

HMNZS NGAPONA ASSOCIATION INC

LONGCAST

3 August 19 – Ngapona Assn Mid Year Function at the Bays Club
11 August 19 – William Sanders VC Church service
16 August 19 - Ngapona Assn Lunch & EGM at Birkenhead RSA
17 August 19 – Navy Club AGM, Remuera Club at 1100
13 September 19 - Navy Club, Remuera Club at 1200
20 September 19 - Ngapona Assn Lunch at Tauranga RSA

Hi Folks

NGAPONA ASSN - MID YEAR FUNCTION

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

Pre-dinner drinks 1830, Dine 1900

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

We have organised a special 'door prize' valued at \$80.00. This will be given to one lucky guest!!

See you at the Bays Club on Saturday.

AUGUST LUNCH AND EGM

Our next lunch will be held on Friday 16 August at the Birkenhead RSA followed by a short Extra-ordinary General Meeting to make a change to the constitution. This will remove the restriction that currently limits the number of Associate Members to 25% of the number of Full Members. This will allow all those who have supported the Assn to join as Associate Members, regardless of whether they have had naval service or not. I look forward to welcoming some new members. There is a once only joining fee of \$40.00 and no annual subscription.

Let's make this a special event to celebrate the 'opening of the door' to our non-serving friends.

The EGM is a formality and should take no longer than 10 minutes.

NGAPONA ASSN SEPTEMBER LUNCH - TAURANGA RSA

Our members have indicated that they wanted something a little different so we have decided to hold our September Lunch at the Tauranga RSA.

Transport will be provided but we need an indication of numbers so we can advise costs.

Please reply to this email so we can get the transport sorted. (You just push the 'Reply' button and say 'Yes Tauranga' with your name and the number attending.)

HISTORY PROJECT - UPDATE

One of the 'objects' of the HMNZS Ngapona Assn is: "To encourage an interest in the history of Ngapona and maintain a permanent record".

To accomplish this it was decided that the first task would be to scan the large number of photographs held at Ngapona so that they would be preserved. It was also decided that the value of a photograph would be greatly enhanced if the people and places were also recorded. This process is now well underway and we now have a large database which holds a digital copy of the photograph and a description. Where people can be identified it includes the name, rank and service number.

This information has been drawn from a list of over 2000 names which has been compiled of persons who have served at Ngapona from 1948 to 1995. Unfortunately I have no records from 1995 to the present day. If you are able to provide any information that could assist in completing the database of persons who have served it would be most appreciated.

TENSIONS WITH IRAN

The UK Government is looking to form a European-led naval force to enhance protection to shipping assets passing through the Strait of Hormuz following tensions with Iran. The proposal to create the maritime protection mission was made by British Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt in a statement to the House of Commons. It comes in the wake of rising tensions in the Gulf after Iran impounded a British-flagged tanker, *STENA IMPERO*, in the Strait of Hormuz on 19 July. *STENA IMPERO* is now reportedly held at the Iranian port of Bandar Abbas.

HMS MONTROSE, a British frigate now in the area, carried out the first mission under the new policy on Wednesday evening.



HMS Montrose

DID YOU KNOW?

In 2015 the RNZN changed the colour of its ships from Waikato Grey to a new slightly darker Haze Grey colour. The new paint also uses polysiloxane components that give it improved durability and fire resistance qualities over the older polyurethane paints, and near-infrared reflecting pigments means that the temperature of the ship structure is kept lower, which assists internal cooling and IR signature.

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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