

HMNZS NGAPONA ASSOCIATION INC

LONGCAST

9 July 21 - Navy Club Lunch – Remuera Club
16 July 21 - Ngapona Assn Lunch at New Lynn RSA
24 July 21 – Ngapona Assn formal Dinner at Birkenhead RSA
8 August 21 – Ngapona Assn AGM
15 August 21 - William Sanders, VC Memorial Service, Takapuna
20 August 21 - Ngapona Assn Lunch at Birkenhead RSA

Hi Folks

LUNCH LAST FRIDAY

Our lunch was held at the 'Prospect of Howick' last Friday. The Howick RSA has relocated while their new clubrooms are being built. It was a nice atmosphere, the room had recently been redecorated, and the food was good.

NGAPONA ASSN FORMAL DINNER – 24 JULY 2021

I have to advise that all tickets have now been sold for this function. If you missed out, and want to attend, let me know in case there is a cancellation. Reply to this email.

CORRECTION

Last week I included a picture of the decommissioned Manawanui. Thanks to all those who noticed, now I know who reads the newsletter, including the CO designate.



HMNZS *Manawanui*

RETIREMENT

My spies tell me that 'Boots' is retiring from the RNZN.

XMAS PRESENTS COULD BE LATE

The latest obstacle hitting global shipping is likely to jolt trade flows for several more weeks and could delay shipments heading into the year-end holiday shopping season. Shipping executives say around 50 container ships remain backed up around the Yantian port in Southern China and that some 350,000 loaded containers are stacked up on docks as the major gateway for China goods heading to Western nations struggles to recover from a Covid-19 outbreak that disrupted operations there. The ship bottlenecks began in late May when a coronavirus outbreak forced authorities to shut down parts of Guangdong province, which is home to Yantian, one of the world's busiest ports and a major gateway for containerized exports like electronics, furniture, home appliances and car parts.

YOU CAN'T BELIEVE EVERYTHING YOU READ

The tracking data of two NATO warships was faked off the coast of a Russian controlled naval base in the Black Sea while the actual ships were moored 180 miles away, USNI News has learned. The U.K. Royal Navy's HMS *Defender*, a Type-45 Daring-class destroyer, and the Royal Netherlands Navy's HNLMS *Evertsen*, a De Zeven Provinciën-class frigate, pulled into Odessa in Ukraine on June 18. The group had been monitored by Russian warships while exercising in the Black Sea, according to U.S. Navy photos dated on June 17. According to an automatic identification system (AIS) signal, which transmits position details to improve maritime safety, the pair left Odessa just before midnight on June 18. The data shows that they sailed directly to Sevastopol, approaching to within two nautical miles of the harbour entrance. The strategic port houses the headquarters of Russia's Black Sea fleet. Despite the AIS track, there is clear evidence that the two warships did not leave Odessa. Live webcam feeds show that they did not leave Odessa.

RESERVE UNITS

Contrary to popular belief, anyone who has transitioned from RF to Reserve is welcome and encouraged to attend parade nights at your local Reserve Unit. Your participation will be paid, and your hours count towards annual efficiency. Each unit conducts training (AWQ, First-Aid etc), as well as other activities, ceremonial commitments, expeds, functions and much more. Each unit also has dedicated full time staff who can help with queries and any administrative requirements, there is also DIXS computers for use. Give it a go, you may be surprised. All Reserve personnel, whether ex-RF, or VR, are posted to a Reserve Unit for administrative purposes, except when posted elsewhere for specific work or duties.

SPARKY

Damen Shipyards Group has reached a major milestone in the construction of its first fully-electric Reversed Stern Drive tug. The shipbuilder is constructing the RSD-E Tug 2513, named SPARKY, for New Zealand's Ports of Auckland. Recently, Damen Song Cam Shipyard in Vietnam installed the tug's batteries. This involved the installation of some 2,240 batteries, totalling 2,784 kWh. With this, SPARKY will carry out two or more berthing/unberthing operations with up to 70 tonnes bollard

pull on a single charge. Following, it will take just two hours for the tug to recharge to its full capacity. For redundancy purposes, the batteries are arranged in strings. If one battery in a string were to fail, the others would simply carry on the work. Ports of Auckland placed the order with Damen in August, 2019. The ports' intention is to be fully zero emissions by 2040. To achieve this, they needed a zero emissions tug. Work continues on SPARKY and Damen anticipates delivery to be end of this year.



ARMISTICE IN CAMBRIDGE

Diary the date now and tell your members if you are part of a club or association. The 'theme' this year is J-Force and we will offer medals to kids, as we have in the past, this time with an appropriately coloured red and black ribbon. Battles have been chosen to re-enact and other activities are in the planning stage. As always, if you have any ideas, thoughts or things we should include or change, please let us know. Email is armisticeincambridge@gmail.com or phone Paul on 0274 747 285
See you all on 6 & 7 November.

BOOK OF THE MONTH

ONE GIRL ONE DREAM.

By Laura Dekker. Paperback, 0.21kgs, 319 pages, 130mm x 200mm. Coloured Photographs 2013. *(Available from Boat Books, Auckland)*

The amazing autobiographical story of Laura Dekker. In 2012, at the age of just 16, New Zealand-born Laura Dekker defied the authorities and braved the open oceans to realise her dream of becoming the youngest ever sailor to circumnavigate the Earth. In realising her long-held dream, she not only braved the wild oceans and long weeks of solitude at sea, but also the doubts and sometimes hostile resistance of officials.

This is Laura's remarkable account of her record-breaking voyage - for the first time in English (previously published in Dutch), chronicling in her own words what it is like to sail solo at such a young age, and the determination (and hurdles) it took to achieve this controversial journey.

Exciting, awe-inspiring and inspirational, this is a real-life adventure for readers of all ages.

LIGHT HOUSE OF THE WEEK – CASTLE POINT

Position: 40.54.1S 176.13.9E

Characteristics: Fl(3)W 30s

Range: 19NM

Structure: White metal tower

The Castle Point Lighthouse is located near the village of Castlepoint in the Wellington Region of the North Island of New Zealand, is the North Island's tallest lighthouse standing 52 metres above sea level and is one of only two left in New Zealand with a rotating beam.

Castlepoint is important in Maori legend. A tohunga (Maori priest) from Hawaiki named Maturangi kept a pet weke (octopus), which was a thief and stole fish from Kupe, so he chased it when it fled. The weke wished to lay its young within the safety of the cave at Castlepoint, now named Te-ana-o-te-weke-a-Maturangi ('the cave of Maturangi's weke'). A battle ensued, with the pioneer navigator Kupe and his companions hurrying in hot pursuit down the East Coast of the North Island towards Tory Channel. They named the point Rangiwahakaoma (ea hurried day').

Captain Cook passed here in February 1770, describing the erosion-halved Castle Rock as a 'remarkable hillock'.

The light is owned and operated by Maritime New Zealand. It was built in 1913 and was originally fuelled by oil. It was officially lit for the first time on Sunday 12 January 1913, sending out a triple flash every 45 seconds that could be seen for 35 kilometres. In 1954 the oil lamp was replaced with an electric one powered by a local diesel generator. This was subsequently replaced by a connection to the mains grid in 1961. The nearby Castlepoint beach is popular with holiday makers and the lighthouse itself became a popular tourist attraction, acquiring the nickname "The Holiday Light".

The light was fully automated in 1988 and is now managed from a central control room in Wellington.





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