

# HMNZS NGAPONA ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

## LONGCAST

14 December 18 - Navy Club Lunch, Remuera Club  
16 December 18 – HMS Neptune Remembrance Service DNB  
21 December 18 - Ngapona Assn Lunch at Orakei RSA  
25 December 18 – Christmas Day  
26 December 18 – Boxing Day  
1 January 19 – New Year's Day  
18 January 19 - Ngapona Assn Lunch at Swanson RSA  
28 January 19 – Auckland Anniversary Day  
6 February 19 – Waitangi Day  
8 February 19 – Navy Club Lunch, Remuera Club  
15 February 19 - Ngapona Assn Lunch at Titirangi RSA  
8 March 19 - Navy Club Lunch, Remuera Club  
15 March 19 - Ngapona Assn Lunch at Waiheke RSA

Hi Folks

### **DEATH NOTICE**

It is with great sadness that I have to advise that Pat Hodgman passed away at 1715 on Friday 7 December 2018 after a long illness.

The funeral will be held at St Thomas Anglican Church, 8 Islington Avenue, New Lynn on Wednesday 12 December 2018 at 1100.

Our thoughts are with Cliff and Family at this time.

Donations can be made to the Kidney Society in lieu of flowers.

RIP Pat.

## HMNZS NGAPONA ASSOCIATION MONTHLY LUNCH

Our next lunch will be the final one for the year at the Orakei RSA on 21 December. We will not be holding a Christmas Function this year but instead will make our final lunch something really special.

The Orakei RSA is going 'all out' to make this an event to remember. They are going to create a naval theme and have a special menu and the meal will be served at the table. There will also be a door prize provided by the Assn. This event is open to **Partners** and **Friends**.

All you have to do is mark it in your diary, let us know you are coming, and tell your friends.

Serving members of **Ngapona** and members of the **Navy Club** are most welcome.

### MENU

Glazed, Baked Ham on the Bone with Mustard Sauce & Cumberland Sauce, Roasted and Steamed Vegetables, Beetroot & Feta Salad with Vinaigrette Pistachios. Dessert offered is Mini Christmas Chocolate Pudding served warm with Hot Brandy Custard and Fresh Cream.

Total Cost is \$25.00 per head. As an alternative meat for those who don't eat Pork, we will have a free range Chicken with Fresh Herb Stuffing. We would like to know of those that require this before the event as well as those who have food allergies such as Gluten Free, Dairy Free.

RSVP required by 17 December. Just reply to this email with **'YES'** in the subject line.

## HMNZS NGAPONA - END OF YEAR PARADE

The Ngapona End of Year Parade and Prizegiving was held last Saturday. Congratulations to the XO, Lt Cdr Gresson, and the ships company on an excellent parade.

Sea Cadets from TS Leander and TS Gambia participated.

Of special note was AMTO Andrew Bevan who was awarded the Bledisloe Cup for Most Efficient MTO Rating. He was also promoted Able Rate by the inspecting officer, Capt Maxine Lawes and the CO Lt Cdr Nigel Heslop. And added to this, he received his Defence Service Medal (Territorial). His parents, who had flown out from the UK for Xmas were present, and were unaware that their son would get a mention at prizegiving - they were blown away. Great to see proud parents.

The citation for the Bledisloe Cup stated: "Throughout 2018 OMT0 Bevan has been the most highly contributing rating in the NGA MTO team, turning to for branch training, MTO exercises and related MTO activities more consistently than anyone else, and always contributing to a high standard. He has throughout the year proactively pursued and achieved personal MTO training milestones, demonstrating energy and commitment to advancing his own knowledge and skills. He is always willing ready and able to assist his branch colleagues at all ranks, and additionally participates reliably and enthusiastically in a full range of whole ship activities, and in the ceremonial and representational outputs of the unit."



### **RNZRSA CEREMONIAL GUIDE**

Former Gunnery Instructors Warrant Officer Jack Donnelly, BEM, RNZN and Chief Petty Officer Tony Lewis, RNZN have written a Ceremonial Planning, Procedural and Protocol Guide for the RNZRSA.

The third chapter is reproduced below:

## ORDER OF SERVICE

When a planning committee commences considering their ANZAC Day program it does not have to follow any specific strategy except for what is termed, the '*Acts of Remembrance*' the most poignant segment of the entire service. This entails the sequence of events from the *Last Post to the Reveille*. The average time for an ANZAC dawn service is normally between 35-40 minutes. In this section we look at a recommended sequence of events and basic content for your service.

