



HMNZS NGAPONA ASSOCIATION INC

LONGCAST

3 April 22 – Daylight Saving ends
8 April 22 - Navy Club Lunch at Remuera
15 – 18 April 22 – Easter
22 April 22 - Ngapona Assn Lunch at Henderson RSA
25 April 22 – ANZAC Day
13 May 22 – Navy Club
20 May 22 - Ngapona Assn Lunch at Te Atatu RSA
6 June 22 – Queen’s Birthday

Hi Folks

NGAPONA ASSN - MONTHLY LUNCH

Our next lunch is this Friday, 22nd April at the Henderson RSA at 1200hrs. We have arranged a guest speaker this month, Teresa Cousins, who will speak about Veterans Affairs, and the support that is available to you. This is an important topic and there will be plenty of opportunities for questions.

ANZAC DAY – PERTH 2023

Old Salt's ANZAC Sojourn, WA, 2023
Email from Sandra Ivelja, Director, SO Travel

We have some wonderful excursions and hospitality planned as well for our group and based the approximate costs on 50 members travelling, as the price is cheaper the more that travel. We will also arrange return airport transfers. We plan to be doing a full day Swan Valley Wine cruise with lunch, full day Rottnest Island ferry bus tour with lunch, ANZAC Day, cocktail party, shopping at outlets, Perth Mint and farewell dinner. We will also be doing a full day Fleet Base West, HMAS Stirling visit with the following suggested ideas, followed by a visit to beautiful Freemantle.

- Weapons Training Simulator
- Submarine simulator (unclassified version)
- Fleet Support Unit workshops (This would interest you engineering minds)
- Museum (large collection of artefacts and displays)
- Tour of Ship (depending on availability and the captain of the ship agreeing)
- Lunch in the Sir James Stirling Mess hosted by a Senior Officer or someone you know on the base. Also included, but hard to determine the final costs at this stage is the price for hospitality and functions including ANZAC Day commemorations. We

believe we have it covered; however, any changes will be advised once we have final numbers. We also have a very special addition for those train buffs. The spectacular Indian Pacific Rail Journey from Perth to Sydney. Your Axus travel app has the hyperlinks to preview this very special trip and prices. To access your Axus Travel App Preview please go onto this link

<https://axustravelapp.com/shared/itinerary/539ea151-4c38-47a6-bee3-3d450ff7d33d>

Plan B Return flights to Perth – Air NZ the Works 7 nights' accommodation at Quay Perth, with breakfast daily.

Return airport transfers.

Full day tour of Fleet Base West

Swan River and winery tour,

Full day with lunch and refreshments Rottnest Island

Full day tour with lunch ANZAC Day commemoration

Shopping and Perth mint visit

Hospitality

Approximate price in NZD \$3950 per person.

Plan C Includes all of above, plus 1 extra night in Perth and Indian Pacific Gold Class Rail Journey and flight out of Sydney Air NZ the Works.

Approximate price in NZD \$6950 per person. There only very limited spaces available so first in, first served!!

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Please feel free to contact either Jerry Payne on 021 486 013 or Sandra directly with any questions or concerns.

A \$500.00 refundable deposit will be required on the 1st May 2022.

PAPAKURA RSA - CLOSURE

It is with regret that we must inform you that the resolution from the Extraordinary General Meeting, held on Sunday 6th March, was for the club to cease trading. The last day will be Saturday 12th March. With the club operating in deficit for the last 7 years, we are unable to continue to trad

KOKORU REBUILD

There has been a great response to Monday's story asking for help locating a source of kauri for the rebuild of the fire damaged classic launch – Kokoru. Currently fine tuning the exact requirements and they will be back in touch with the good folk that reached out with potential solutions 😊

RUSSIAN SHIP SUNK

The Russian landing ship attacked by Ukrainian forces this week at in the southern port city of Berdyansk has sunk, Pentagon officials confirmed on Friday.

