



HMNZS NGAPONA ASSOCIATION INC

LONGCAST

19 July 19 - Ngapona Assn Lunch at New Lynn RSA
20 July 19 – Northland Lunch, Bay of Islands Yacht Club
3 August 19 – Ngapona Assn Mid Year Function at the Bays Club
11 August 19 – William Sanders VC Church service
17 August 19 – Navy Club AGM, Remuera Club at 1100
16 August 19 - Ngapona Assn Lunch & EGM at Birkenhead RSA

Hi Folks

NGAPONA ASSN MONTHLY LUNCH

Our lunch this month is at the New Lynn RSA this Friday at 1200hrs. See you there.

NORTHLAND LUNCH

Jill and Margaret are hosting another luncheon at the Bay of Island Yacht Club, Waitangi this Saturday 20 July from 1230. Lunch will be served at 1300.

The usual sumptuous luncheon buffet will be served with dessert to follow.

As they have to set up on Saturday morning please time your arrival for midday.

Cost for Luncheon: \$25.00 per person

Raffles - \$2.00 per ticket or 3 for \$5.00 A Cash Bar will be available

RSVP for numbers by **Wednesday 17 July 2019** Margaret Mitchell 09 838 2931 or Jill Thompson 09 836 5191

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(See attached flyer)

NGAPONA ASSN - MID YEAR FUNCTION

Our Mid Year Function will be held at the Bays Club, Anzac Road, Browns Bay on the 3rd of August.

Pre-dinner drinks at 1830

This is a great venue and a special menu has been prepared for us.

An indication of numbers is required for catering purposes by **19 July 2019**.

Please reply to this email. Do it NOW so you don't miss out!!

CHILEAN TRAINING SHIP *ESMERALDA*

The *Esmeralda* is on a five day visit to Auckland arriving 0830 on 19 July and departing 1600 on 23 July. She will be open to the public on Princess Wharf over the weekend 20/21 July 1000-1200 and 1400-1800.

The ship is the sixth to carry the name *Esmeralda*. Construction began in Cádiz, Spain, in 1946. She was intended to become Spain's national training ship. During her construction in 1947 the yard in which she was being built suffered catastrophic explosions, which damaged the ship and placed the yard on the brink of bankruptcy. Work on the ship was temporarily halted. In 1950 Chile and Spain entered into negotiations in which Spain offered to repay debts incurred to Chile as a result of the Spanish Civil War in the form of manufactured products, including the not yet completed *Esmeralda*. Chile accepted the offer and the ship was formally transferred to the ownership of Chile in 1951. Work then continued on the ship. She was delivered as a four-masted topsail schooner to the Government of Chile on 15 June 1954. Her sister ship is the training ship for the Spanish Navy, the four-masted topsail schooner *Juan Sebastián Elcano*. Sometime in the 1970s *Esmeralda*'s rigging was changed to a four-masted barquentine by replacing the fore gaffsail (course sail) by two main staysails. The third (top) main staysail is still in place. She has now five staysails, three topsails, six jibs, three course gaff sails, four square sails, 21 in all.

Esmeralda last visited New Zealand in November 2016 to participate in the RNZN 75th Anniversary.



TRAFALGAR DAY LUNCHEON 2019

The Te Atatu RSA is again hosting a Luncheon on Friday 18th October 2019 to celebrate the 214th Anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar.
(Flyer attached)

DID YOU KNOW?

On 22 July 1995 HMNZS *Te Kaha* was launched at Melbourne by Mrs Joan Bolger, and commissioned at Queen's Wharf, Auckland, exactly two years later. HMNZS *Te Kaha* is currently undergoing a refit in Canada.



HMNZS *Te Kaha*

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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