

# HMNZS NGAPONA ASSOCIATION INC

## LONGCAST

15 January 21 - Ngapona Assn Lunch at Swanson RSA  
1 February 21 – Auckland Anniversary Day  
8 February 21 – Waitangi Day  
12 February 21 - Navy Club Lunch – Remuera Club  
19 February 21 - Ngapona Assn Lunch at Titirangi RSA  
19 March 21 - Ngapona Assn Lunch at Waiheke RSA

Hi Folks

Final newsletter for 2020.

Not a year that I would like to remember, let's hope that 2021 will be better.

### **FROM THE SICKBAY**

Elaine Payne is still in Tauranga Hospital, she was unable to come home for Christmas Day but was able to have visitors at the hospital. It is hoped that we can get her home sometime in January.

For updates/messages please contact [jerry@payne.kiwi.nz](mailto:jerry@payne.kiwi.nz)

### **SHIP OF THE WEEK – HMNZS TE MANA**

HMNZS *Te Mana* (F111) is one of ten *Anzac*-class frigates and one of two serving in the Royal New Zealand Navy. The name *Te Mana* is Māori, approximately translating as 'status' or 'authority'. The ship was laid down under the joint *Anzac* project by Tenix Defence Systems at Williamstown, Victoria in 1996, launched in 1997, and commissioned into the RNZN in 1999.

In 2003 and 2004 and 2013–2014, *Te Mana* was deployed on operations in the Arabian Sea. In 2005, she became the first New Zealand warship to visit a Russian port, Vladivostok.

In October 2013, *Te Mana* participated in the International Fleet Review 2013 in Sydney.

5 August 2015 saw her emerge from the dry docks at Devonport Naval Base wearing the US Navy 'Haze Grey' coating, following a major systems upgrade which involved a long refit. *Te Mana* represented New Zealand in the 2018 Rim of the Pacific Exercise in Hawaii.

On June 14, 2017, Commander Lisa Hunn became the first female commanding officer of a RNZN warship, when she took command of *Te Mana*. Previously female commanding officers had been restricted to *Endeavour* (Commander Sandra Walker) and smaller ships.

In 2018, a comprehensive mid-life refit of both *Te Mana* and her sister ship, *Te Kaha*, was initiated. The refit provided for the replacement of the Sea Sparrow air defence missiles with Sea Ceptor as well as other comprehensive system upgrades carrying a total cost of some \$600 million. The refit of *Te Mana* was being undertaken by the Seaspan shipyard in Canada.



Regards

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