

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/nzdsm/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.

New Zealand Veterans in Australia Incorporated

Dear Veterans, please be advised that the New Zealand Veterans in Australia Incorporated was officially registered as a Not-For-Profit organisation in NSW earlier this year with subsequent financial accounting requirements as at 1 July 2011.



In last months NewZletter we indicated that we would post the Constitution on the website and seek nominations to join the Council as a State Representative. Please go to www.nzvia.com.au to view the Constitution and if you would like to join the Council as a State Representative can you please submit your registration of interest to nzvia@nzvia.com.au

Please note, the organisation is new, it has no intention of taking over other well established organisations such as the Vietnam Veterans but is attempting to represent all NZ Veterans that have an interest in NZ Veteran Matters. We would consider seeking a nominal membership \$5 per year just to cover administration costs as it is the intent that everything we do will be done electronically. Furthermore, all financial members only will receive monthly financial statements with an Annual Report being posted on the website.

NZ Veterans in Australia (New South Wales) Notices

Reminder: Remembrance Day Poppy Selling at Martin Place Station 10-11 November 2011

Just a reminder that NZ Veterans in NSW sell Poppies at the Martin Place Station from 6:30am – 9:30am on Thursday 10th and Friday 11th November 2011. Anyone is welcome to join us at the station and for breakfast afterwards.

Reminder: Remembrance Day Church Service Sunday 13 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.

Important Notice (NZDF Medal Presentation):

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 Тари, 587 Elizabeth Street, Redfern, Sunday 29 April 2012 at 10:30 hours, the first Sunday after ANZAC Day.



Reunion and Other Notices

Royal New Zealand Armoured Corps 94th Cambrai Commemoration 18 - 19 November 2011, Waiouru Camp

Open to all past and current serving Regular and Territorial force members posted or attached to a commonwealth armoured squadron or regiment. Families welcome.

Interest can be registered with SGT Su Gingles on 021 0383835 or email suzanne.gingles@nzdf.mil.nz for a registration form.

Close off date 30 Oct 2011.

1NZ Regiment 1957-59 Reunion

1NZ Regiment 1957-59 Reunion. 25-27 Nov, Palmerston North RSA. Contact: Peter Pexton, 09 423 9505; jppex@hotmail.com

Vietnam Veterans Reunion 2012



Vietnam Veterans are advised that planning for the 2012 National Reunion to be held at Waitangi over Queen's Birthday Weekend 2012 is underwau well under the able

leadership of Rihari (Dick) Dargaville (V2).

The reunion will be centered on the Copthorne Hotel & Resort just across the bridge at Waitangi and adjacent to the Treaty grounds which will play a prominent part in proceedings.

Vietnam Veterans and their Families Trust Annual General Meeting (AGM) To be held at the Manurewa RSA, Auckland on Saturday 26 November 2011 at 1.00pm

The Viet Nam Veterans and their Families Trust was established under a Trust Deed on 16 August 2007.

Clause 12.6 of the Trust Deed requires the Trustees to present its Annual Report, including the financial statements, at a meeting once a year. This meeting must be advertised publicly.

The Trustees have determined that the AGM should be conducted in a different location each year to make the meeting as accessible as possible to as many veterans and their families as possible.

This year's meeting will be held at the Manurewa RSA, 2-8 Maich Rd, Manurewa, Auckland, on Saturday 26 November 2011 starting at 1.00pm.

All Viet Nam veterans and their family members are welcome. Tea and coffee will be available from noon. Manurewa RSA also offers a bistro lunch from noon.

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<u>benzza@iprimus.com.au</u>. Roy Jones <u>royvjones@dreamtilt.com.au</u>.

Ex-Malaya Veterans



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

The following official nominations for National Executive have been received by the National Secretary.

National President:

Mr Len Knapp Waikato Branch

National Secretary:

Mr Hiro Hamilton Turanganui-a-Kiwa Wairoa

National Executive:

Mr Barry Allison Turanganui-a-Kiwa Gisborne

Mr Terry Bennett Whakatane Branch

Mr Howard Wilson Rotorua Branch

Mr Muka Mayes Christchurch Branch

Mr Doug Smith Mid-Canterbury Branch

Mr Paul Anderson Tauranga Branch

Mr William Russell Wellington Branch

Mr Russell Byrne Tauranga Branch

No formal nomination for NZMVA Patron/s have been received.

Hiro Hamilton

NZMVA National Secretary

Some photographs of the NZMVA reunion held at labour weekend 2011, are now available to view on the website http://www.malayavets.co.nz/.

Click on "Photo Albums" go to page 3 and click on "NZMVA Reunion 2011" Album or you can use this link to go straight to the album

http://www.malayavets.co.nz/index.php?pag=album&album_id =43

A further 50 odd photographs from Reunion 2011 have been uploaded to the website www.malayavets.co.nz.

These can be found in the Reunion 2011 photo album.

The minutes of the NZMVA Biannual General Meeting held at hamilton RSA on Saturday 22 October 2011 are now available on the website http://www.malayavets.co.nz/

Click on the "About Us" button then on NZMVA Meeting records and a list of all available records will open, simply click on the record you wish to open.

