

## HMNZS NGAPONA ASSOCIATION INC

### LONGCAST

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  
11 October 19 – Navy Club, Remuera Club at 1200  
18 October 19 - Ngapona Assn Lunch at Glen Eden RSA  
18 October 19 – Trafalgar Day Luncheon at Te Atatu RSA

Hi Folks

#### **NGAPONA ASSN LUNCH AND EGM**

Our monthly lunch is this Friday at the Birkenhead RSA. We will be gathering at 1200 and will dine about 1300.

At the conclusion of the meal there will be a short General Meeting to change our constitution to allow unrestricted access for Associate Members.

This is an important change and will allow us to expand our membership base.

#### **SPECIAL EVENT**

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The September lunch will be held in the Tauranga RSA at Greerton on Friday, 20th September.

So that we can arrange transport we need an indication of numbers.

Please email or phone Richard Maddix **021 369 904** or

[richardmaddix@gmail.com](mailto:richardmaddix@gmail.com) so we can advise costs.

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## **TRAFALGAR DAY LUNCHEON**

To all matelots past and present, who have served under any of the white ensigns.



The President and Quarterdeck Division of the Te Atatu Memorial RSA will host a luncheon on Friday 18 October 2019 to celebrate in true naval fashion the 214th Anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar and you are invited to attend.

See the attached Registration Form for further details. Please note this luncheon is restricted to 100 attendees and applications close Friday, 4th October 2019.

**Don' miss out!**

## **WORLD'S FIRST ELECTRIC TUG FOR AUCKLAND**

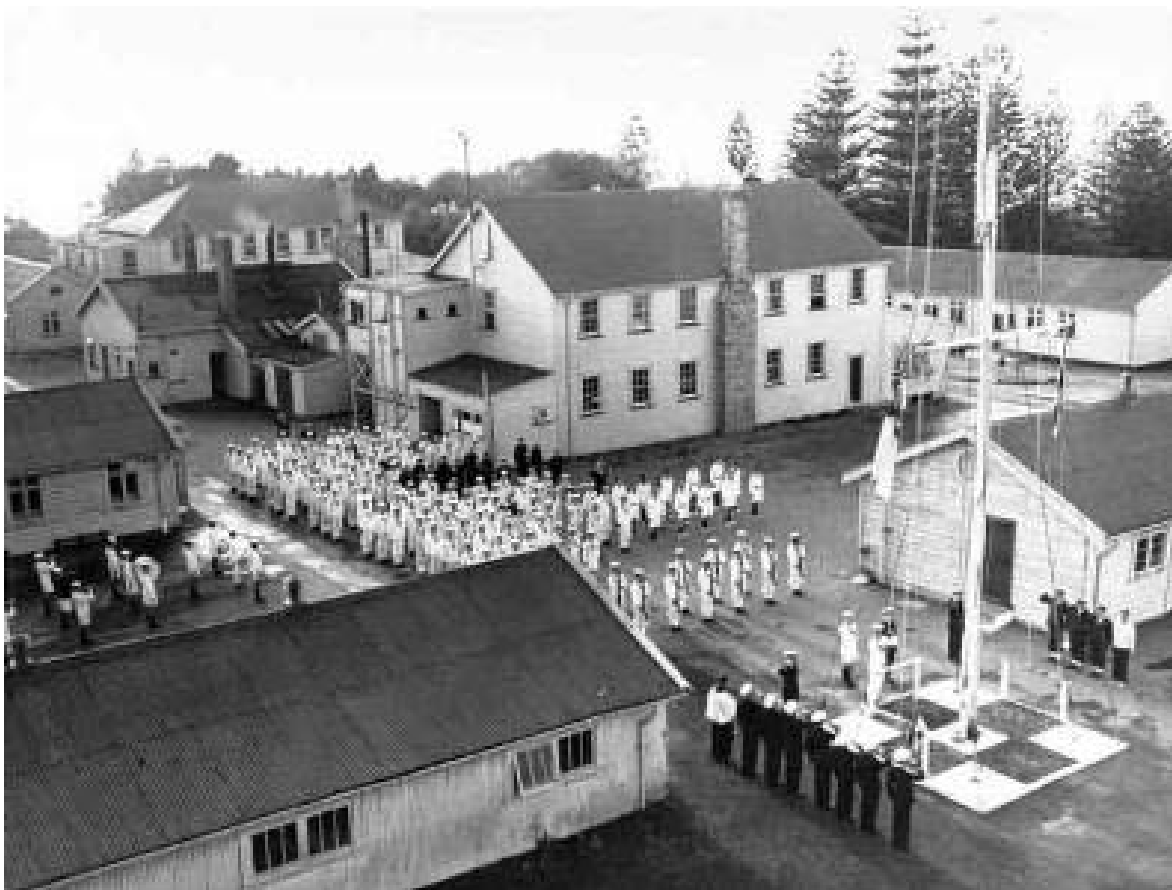
Ports of Auckland has signed a contract with Dutch company Damen Shipyards to buy the world's first full-size, fully electric port tug.

