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9 July 23 - Ngapona Assn AGM at Birkenhead RSA

14 July 23 - Navy Club, Remuera

21 July 23 - Lunch at the Bays Club

Hi Folks

HMNZS NGAPONA ASSN INC NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM of the Ngapona Assn will be held on Sunday, 9th July 2023, at the Birkenhead RSA at 1500hrs.

All Ngapona Reserve Personnel who are Assn. Members are encouraged to attend. Any other personnel posted to Ngapona are also invited. It is a good opportunity to join for some fellowship and come and meet the Assn. and join.

Please make an effort to attend this meeting as it is important for the survival of your Assn. There will of course be a 'President's Shout'.

Notices of Motion, signed by a proposer and seconder, who shall be Full Members of the Association, must be in the hands of the Secretary by 28 June 23.

Proxy appointment forms are available from the Secretary, Wayne Smith (commanderwaynesmith@gmail.com). They must be completed and returned to the Secretary by 4 Jul 23.

SPECIAL NOTICE

The monthly lunch for the Association will be held at the Bays Club, Brown's Bay, on Friday, 21st July 23.

This is one of our major events of the year and has been a tremendous success in the past.

To ensure the success of the event we need to know numbers attending for catering purposes. Please reply to this email jerry1848@gmail.com with numbers to ensure we reserve a place for you.

DEATH NOTICE

TRUMPER Irene (nee Walker) LWTR With the greatest of sadness and on behalf of Wilson Trumper, it is announced that Irene Trumper (nee Walker) passed away suddenly in ICU at Straub Medical Hospital, Honolulu, Hawaii on 13 June 2023. Irene served in the RNZNVR and the RNZN; and was a Leading Writer at the time she left the Navy in 1993. Irene has continued her links with the RNZN through her husband Commander Wilson Trumper, RNZN, the current NZDF National Liaison Officer to HQ US INDOPACOM, Hawaii. Irene will be remembered at a Celebration of Life service at the US Navy Chapel, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii commencing at 1100 Thursday 22 June (NZ Time). Irene's family extend an invitation for friends and family to join the live stream at the following link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88993241603...> A commemoration service in Wellington is being considered, details will be advised at a later date.

DEVONPORT NAVAL BASE

My spies tell me that there has been a Government decision to retain the DNB as the home of the RNZN.

The development of the Base is very much in the planning stage and a business case will be developed and go to Cabinet next year.

NZ - SHIP PRESERVATION PROJECT STORY

As **ALWIN G** she was built in 1925 by Darroch & Sons in Auckland as an auxiliary schooner-rigged deck scow for the Glass family, who used her to carry a variety of cargoes to and from Auckland and the little ports and anchorages of the northern North Island. She was renamed **SUCCESS** in 1937, and then bought in the early 1960s by Barney Daniel to operate as the refuse barge in Wellington harbour, uplifting the rubbish from overseas ships. She rescued survivors from the inter-island ferry **WAHINE**, lost at Wellington in 1968. Later came employment in the Marlborough Sounds for prominent winemaker Peter Yealands, working in the mussel-farming industry among other tasks. In the 1990s she worked mussel harvesting for Nelson owner Rob Pooley, and was then sold to David Skyrme who planned to restore her using the rig and materials from her near sister **OWHITI** (also Darroch-built), which he also owned. Eventually with her engine, wheelhouse, and accommodation stripped out, she was reduced to a dum barge. The old scows were pretty indestructible, and like most of them **ALWIN G** had many misadventures, bouncing back from a fire and sinking and lesser mishaps over the years. But while all the other scows except one or two are long gone, this one now looks set to steam on into a second century. "She looks a bit tired, but the structure is very sound,"

says trust spokes man Darren Ball. “The hull is mixed now – it was originally all kauri but a bit of Australian hardwood has been put in there.”

Some items and materials from **TUHOE** including her engine and wooden masts were salvaged, and Ball said it was possible some material from **TUHOE** might go into the ship. “But we have not explored that yet,” he said. “All that stuff is with the Canterbury Vintage Machinery Club, put in their care by the Kaiapoi Maritime Trust. “**TUHOE** was an iconic vessel, well-known, but (after her loss) there was nothing here now. We have a lot of heritage with the river port, and nothing to show for it.” The Waimakariri District Council has been supportive of the planned preservation project and provided a site by the Kaiapoi River for the ship to be stored for the time being, and a local Rotary club is also assisting the trust. Ball said restoration would cost at least NZ \$1 million, and it has no money yet. But the important thing was to get the vessel to Kaiapoi where people could see it, and generate interest, he said. The trust was working on conservation and restoration plans, and Peter Thompson, who was involved in a successful restoration project for another scow **JANE GIFFORD** at Warkworth near Auckland is helping the trust.

Anyone interested in making a contribution to the preservation of **ALWIN G** can contact the trust at alwingtrust@gmail.com