Flags are to be at half-mast.

Arrival of ANZAC parade.

Mounting of the Catafalque Guard.

Welcome/Introduction.

A Prayer.

A Hymn.

A Recitation/Poem.

Guest speakers – Address.

An Ode – Unknown Soldier/Poppy ode.

Wreath-Laying ceremony.

*Last Post.*

*Ode of Remembrance.*

*Silence.*

*Reveille/Rouse.*

National Anthem(s.)

Benediction

Dismount Catafalque Guard.

Closing Remarks

Service completes.

## ANZAC DAY SERVICE INITIATIVES



*"Imagine"*

ANZAC Day services over the past one hundred years have evolved and today you have the opportunity to propose a more contemporary service by being more creative and innovative without being disrespectful to the ANZAC history and traditions.

Today's generation are a society that want to be more involved in the ANZAC Day formalities. When planning your program endeavour to include the public in some segment if possible. The initiatives listed include historical, cultural and traditional aspects. In this section we invite you to consider if any of these ideas would be appropriate for your program:

1. If your dawn service does not have a parade which marches to your cenotaph, then consider commencing your ceremony with a cultural or military sound to alert those who have gathered that your service is about to begin by:
  - a. The sound of the Putatara (conch) Didgeridoo or both.
  - b. Sounding of eight bells.
  - c. Pipers lament.
2. The giving of a silent *"Three-Cheers"* was carried out by the ships company onboard HMS Prince of Wales as the ANZAC's set off to land at Gallipoli on the 25<sup>th</sup> April 1915 and by millions around the world at the end of WW1. *"Three cheers for our veterans!"* must surely have a place in our ANZAC service today.
3. War songs such as: NZ Soldiers song, Coming Home or Gallipoli Song are all very appropriate songs which can be added into most places within your program.
4. The "Trench whistle" which played a very significant part in the trenches can be utilized to draw attention to the beginning of the *"Acts of Remembrance"* however, whenever it is blown it is important that a brief explanation is given.
5. An appropriate theme for your program is another consideration each year. It may coincide with an historic ANZAC anniversary/occurrence.

6. Another interesting initiative is to request a school(s) to make hand-held ANZAC flags with the NZ flag on one side and the Australian flag on the other. Have the students hand them out on ANZAC day. Ideal to wave as the veteran's pass, arrive, depart or when giving three cheers.
7. For over 100 years the Ode of Remembrance has been recited by one military person and rightly so. However, if you wish to include the whole of your community, then by simply beginning with the words, "*Together with me*" and having this time honoured and revered poem recited by all those in attendance is very special and inclusive.
8. The releasing of doves at the end of your service to symbolize peace accompanied by songs such as John Lennon's "Imagine" is very fitting to signify hope for the future.

This list of initiatives is by no means limited to what has been suggested here and with a little deliberation and positive dialogue from within your RSA's an enhanced program can be achieved. Remember, "*Nothing changes, if nothing changes.*"

## CATAFALQUE GUARD



*"An honour to watch over our dead"*

Military armed guards in some quarters of today's society are frowned upon in a very adverse manner. Therefore, if you wish to 'mount' an armed catafalque guard you may have to work through certain prerequisites with your local council. Ensure this is sorted out early in your preparations.

There are various types of catafalque guards that you may wish to 'parade' on your cenotaph or memorial.

1. The standard armed catafalque guard.
2. An unarmed catafalque guard.
3. Catafalque Guard armed with swords/cutlasses.
4. Maori sentinels armed with taiaha.
- 5 Military cadets/school students unarmed.
- 6 Military cadets armed with authentic drill rifles.
7. Life-size figurines of an Australian and Kiwi Soldier at the 'rest-on' position.

It is important to have some form of sentinels as catafalque guard than to have none at all. It is after all a military funeral in every sense of the word.

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

On 10 December 1941, the figurehead of the SS *Prince of Wales* (1850), mounted in HMNZS *Philomel* near where the Cruiser Block is now sited, fell from its stand and was smashed beyond repair. Inspection revealed that the base was badly rotten. Later that day, news was received of the loss of HMS *Prince of Wales* in the South China Sea, when attacked by land-based bombers of the Japanese Navy.

Take care

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*"There are good ships, and there are wood ships, the ships that sail the sea."*

*"But the best ships are friendships, and may they always be."*

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