is on Sunday 13 November 2011 at 1030 hours, the first Sunday after Remembrance Day. The service is held at the Sydney Maori Anglican Fellowship Church of Te Wairua Tapu, 587 Elizabeth Street, Redfern and includes Laying Poppies at the altar.



However, this year it is hoped that some of the NZ Veterans that have received their NZDSM will have them formally presented at the service this year which would be great. The service is always followed by Coffee/Tea and something to eat.

If you have received your NZDSM can you please advise me so I can make suitable arrangements for the presentation; inviting dignitaries, guests and families of Medal recipients, briefing the Archdeacon, inviting the Bishop and Mayor of Sydney, NZDF representative from Canberra and High Commissioner Maj Gen (Retd) Martyn Dunne.

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Reminder: ANZAC Day March Wednesday 25 April 2012

The ANZAC Day March next year will be the same format as every other year. However, just a further reminder, the term 'veteran' in today's context refers to all serving and ex-service personnel not just those that served overseas. So whether you have a medal or not, as long as you served in the military you are considered a veteran and I would be very privileged to march alongside you at ANZAC Day every year.

Reminder: ANZAC Day Church Service Sunday 29 April 2012

The ANZAC Day Church Service will be held at the Sydney Maori Anglican Fellowship Church of Te Wairua Tapu, 587 Elizabeth Street, Redfern, on Sunday 29 April 2012 at 10:30 hours, the first Sunday after ANZAC Day.



NZ Veterans in Australia (Victoria) Notices

Well Veterans, it's great that the Victoria based NZ Veterans are identifying themselves to NZ with a wonderful article in the RSA Review Winter 2011 Edition.



Danley Allen (left) and Sam Smith have made sure the New Zealand anthem is alive and well in the Victorian RSL world.

Oldest medalist doubles quota

Moving house has proved a blessing in medalist Stigulae for Norah Gaby Hamblin. The 96-year-old, who lost her two war and service medals being the shift a few years ago, has now located her quota.

When her friend and carer, Carole Coulter, asked to find the missing War Medal 1939-45 and New Zealand War Service Medal, she set about getting them replaced. Then Devonport RSL vice-chairman Alistair Cameron got involved, checked Hamblin's New Zealand Army Nursing Service record, and discovered she was entitled to two other medals.

The result: In a special ceremony at the Devonport RSL, club president Jimmy Jones presented Norah Hamblin with her four medals in front of her friends and members.

"I think she must be the oldest recipient of these medals in the country," says Cameron.



Norah Hamblin (front)...receives medals but with sewers and friends Wendy Aranga (left) and Joan Vines.

Those Aussies are playing our song

New Zealand's national anthem was played in all RSLs in Victoria, Australia on Anzac Day this year thanks to the efforts of the Melbourne-based New Zealand RSL sub-branch.

The move to play 'God Defend New Zealand' showed true Anzac spirit, says NZ sub-branch vice-president vice-president Danny Allen, who, with president Sam Smith, led the charge.

"In New Zealand, we've always recognised Australia. Now we have it here."

Victoria RSL state president David McLachlan says the anthem has been played officially at the Shrine of Remembrance for the last two years.

"It will become second nature. We should recognise the contribution of the two countries during that dreadful period of time."

The New Zealand group a sub-branch of the Victoria RSL, is based at the Caulfield RSL, in Elsternwick, Melbourne. Which, says Allen, makes

it the only truly Anzac RSL or RSA in Australia and New Zealand.

"Both the New Zealand and Australian songs are flown daily, as well as being learned to heart-muscle for both diggers and their spouses. Once we have the funds to buy a suitable carving, the New Zealand coat of arms will be mounted alongside the Australian coat of arms on the club's memorial wall."

The sub-branch was established by a former secretary, World War 2 veteran Ron Hornblow, in the 1960s. It nearly disbanded because of dwindling numbers, but a few dedicated members managed to increase membership two years ago. The branch now has 70 members - army, navy and air force, and Vietnam, Korean and Afghanistan vets.

This year's 7am Anzac Day service at the Caulfield RSL was followed by a quiet breakfast and game of two-up.

This year's NZRSA national Poppy Appeal yielded \$1.7 million - well up on the trend of around \$1.5m over the last decade.

