

HMNZS NGAPONA ASSOCIATION INC

LONGCAST

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
8 November 19 - Navy Club, Remuera Club at 1200
15 November 19 - Ngapona Assn Lunch at Grey Lynn RSA
15 – 17 November 19 – Terra Australis Conference at DNB
13 December 19 - Navy Club, Remuera Club at 1200
20 December 19 - Ngapona Assn Xmas Lunch at Orakei RSA

Hi Folks

LAST CALL

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

Please phone Richard Maddix **021 369 904** or **09 278 7789** or email richardmaddix@gmail.com by this **Wednesday, 4th September** to book your seat on the transport. Transport will leave from the Birkenhead RSA and the Remuera Club. You need to talk to Richard to confirm your seat. Richard will contact everyone with final details and departure times prior to 20th September.

TRAFALGAR DAY LUNCHEON HAVE YOU REGISTERED YET? - DO IT NOW

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!

NAVY CLUB LUNCHEON

Guest speakers have been arranged for the next two Navy Club luncheons.
September Luncheon - Noel Davies who will talk about his recent trip to RWANDA.
November Luncheon - Cdr Beryl Oldham (Rtd).

FIRST WO

The jury is still out on who the first WO was in the RNZN. Please reply to this email with your answer.

THE WHENUA-KI-TE-TONGA - TERRA AUSTRALIS CONFERENCE

This Conference is to be held at the Naval Base 15-17 November 2019, with functions also at the Navy Museum.

The Conference will explore the discovery and exploration of the Southern Lands by both Polynesian and European navigators, and the encounters between these people in the period up to Lieutenant James Cook's voyage in HMB Endeavour. The Conference is co-hosted by the Captain Cook Society and Friends of the RNZN Museum, and includes a generous discount for membership. The discount may also be accessed by anyone joining these organisations when registering for the Conference. Please see attached flyer.

SHIP OF THE WEEK – AOTEAROA

Aotearoa will operate as a fleet tanker. The 173-meter ship will also be ice-strengthened and winterised for operations in Antarctica. The ship cost \$493 million to build. *Aotearoa* was launched at Hyundai Heavy Industries's Ulsan shipyard in South Korea on 24th April 2019. She is now being fitted out before her formal naming ceremony in Ulsan, South Korea, next month. The commissioning of the ship will take place at the Devonport Naval Base in Auckland in early 2020.



DID YOU KNOW?

On 11 September 1970, HMNZS *Tui* (1970), ex-USNS *Charles H Davis*, was commissioned at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, New York, USA. *Tui* was built by Christy Corporation at Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin and taken into the United States Naval Service (USNS) as USNS *Charles H. Davis* [AGOR-5] in January 1963. As one of the Conrad class of seven oceanographic research ships, utilized on a 'pool basis', *Charles H. Davis* had been in reserve for some years before being leased to the RNZN. *Tui* was leased at no cost for a period of five years, which was later extended, before being gifted to New Zealand to serve in the RNZN for nearly 28 years in total. *Tui* went into reserve as in 1998 was judged as being well past her economic life and was stripped and towed to Whangarei to be scuttled and used as an artificial reef for recreational divers.



HMNZS *Tui*

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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