Or you can use this link to go directly to the records page http://www.malayavets.co.nz/index.php?pag=cms&id=100&p=meeting-records.html

Happy browsing

Bob Kingsley Webmaster NZMVA

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

NZVIA NSW Veteran Membership 2012



NSW Veterans are reminded that the **2012** 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 \$30 (of which \$25 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 2012



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



theNZ 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: Max Yates, Bryce Aitken, Maurice Hollman, Fred Lucas, Ian Lucas, Barrie Leslie, Ron Haira, Lindsay Clarke, Hini Komene, Colin Dunlop, Tom Paine and Jan Dicken.

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.



Other News



23,000 visit Navy Ships in Wellington - Donate \$11,000 to charity



PHOTO
CAPTION: All
Black fans
Olivia, Molly,
Jane and
Hannah pose
alongside
HMNZS
TAUPO.

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More than 23,000 people visited Navy ships during the RNZN's 70th Anniversary celebrations in Wellington last weekend.

"Wellington's waterfront was buzzing," said Lieutenant Luke Taylor, Commanding Officer of Inshore Patrol Vessel HMNZS TAUPO.

"The public really enjoyed visiting the ships and meeting the sailors. It was great to show people what we do and the

equipment we use. At the end of the day the ships belong to the public so it was great to have them on board."

As well as visiting the ships the public donated \$11,071 to Rotary's gold-coin donation which will be shared among three charities, including the ship's charity for HMZNS WELLINGTON, Kimi Ora School. The other recipients are Wellington Free Ambulance to purchase defibrillators and the NZ Emergency Response Kits appeal.

A sailor from TE KAHA, Leading Marine Technician (Propulsion) George Gurney, said it was awesome to be applauded as he marched down Lambton Quay.

"It's been great fun. I've had my photo taken so many times, and everyone wants to meet you. An awesome experience!"

Lieutenant Taylor said the superb weather and Rugby World Cup activities on Wellington's waterfront created a carnival atmosphere.

"Everyone was smiling and having a great time. It was hard work for the sailors, but they had a great time too. It really boosts morale to know the public appreciate what we do."

Five ships were open to the public as part of the Navy's 70th Anniversary celebrations. The most popular ship was the frigate HMNZS TE KAHA, which had 7798 visitors, with multi-role vessel CANTERBURY next most popular with 5418 visitors.

A Youtube video of the ships in Cook Strait has also been released. The footage was shot from an Air Force Iroquois Helicopter on Wednesday 28 September and shows 10 Navy ships sailing in formation through Cook Strait. The video can be viewed and shared from:

http://www.youtube.com/user/RoyalNewZealandNavy?ob=5

<u>First landing on HMNZS CANTERBURY for new Air Force</u> helicopter

<u>WWll memorial plaque dedicated on Vella Lavella Island,</u> <u>Solomon Islands</u>

<u>HMNZS RESOLUTION participates in Mono Island WWll</u> <u>commemorations</u>

Tempo of war games increasing

Probable WWll submarine wreck found in Papua New Guinea Five Power Defence Arrangement (FPDA) Exercise

HMNZS RESOLUTION locates underwater remnants of war in Papua New Guinea

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Defence Force assist Maritime NZ emergency response The funeral of SAS trooper LCPL Leon Smith

Another victory for NZDF Rugby
Thousands enjoy parade and Ship visits
23,000 visit Navy Ships in Wellington - Donate \$11,000 to charity

NZ SAS - Return of LCPL Leon Smith - Release 5 Fleet review - Media places on HMNZS RESOLUTION

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Linton-based soldiers win gold in international competition



Linton-based soldiers from Zealand New Army's Engineer Regiment who won gold at the international Cambrian Patrol competition in Wales (AW-11-1031-1). 31 October

2011

A team from New Zealand Army's 2 Engineer Regiment has won gold at one of the toughest international military competitions in the world.

The Cambrian Patrol competition is held in the rugged mountains in Brecon, mid-Wales, and is attended by teams from throughout Europe and the Pacific. The competition involves pure military skills, and is held over two days, covering about 55 km of mountainous terrain.

Each patrol usually focuses on close target reconnaissance, with every member of the patrol carrying around 40kg of equipment.

The patrol scenarios involve extensive navigation, medical skills, Prisoner of War handling, mine awareness, dealing with the media, recognition of foreign weapons and aircraft, and, most importantly, physical endurance.

Each team member has two ration packs for the duration of the patrol they were only allowed to eat one. They also need to have enough water left to last them another 12 hours.

Speaking from Wales, Warrant Officer Class Two Ed Haerewa said the result was "absolutely fantastic".

"It was announced at the awards ceremony that a gold medal goes to 2 Engineer Regiment, and there was a lot of pride and mana amongst them when they received their medals in front of the ten other teams that competed alongside them in the same phase.