It is all the more pleasing considering the call on donations for the Christchurch earthquake, the Pike River mine disaster and the Queensland floods, says NZRSA chief executive Stephen Clark.

"It reveals the great support we receive from the New Zealand public for our veteran community and the services the RSA delivers on their behalf."

No previous local RSLs for getting volunteers out to collect and ensuring the appeal was well publicised in their communities.

The RSA Christchurch Earthquake Appeal has reached \$100,000 - in addition to the \$20,000 raised for the Red Cross Appeal after the September 2010 quake. Appeal donations will be channelled through National Office to the Canterbury district for distribution according to need.

The Christchurch and New Brighton RSLs, both 'red-shiners' from February's earthquake, will be demolished. New Brighton members have been meeting at the New Brighton Bowling Club, and Christchurch members at community clubs, although a more permanent arrangement is imminent.

The Summer Redcliffe RSL sustained more damage in the June 13 quakes, and the buildings are due to be reassessed.

V3 1 Battalion RNZIR Reunion 3-6 June 2011

I hope the reunion was well attended and enjoyable V3.

RNZN Reunion in Melbourne 2013

RNZN Veterans, please be advised that the next reunion will be held during the Melbourne Easter weekend in 2013. The reunions are blessed with a large attendance of RNZN Veterans and I am sure the 2013 reunion will also be the same.

Will advise RNZN Melbourne contact person once notified.

RF Cadet 50th Anniversary Reunion 2013 (Bennett Class)

Reminder for any RF Cadet Bennett Class veterans to please contact Roy Jones or Ben Hadfield as follows:



Ben Hadfield benzza@primus.com.au.

Roy Jones royvjones@dreamtilt.com.au.

Ex-Malaya Veterans



Please be advised that the NZ Malaya Veterans Association Inc has a new website <http://www.malayavets.co.nz/>

Photographic Collection Sam (Jock) Carroll

Sam (Jock) Carroll has made some of his collection of photographs available. These have been uploaded to the website <http://www.malayavets.co.nz>

Click on 'photo album' and scroll through the albums until you find one called "Sam Carroll 2011".

Many thanks to Sam for sharing these photographs.

If any other members have photographs, especially of their time serving in Malaya/Borneo/Singapore that you want share. Please scan them onto a zip disk or similar, size must be 480 pixels wide. If you are unable to scan them, you can send the photo's to the webmaster, Bob Kingsley at 39A Maihi Cres, Maungatapu, Tauranga 3112. If you require the photographs to be returned, please enclose a stamped, self addressed envelope.

NZMVA Matters

We have received the letter a below, from Bill Russell for discussion at our next National Executive Meeting on the 10th September 2011 at the Manurewa RSA.

The National President and Selamat Editor have also received the same message.

Great to see how well the NZ Veterans in Victoria are doing. Look forward to hearing many more activities over the years.

NZ Veterans in Australia (Queensland) Notices

To all vets domiciled in the Brisbane area:

Duke Pewherangi has kicked off the idea that we (wives/partners included) meet at a suitable venue for a get together and has come up with the following details.

Venue - "Logan RSL (on Railway Parade opposite the Railway Station)"

Date -Saturday 30th July

Time - 1300hrs

Cost - \$10 per head for a BBQ lunch. Pay for your own drinks.

If you would like to attend could you please inform me either by email or by phone on 3207 9603

As the Logan RSL can sometimes be hard to locate, Duke Pewherangi will have his mobile with him to guide you in if necessary. His number is 0432 144 763.

We hope to see you there.

Please respond ASAP.

Cheers

Larry Southern

Reunion and Other Notices

It would be a reasonable option to see what feedback the NZMVA Membership thinks about this for inclusion in our NE Meeting.

This will be only one step in a long process I would think.

Bill Russell can be contacted at email: william.russell@xtra.co.nz
P.O.Box 51212 Tawa Wellington.

The Secretary
Mr Hiro Hamilton
Malayan Veterans Assn.
Wairoa

Dear Hiro,

I have just returned from a holiday in Australia and notice the prominence of their war memorials and the acknowledgement of their armed forces in cities and small towns alike.

NZ does not even come close to the same acknowledgement as Australia gives its veterans.

