

HMNZS NGAPONA ASSOCIATION INC

LONGCAST

20 November 20 - Ngapona Assn Lunch at Grey Lynn RSA
21 November 20 – HMNZS Ngapona (Tauranga sub-unit) Mess Dinner
11 December 20 - Navy Club Lunch – Remuera Club
18 December 20 - Ngapona Assn Lunch at Orakei RSA
20 December 20 - HMS Neptune Commemoration Service, St Christopher's Chapel, DNB

Hi Folks

NGAPONA ASSN MONTHLY LUNCH

Our lunch this month is at the Grey Lynn RSA, this Friday at 1200. The food is good, the company is good and there will be a door prize.

HMNZS NGAPONA ASSN – XMAS LUNCH

Our final lunch for the year is at the Orakei RSA on 18 December. Mark this in your diary now. The Xmas lunch is one of the highlights of the year. The Orakei RSA has new caterers and the meal will again be served by Navy Cadets from TS Achilles. There will be a door prize and of course 'Up Spirits'. The cost will be \$25.00 per head, to be paid to the RSA on the day. We require an indication of numbers for the caterer so **please reply to this email if you intend joining us. Please do it now!**

NGAPONA ASSN – LAPEL BADGES

We have placed an order for HMNZS Ngapona Assn lapel badges and expect to have them on sale at our Xmas lunch in December. Cost will be \$10.00 each. There will also be a selection of books for sale, so make sure you bring some cash!

TAMAKI REUNION – HELP REQUIRED

To tell the true story of Tamaki-Fort Cautley is going to require help from many personnel who completed their training at this special place. As our members know I am endeavouring to write a reunion book of our history. Unlike Tamaki-Motuihe this Tamaki had numerous schools and courses involved.

The reason I started writing these anecdotes was to assist me to compile information to write this book. My request is for those of you who did training at OTS, Apprentice school, BBT's, Command courses, specific branch courses such as RP's, S&S, Coms, Marine engineers etc to POST COMMENTS on our site, MESSAGE me or EMAIL me at gijackd@yahoo.com with your stories.

By Jack Donnelly

RNZN COMMUNICATORS REUNION 2021

After a bit of COVID uncertainty, we are pleased to advise you that our 2021 Reunion over the weekend of 26 – 28 March 2021 at New Plymouth is going ahead. So what does this mean? This means that Level 1 does not preclude our 2021 Reunion from taking place and our New Zealand domiciled membership from attending. Our quarantine regulations will remain in place under Level 1 so it is unlikely that our international membership will consider attending as they will need to meet their own 14-day quarantine costs. But the choice is theirs to make. If you have been holding off registering because of COVID, now is the time to join your shipmates for a weekend of ‘tall tales’ and reminiscing.

CHANGES IN SINGAPORE

The Central Business district of Singapore with on the left seen the disused Keppel Container terminal and in the back the Brani Container terminal and for the “older” seamen reading this newsletter along the bay in the middle seen the famous Clifford Pier, where for many years thousands (or millions) of seaman landed to go ashore to visit Change Alley, and the city for shopping, Bugis Street and a beer. The pier was closed on March 31, 2006 and is transformed into the Fullerton Bay hotel. The Port of Singapore refers to the collective facilities and terminals that conduct maritime trade, and which handle Singapore's harbours and shipping. It is ranked as one the top maritime capital of the world since 2015 Currently the world's second-busiest port in terms of total shipping tonnage, it also trans-ships a fifth of the world's shipping containers, half of the world's annual supply of crude oil, and is the world's busiest trans-shipment port. It was also the busiest port in terms of total cargo tonnage handled until 2005 when it was surpassed by the Port of Shanghai. Thousands of ships drop anchor in the harbour, connecting the port to over 600 other ports in 123 countries and spread over six continents. The Port of Singapore is not a mere economic boon, but an economic necessity because Singapore is lacking in land and natural resources. The Port is critical for importing natural resources, and then later re-exporting products after they have been refined and shaped in some manner.



SHIP OF THE WEEK – HMNZS TARAPUNGA (1980)

HMNZS *Tarapunga* was a modified *Moa* class inshore patrol vessel of the Royal New Zealand Navy (RNZN).

She was built in 1980 by the Whangarei Engineering and Construction Company as a version re-engineered for use as an inshore survey vessel.

After decommissioning, she was purchased by North American owners and can be seen in Harper's Island Episode 1, as the charter boat that brings the wedding party to the island. Can also be seen in season 2, episode 9, of *Psych*, from 2007.



Regards

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