"The team did exceptionally well over the 48 hours of competition. Their spirits were high when they awoke at 0330 hrs Oct 11 and crossed the start line at 0545 hrs. They finished still with their spirits high at 290230hrs Oct 11 despite the sore and tender feet, tiredness and feeling the worst for wear.

"They arrived back at the Command Post to a well deserved shower and rest until they were awoken at 0930hrs to conduct rehearsals for the award ceremony. They were confident that they were in the hunt for at least a medal but were a bit apprehensive about their chances to nail gold.

One hundred and ten teams competed in the competition and only four teams achieved gold medals. These included the NZ team, the Indian Ghurkas, and two British teams. The Indian Ghurkas were in the same phase as our team during the competition. Australia achieved a silver medal but were in the phase prior to the New Zealand team.

With the exception of one engineer from 2 Field Squadron (Sapper R Hargreaves) all other members of the team are from 25 Engineer Support Services. They are Lt DC Vruink, LCpl MH Knight, Spr TIC Motley, Spr IA Andrew, Spr AJ Onekawa, Spr ML Noddings, and Spr AD Williams. 25ESS

Kiwis depart for 6 month deployment to Timor-Leste Linton-based soldiers win gold in international competition WWVII memorial plaque dedicated on Vella Lavella Island, Solomon Islands

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New medal now available for those 50 and over

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Defence Force assists drought stricken Tuvalu

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New Zealander to take up position with United Nations political office for Somalia

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The funeral of SAS trooper LCPL Leon Smith
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First landing on HMNZS CANTERBURY for new Air Force helicopter



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First time Air
Force A109 lands
on HMNZS
CANTERBURY
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Last week the new Air Force helicopter, the A109, successfully completed its first integration trial with the Navy's Multi-role Vessel, HMNZS CANTERBURY.

The aim of the trial was to test the A109 with the Ship in non-operational conditions including the ability for the aircraft to operate and be maintained on the Ship.

During the trial the helicopter was landed on the ship and then fully stowed in the ship's hangar. The second stage of the trial saw the helicopter being removed from the hangar, prepared for flight and flown off the ship, which was tied-up alongside Devonport Naval Base throughout.

The trial was deemed a success with only minor issues to rectify.

Further trials will be carried out before the helicopter is able to operate to and from the ship.

HMNZS CANTERBURY is the Navy's sealift and amphibious support vessel. Depending on the mission type, CANTERBURY can transport a blend of A109 or Navy Seasprite helicopters in support of air and land operations and disaster relief. The ship will also carry the new NH90 helicopter when it comes into service.

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Five Power Defence Arrangement (FPDA) Exercise Red Checkers mark the sky in support of the All Blacks

Airtrainer investigation completed

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Aerobatic displays over Auckland harbour this weekend Defence Force assist Maritime NZ emergency response Another victory for NZDF Rugby

NZ and US operation for Tokelau drought relief NZ SAS - Return of LCPL Leon Smith - Release 5

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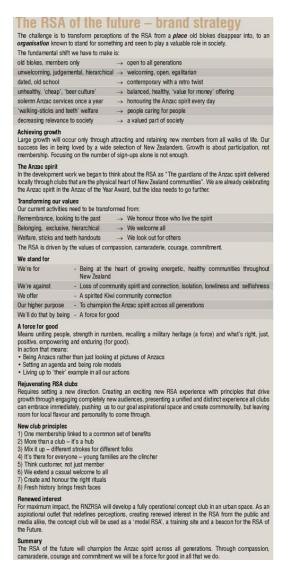
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<u>Living the Anzac Spirit</u>
RSA Brand Strategy

'Living the Anzac Spirit'

Last issue I explained that the RNZRSA National Office was working on the RSA brand, and I promised to keep you updated. The full brand strategy was adopted by the national executive committee at a special meeting in July following a full presentation by brand development company Designworks. The strategy was then presented to delegates at the RSA Hospitality Conference in August and is now being rolled out at district meetings and RSAs through a half-hour, filmed presentation by Chris Meade, lead strategist at Designworks.

I've been impressed with both the enthusiasm and intuitiveness of the Designworks people; they consider they are working with a 'national treasure'. The RSA of The Future article (below) summarises the key points of the brand strategy, and offers an insight into how we will think about ourselves in the future, and where our focus will be. In simple terms, we will move from talking about pictures of Anzacs, to living the Anzac spirit in all we do. Each time I share this vision, heads nod collectively in a way that tells me we're already on our way.

We're now working on the next phase, Brand Expression, which sees the strategy transformed into a visual expression that can be used consistently in every aspect of the RSA experience. In other words, Designworks will create a design concept that defines our master brand identity, tone and manner, colours, image use, fonts and graphics. Each element will be defined in a toolkit to guide brand use and communication at every level of the organisation, most importantly by individual RSAs. Designworks will present this to RSA delegates at the National Council meeting in November. Feedback We'd like to hear your comments on the brand strategy. Direct them to Lisa Ellingham, RNZRSA manager national projects, at lisa@rnzrsa.org.nz.



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94th Cambrai Commemoration

Mounted Troopers Association 18 - 19 November 2011, Waiouru Park