In one memorial in Broken Hill, I came across an acknowledgement of a memorial jointly to Malaya and Borneo.

This is one of the first I have ever seen, although there may be more.

This prompted me to think, how could the Malayan Veterans in NZ achieve more awareness and perhaps a bit more acknowledgement for a job well done. After all it was the only campaign that to my knowledge was successful in winning back all that was initially lost.

If one looks at the Korean war; that has never to this day been officially ended. Vietnam was not a victory for the allies. East Timor, perhaps does not rate in the same category, and Afghanistan is looking murkier every day.

I would therefore like to propose to the executive of the MVA that a day be designated as Malayan Veteran's day to celebrate the success of that campaign and its contribution to NZ's military history.

I have no idea which of the many suitable days could be the official Malayan Veterans day, perhaps the executive could decide on that. It could be the day the emergency finished (or started) or it could be the day we sent our first troops there.

Once a day is set, then some publicity surrounding the Malayan events could be released to the press to create wider awareness.

I think also, that a national memorial to the Malayan Campaign should be established, probably either in Wellington, but

Auckland and Christchurch could be considered; perhaps even Waiouru as long as it was prominent.

Most Malayan Veterans are in their seventies now, so time is not on our side to get this underway if it was considered a good idea.

For those that served, the Malayan campaign was a major part of their young lives, a part of NZ's military history, and a successful one at that. Some visual acknowledgement of that would be appreciated by the many who served NZ in that country.

Yours sincerely



W. (Bill) Russell

All discussion on this matter should be directed to, either Hiro Hamilton or any member of the national executive.

Branches may also want to have a discussion on this and again forward any discussion/decision to national executive.

Ex-Vietnam Services Association Inc

Reminder for all NZ Vietnam Veterans to keep in touch with your fellow comrades and keep up to date with the latest information through your association.



The website address as follows:

www.evsa.org.nz

*Band of the
Royal Military College
Duntroon*



History of CMT and National Service

Work on writing a manuscript on the History of CMT (1950's) and National Service (1960's) is well in hand and the appointed Historian, Peter Cooke, should have his contract completed later this year. Publication is being planned for some time in 2012.

Any CMT man or National Serviceman in Australia is invited to contribute to this effort and Questionnaires can be obtained from hmfauls2@xtra.co.nz or by writing to 31 Grays Road, Camborne, Porirua 5026, NZ.

The project is being sponsored by the North City Branch, CMT and National Service Assn.

Malcolm Fauls
Vice President

North City Branch
CMT and NS Assn

The Duntroon Bugle

For those Bands men and woman out there, you will be interested in information from Roger Carter who maintains a strong interest in these matters.

Roger has distributed the latest edition of the Duntroon Bugle and has made a few comments:

I liked the comments of the musician (W), LCpl Jenna Pacy, from the British Parachute Regiment, and wondered, do they still have to complete a parachute jump before they get issued with their instrument????!!!! and did she practice her vocals on the way down!! and what was her comment as she hit the deck and was issued with her bassoon?

The sympathetic article on the Kanchanaburi War Cemetery reminded me of our NZ battalion band trip there in 1971 It is also good to see that the high standard of this regular newsletter is maintained by a trombone player of the highest order!!!! Some might say Up the Trombones, but I say Go the Trombones or "Trombones to the Fore"

Even as a non-band member I find these articles very interesting. If you want a copy or need more information please let me know and I will pass your details onto Roger.

NZVIA NSW Veteran Membership 2010



NSW Veterans are reminded that the **2011** RSL and NZ Sub-Branch (NSW) membership renewal is due.



As stated in my email, the NZ Sub-Branch (NSW) would welcome your contribution to the operations of the association regardless of whether you retain your voting and speaking rights with your parent Sub-Branch and remain as an associate member of the NZ Sub-Branch (NSW) (picture above new Members Peter and Jan Dicken receiving their membership badge from Lindsay Taylor 2009). So for \$5 please send in your

application form for Associate Membership. For current full service members please send \$29(of which \$24 goes to the NSW RSL). For new members wanting associate or full service membership let me know and I will send you an application form. Application forms are also on the NZVIA NSW page of the www.nzvia.com.au website. Just scroll down to the end of the Membership column or email nsw@nzvia.com.au

Now that the NewZletter goes to Veterans in other States, I have been asked how they can become involved in the NZ Sub-Branch (NSW).