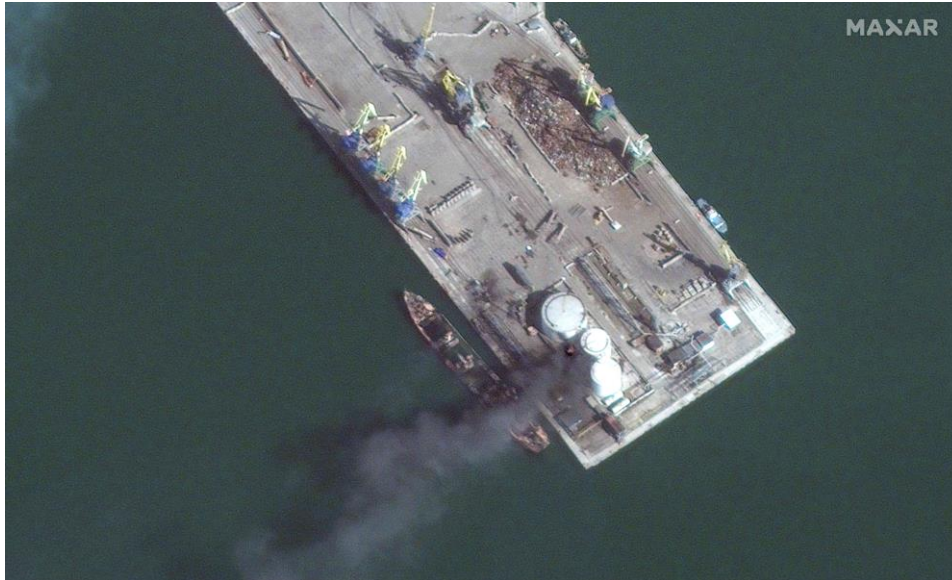
Satellite images provided to USNI News by Maxar Technologies prove the Alligator-class landing ship tank (LST) that was seen on video on Thursday was underwater at the side of the pier, with the superstructure and forecastle sticking up above the water.

The imagery shows that the fire spread to a merchant ship moored in front of it. It appears that the merchant ship, likely a grain carrier, had been docked there since

before the invasion. The fire also spread to tanks on the pier. Both of these fires were still burning today when the satellite passed.

Video footage of the burning ship, taken soon after the attack, shows that two Ropucha-class landing ships were also damaged. They had been berthed alongside and in front of the Alligator-class amphibious ship. They sailed away fighting their own blazes as the fire on the Alligator raged.

A senior U.S. defence official confirmed to reporters on Friday that Ukrainian forces had struck and destroyed the Alligator-class LST while it was berthed in Berdyansk.



CAPT BЛИGH R.N.

Back to Tahiti

But what of Bligh? There was still support for breadfruit to be transported to the West Indies from Tahiti and a ship was provided to do just that. She was a new build 107-foot sloop HMS *Providence*, 420 tons. Her captain was to be one Captain William Bligh. His orders were to include 'making a complete examination of the Torres Strait' (between the top of New Holland and the southern point of New Guinea). But what would this achieve for England? If a safe route were to be discovered it would provide a shortcut for ships returning to England from the Pacific and the penal colonies in new Holland. Bligh was provided a support vessel, the brig *Assistant*.

Providence's size allowed for a marine detachment. Bligh was to have the support of a lieutenant, a sergeant, two corporals, a drummer and fifteen marines on his voyage. Also, in his ship's company were to be sailmaker Lawrence Lebogue and steward John Smith, both of whom were with him in the *Bounty*.

3 Aug 1791. HMS *Providence* and *Assistant* sail Spithead for Tahiti, 25 days before *Pandora* founders on the Gt Barrier Reef.

28 Aug 1791. *Providence* and *Assistant* anchor Tenerife. Bligh is sick with a fever compounded by severe headaches.

About 4 Sept. The ships sail Tenerife, Bligh is still severely ill and bedridden. Lt. Portlock takes charge of the expedition.

By the time the ships reach Cape Town, Bligh's health has improved and he is again in command. However, while at sea the quartermaster John Letby was flogged for refusing to obey orders and assault on the bosun's mate (30 lashes)

The ships remain in Cape Town for two months.

23 Dec 1791. Bligh sails for Van Dieman's Land (Tasmania). The voyage was to take about seven weeks. Two weeks later, and only after surveying around Storm Bay and the Tasman Peninsula areas, Bligh sailed for Tahiti. During the voyage Bligh was to continue to suffer from severe headaches which at times again left him bedridden.

5 April 1791. Bligh discovers the island of Tematangi about 500 miles south-east of Tahiti.

8 April 1791. Tahiti is sighted.

About 10 April. The ships anchor in Matavai Bay, Tahiti.

(to be continued)



HMS Providence and Assistant in Tahiti

Regards

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