



HMNZS NGAPONA

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### LONGCAST

20 October 17 – Trafalgar Day Lunch at Te Atatu RSA  
20 October 17 - Old Salts Lunch at New Lynn RSA  
10-12 November 17 - Armistice weekend at Cambridge  
17 November 17 - Old Salts Lunch at Titirangi RSA  
19 November 17 – Northland Xmas Function.  
8 December 17 – Maritime Societies' Annual Dinner, Northern Club, Auckland  
15 December 17 - Old Salts Lunch at Orakei RSA

Hi Folks

### **NGAPONA ASSN MONTHLY LUNCH**

Our monthly lunch is this Friday at the New Lynn RSA at 1200. A number of us will be attending the Trafalgar Day lunch at the Te Atatu RSA

### **CO HMNZS IRIRANGI**

I received the following email from Tony Forsyth who some of you will remember as the Staff Officer Reserves in the 80's. Tony sent the email in response to the article in my email last month with regards to Rear Admiral Laurie Carr (CNS 1970)

"Laurie Carr and I were both associated with Irirangi. As far as Commanding Officers we were the Alfa and the Omega. He was the first and I was the last. The story is told that when the new sports field was developed down there they thought they would name it after the first CO but on second thoughts decided 'Carr Park' was not an apt name for it so named it Thorne Park after the second CO. What they then did was name a new housing road in Waiouru MC 'Carr Crescent.' It was meant to be for navy to use but I think they lost out to army. If you Google Carr Crescent Waiouru you can still see it there.

The first time I came across him was when he was CO of Taranaki and I was on Royalist in 1964. Both ships were alongside the North Arm at HMS Tamar in Hong Kong. Taranaki was berthed inside the basin directly over the wharf to us. Both ships

had just played a game of rugby and Royalist won. Both were very good teams in their own right and collectively had a number of inter-service, navy, Auckland reps (one being an All Black trialist). Both teams swept the floor of all teams on the Far east Station. I suspect that Laurie didn't realise that one of the largest Royalist players on the paddock was a just promoted ordinary seaman who would also be the last CO of Irirangi. Time came for Taranaki to go to sea and Laure was making a hash out of backing his ship through the gap out of the basin.

To be fair it was quite a narrow gap. Anyway members of Royalist's crew took it upon themselves to offer a lot of loud gratuitous advice, on how to do so, across the wharf. Don't think it went down too well but as an Ordinary Seaman I was highly amused. Anyway Taranaki had the last laugh as we were both at sea and Taranaki was alongside for a jackstay transfer. As they pulled away (showing off) they fired the Mortars over us. Problem was they had loaded them with toilet paper, a lot of vegetable scraps etc. Father was not pleased."

*Thanks for that Tony - Ed*

### **CNS #17**

Rear Admiral Cedric John Steward RNZN CB.  
Chief of Naval Staff: April 1983 – February 1986

CO HMNZS Otago (Rothesay-class frigate) 27 Aug 73 11 Jul 74

Was made a Companion of the Order of the Bath (CB) in 1984, the same year that CPO Ray Thompson RNZNVR received his BEM.

*(Unable to find any further details at short notice. If anyone has any information regarding RA Steward, or a photo, I would be grateful if you could send it to me - ED)*

Take care

**Jerry Payne**

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*"There are good ships, and there are wood ships, the ships that sail the sea."*

*"But the best ships are friendships, and may they always be."*

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