Please note the following:

1. Interstate veterans can join the NSW Branch of the RSL via the NZ Sub-Branch (NSW) as Service members, if you are not currently Service Members interstate;
2. If you are currently Service Members interstate you can:-
 - a. transfer to the NZ Sub-Branch (NSW); or
 - b. become "Associate" members of the NZ Sub-Branch for \$5 BUT you can only speak, vote & hold office at one RSL sub-Branch in Australia.

Whilst we would gladly accept your membership I would request you contact me so we can discuss your expectations against what is achievable.

Just a reminder, the NZ Sub-Branch is the legal entity for the NZ Veterans in Australia NSW so membership must remain with the NZ Sub-Branch in regards to its association with the NSW RSL.

NZVIA VIC Veteran Membership 2010

VIC Veterans are reminded that the **2011** RSL and NZ Sub-Branch (Vic) membership renewal is due. As stated in my email,



the NZ Sub-Branch (Vic) would welcome your contribution to the operations of the association



regardless of whether you retain your voting and speaking rights with your parent Sub-Branch and remain as a member of the NZ Sub-Branch (Vic). So for \$35 please send in your application form. Forms are available from the NZVIA Victoria page of the www.nzvia.com.au website. Just scroll down to the end of the Membership column.

Just a reminder, the NZ Sub-Branch is the legal entity for the NZ Veterans in Australia VIC so membership must remain with the NZ Sub-Branch in regards to its association with the VIC RSL.

Acknowledgements / Personal Notices

Happy Birthday to: **Brett Orme, Greg Makutu, John Rayner, Watson Young, Neil Koorey.**

The Last Post

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.



NZ40890 Francis Gerald (Gerry) Brumell



Dear Veterans, please be advised of the passing of 40890 Francis Gerald (Gerry) BRUMELL ex 1RNZIR 1963-65 Malaysia, 1RNZIR 1965-67 Malaysia,

W1 SVN, who passed away in Brisbane, Australia, on Friday, 27 May 2011, An email was sent to NZ Veterans in Brisbane and the Funeral details were as follows:

Date: Friday 3 June 2011

Time: 1300 hours

Location: The Church of the Twelve Apostles

Address: 111 Yallambee Road, Jindalee

Gerry is survived by his widow Sara.

Messages to:
The Brumell Family,
C/- Wayne J Lindsay.

Email: sliderman1@gmail.com

NZ475244 Richard GWYNNE



Dear Veterans, please be advised of the passing of NZ475244 Richard Gwynne (ex 1RNZIR 1963-65 Malaysia, 161 Bty SVN). An email was sent to NZ

Veterans in WA and the Funeral details were as follows:

Date: Wednesday 15 June 2011

Time: 1100 hours

Location: West Chapel, Fremantle Crematorium

Address: cnr High Street and Carrington Street

Lest We Forget

Last Post Reminders in NZ

Dear Veterans, there are notices sent for our Veterans that pass away in NZ. I do not repeat them in this NewZletter but if you want to keep in touch with notices regarding Veterans in NZ please let me know and I will send you the link(s). I think most Veterans here get the notices anyway.

Lest we forget

Other News



Navy sailor escaping the cold of Winter



Photo - LSCS Konrad Cook bridge watchkeeping in company with HMAS PERTH (in the background) while departing from Samoa. 2 June 2011

Dunedin man Konrad Cook is escaping the cold winter months by spending 38 days in the South Pacific.

Leading Seaman Combat Specialist (LSCS) Konrad Cook is on board HMNZS OTAGO for its inaugural deployment to the South Pacific with Rarotonga the next port of call.

"Visiting Rarotonga is the highlight of the trip for me. I am looking forward to going ashore and have a good look around. Another highlight was being able to escape the winter months back home."

LSCS Cook is no stranger to the Pacific, having visited a number of islands in 2009 while on board HMNZS CANTERBURY and he has visited Samoa twice.

As a Leading Seaman Combat Specialist, Cook is specialised in the training and firing of small arms on board.