The new tug, a Damen RSD-E Tug 2513 to be delivered in 2021, will have a 70 tonne bollard pull, the same as the port's strongest diesel tug Hauraki, also built by Damen. "In 2016 we set ourselves the goal of being zero emission by 2040," says Tony Gibson, CEO of Ports of Auckland. "We set this goal because we recognise that urgent action is needed on climate change, and we wanted to be part of the solution. However, setting that goal created a tough challenge. We have a lot of heavy equipment, like tugs, and in 2016 there were no zero emission options."



### **DID YOU KNOW?**

On 16 August 1963 the last Passing-Out Parade took place at HMNZS Tamaki on Motuihe Island. The establishment then had to be shifted to Narrow Neck during the two-week break before the next intake of 440 trainees, the largest entry ever attempted. The move started the night of the end of term parade, working at the North or South beach on a rising tide so the beach would take the weight of the trucks and depending on the wind direction. Eight Ships Company and two fork-lifts manned the outgoing end and four at the Fort Cautley end.

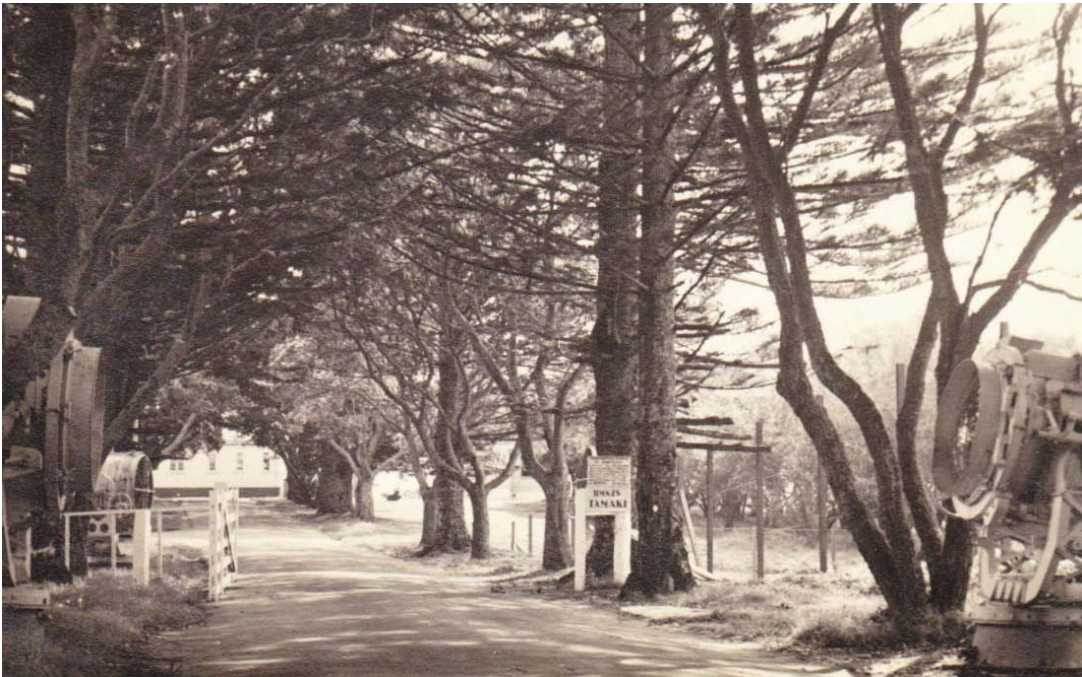






### **SURVIVORS OF 'THE ROCK' REUNION**

A reunion is to be held in Auckland 14-16 February 2020 for all those who served in HMNZS Tamaki on Motuihe Island (The Rock). This will be a one-off reunion to bring together those who experienced a unique time in their lives and the history of the RNZN. To have completed your training on that island was a triumph in itself and an experience that will never be forgotten. The reunion will be open to anyone who served on The Rock, either as a trainee or a member of the Ship's Company. Personnel attending the reunion are welcome to bring their wife, partner or sweetheart with them. If you are interested in attending the reunion please visit [RNZN Communicators Association](#) for a registration for



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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