

HMNZS NGAPONA ASSOCIATION INC

LONGCAST

20 March 20 - Ngapona Assn Lunch at Waiheke RSA
5 April 20 – Daylight Saving finishes
17 April 20 - Ngapona Assn Lunch at Henderson RSA
20 April 20 – RNZN Band 60th Anniversary Concert at Auckland Town Hall
25 April 20 – ANZAC Day
27 April 20 – ANZAC Day observed
8 May 20 – Navy Club Lunch – Remuera Club
15 May 20 – Ngapona Assn Lunch at Pt Chevalier RSA
29 May – 1 June 20 - HMNZS Otago Association Reunion, Tauranga
1 June 20 – Queen’s Birthday
12 June 20 – Navy Club Lunch – Remuera Club
19 June 20 - Ngapona Assn Lunch at Howick RSA
10 July 20 – Navy Club Lunch – Remuera Club
17 July 20 - Ngapona Assn Lunch at New Lynn RSA
25 July 20 - Ngapona Assn Formal Dinner at Pt Chevalier RSA

Hi Folks

COVID-19 – Coronavirus – has created an unprecedented situation world-wide and many events in New Zealand have been cancelled.

It is intended that our Monthly Lunch this Friday, at the Waiheke RSA, will take place. Some other events on our Longcast could be in doubt and your committee is monitoring the situation on a daily basis.

Please take care, practice extra personal hygiene and look out for your friends in these difficult times. - *Ed*

HMNZS TAMAKI REUNION BOOK

For those of you who served on the “Rock” but were unable to attend the reunion and are interested in purchasing a copy of Fred Wilson’s commemorative booklet, the “History of the Rock” Fred has sold out of all the extra copies he had. He has arranged for a second printing of a small number of books. However, the small printing run does result in a considerable increase in cost. The new cost of the book will be \$21.00, again just to cover the cost of the printing.

Refined charges for courier post-delivery for the book are:

NZ - \$5.00, except Rural Delivery addresses.

NZ RD - \$6.70

AUS - \$11.00

UK - \$24

All prices are in NZ dollars.

To order the book send an email to fred@kfwilson.nz and don't forget to include your postal address for delivery of the book. Fred will give you payment instructions.

SHIP OF THE WEEK – HMNZS KIWI (P3554)

HMNZS *Kiwi* (P3554) was a *Moa*-class inshore patrol vessel of the Royal New Zealand Navy. It was commissioned in 1983 for the Naval Volunteer Reserve. *Kiwi* had been attached to HMNZS *Pegasus*, the Christchurch division of the Naval Volunteer Reserve from her commissioning until relocating to Auckland in 2006. *Kiwi*, in company with *Wakakura*, carried out farewell manoeuvres on 29 November 2007, flying a paying-off pennant, in Waitemata Harbour prior to decommissioning on 11 December 2007.

Kiwi was the second ship of this name to serve in the Royal New Zealand Navy, the first being a Bird-class minesweeper (T102). The badge of the IPC differs from that of the minesweeper in that the kiwi is the North Island brown kiwi and depicted on a white field rather than green.





DID YOU KNOW?

On 22 March 2002, plain black rank slides, with “New Zealand” embroidered at the base, introduced for Ordinary Ratings. Prior to this they worn no rank slides.

Regards

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