"My job on the ship is varied. I can be part of a boarding team going across to other vessels," said LSCS Cook.

"I also specialise in seamanship onboard which includes re-fuelling at sea, passing stores between ships via light jackstay and towing other ships or being towed ourselves."

"I have many other duties I do on board such as ships maintenance, bridge watchkeeping and driving the ships RHIBS for man overboards, boardings and personnel transfers."

OTAGO left Auckland in the middle of May; three weeks after LSCS Cook joined the ship. During the deployment the ship has spent the past 3 weeks in the Pacific undertaking maritime security tasks, fisheries patrols, and supporting diplomatic tasks.

The ship has visited Raoul Island, Tonga, Samoa twice and the Tokelau Islands before its visit to Rarotonga then to Niue.

Note:
HMNZS OTAGO is affiliated with the Otago and Southland regions: her home ports are Dunedin and Invercargill/Bluff

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Army to demonstrate new Armoured Excavator

High Mobility Engineer Excavator on static display at Trentham Military Camp.
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The Armoured Combat Tractor, the HMEE (High Mobility Engineer Excavator) will be put through its paces next Thursday at Trentham near



Wellington and media are invited to attend.

The Combat Tractor will allow NZ Army Engineers to operate alongside the NZ LAV in areas that pose a greater risk to deployed personnel. It offers substantially greater protection and mobility than a normal JCB, and can travel up to 90 km/h over cross country terrain.

The demonstration will consist of both a static and mobile display, as well as provide media the opportunity to talk with personnel involved in its acquisition and employment.

Attendees will be required to meet at the entrance of Collins Range, Messines Ave, Trentham (just past the entrance to Trentham Camp) at 1245 hours, where they will be directed to the demonstration location. All media must carry photo IDs.

Media wishing to attend should provide a response to Major John Gordon, Senior Media Advisor (Army) on 021 478 574 by Tuesday 7th June 2011.

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Variety show to showcase great talent for a great cause
3 June 2011

The inaugural 'Palmy Variety Show' for the Missing Wingman Trust, Royal New Zealand Air Force will be held at the Regent on Broadway, on Friday June 10 June at 7.30pm.

The aim of the concert is not only to showcase the breadth of talent in the Manawatu, but also to raise money for the Missing Wingman Trust, RNZAF, established to look after the families of

Air Force personnel who are killed or seriously injured while in service to New Zealand. It aims to provide education grants, welfare support and provide for lost opportunities for the families left behind and is chaired by Air Marshal (Retired) Sir Bruce Ferguson, former Chief of the Defence Force.

The event features a stellar line-up including Jason Kerrison from New Zealand band Opshop and the best entertainment from the Manawatu - 2011 Billy T Award Winner Nick Gibb,

Air Force bands, Dean McKerras School of Dance, local bands Eugene and The Vespas and local cultural groups. There will be a special guest appearance from Palmerston North Mayor Jono Naylor, with the evening hosted by John Hawkesby and Judy Bailey - reunited after ten years!

Co-host for the evening, Judy Bailey says the concert will be a great night out.

"The Air Force has been like a second family for me so I was delighted to be asked to support the Missing Wingman Trust.

Ohakea plays a huge part in the Palmerston North community so we hope that people will come out and support the Trust's first big fundraiser. It promises to be a great night out!"

Jason Kerrison, lead singer in of Kiwi band Opshop says he is looking forward to participating in the show.

"I am honoured and humbled to participate in the Missing Wingman Trust fundraiser this year. It's an opportunity for me to support the kaupapa of the event and the families of RNZAF servicemen who have passed while serving."

Flight Lieutenant Tim Costley a trustee and show director says, "This is a fantastic opportunity for the local community to get out and show their support for both the RNZAF, and the families of the eight Air Force men we've lost over the last two years. It's not about the money – it's about remembering."

What: The inaugural Palmy Variety Show
Where: The Regent on Broadway
When: Friday 10 June, 7.30pm

Tickets from Ticketdirect: 0800 4 Ticket

ENDS

For more information please contact Anna Susmilch, Senior Communications Adviser, Air Force, Defence Communications Group on 04 496 0286 or 021 676 338 or FLTLT Tim Costley, Show Director on 021 384 145

www.airforce.mil.nz
