



HMNZS NGAPONA
EX MEMBERS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

LONGCAST

10 November 17 – Navy Club Lunch, Remuera

10-12 November 17 - Armistice weekend at Cambridge

17 November 17 - Old Salts Lunch at Titirangi RSA

19 November 17 – Northland Xmas Function.

8 December 17 – Maritime Societies' Annual Dinner, Northern Club, Auckland

15 December 17 - Old Salts Lunch at Orakei RSA

Hi Folks

FROM THE SICKBAY

Peter Goodwin, who is a staunch supporter of the Ngapona Assn, flew with his wife to Hawaii and they went on a 10 day cruise. The second day on the cruise liner Peter suffered a medical event and had to be rushed to hospital for an operation. He is now back in NZ (well most of him is) and nearly back to his normal self. His advice "medical insurance, don't leave home without it!" All the best Peter - hope your next cruise is more enjoyable!

HMNZS NGAPONA ASSN MONTHLY LUNCH

The Ngapona Assn executive has decided to ask for a "Gold Coin Donation" at our monthly lunches to assist with welfare and hospitality costs. This will not be a compulsory donation but it will, in a small way, help our finances. Our next lunch is at the Titirangi RSA on 10 Nov 17.

WEBSITE FOR HMNZS NGAPONA ASSN

One of the goals of the Assn is to have a web site. While it was not at the top of the priority list the executive has just received an extremely attractive proposal as follows:

This offer is to develop and host a new fully functional mobile-friendly state-of-the-art website, normally costing \$4-5000, for the cost of the licenses we pay for the software used to develop client websites.

The balance of the costs, including over \$3-4,000, plus the annual website hosting of \$480 +GST, we will sponsor 100%, there will be no costs to you.

All we ask is that you pay 2 items so it doesn't actually cost us to sponsor a site. Those are the licenses (\$1,100 +GST), and the domain/s which we register on behalf of clients at \$40 +GST each, with annual renewal of a further \$40.

Unlike most web designers, who have reseller accounts with upstream hosting companies, I actually own 100% the server company that hosts all my own and my clients' websites. As well, my hosting company hosts sites for many hundreds of other website owners and website developers.

I propose creating a new website for your organisation using one of the industry standard content management systems, which is one I am extremely familiar with, with over 10 years of using and teaching it. Please feel free to check some websites I have developed using Joomla, the links are in the Portfolio section on my website at www.nzwebsites.co.nz .

The CMS I use is easy to use to maintain any website using it, I've taught a 72 yr old man to upgrade his site over a Skype video chat inside an hour, and he's now updating his site without problem. This requires that you can log into the admin on your Joomla site from any PC, and edit/remove/add content, including products, menu items, photos or any other content. I am always here to support you should you need.

The site I develop will be totally responsive, meaning your new site will auto-detect and be work with all smartphone and tablet devices. Please use any mobile smartphone or tablet to view any of the following which I developed using Joomla, to demonstrate how the Joomla responsive system works:

- www.nzwebsites.co.nz
- www.paradisecoveaitutaki.com
- www.citypavements.co.nz
- www.foaminsulation.co.nz

A very important part of this project will be to enhance its' visibility with Google and other 3rd party search engines. To test my proficiency, please go to Google and type in the following words into Google without the quote marks – "Website upgrades ". You will see that NZ Websites (my company) is in the top 4 worldwide, with over 90 million results. I do not use the Google Adword service to obtain this position.

An advantage I have is that by being the “go-to “ man, being responsible for your email, website, and webhosting, means that you only have one call to resolve any issues with any of these items.

My quote to develop a new site with multiple pages, dynamic content, unlimited products and images/videos, is therefore \$1,100 +GST, which must be paid up front as I have to use my personal credit card to purchase these licenses before I start the site.

If we decide to purchase additional domains to enhance your search engine ratings, these will usually cost \$40 +GST each, if they are .NZ domains, and renewals are annually.

The timeframe to develop such a site is usually between 6 and 12 weeks, and this depends mostly on the clients providing feedback, decision-making and supply of content. I have developed Joomla sites in under 3 weeks.

The executive has considered the proposal and decided to take up the offer. The website will serve to keep members informed of the activities of the Assn and hopefully attract new members. As you will be aware, there is no annual subscription to belong to the Assn, so we are now seeking donations to cover the cost of the website. If every member was to donate \$30 it would cover all our costs, but I know that will not be possible for everyone. If you would like to donate, our bank account is: ASB 12-3287-0184065-00. Please show 'Website' in particulars and use your name as a reference.

Thanks to [NZ Websites](#) for your proposal.

A NAVAL CAREER IN THE EYES OF COLIN ROSS

Joining the Navy as an Apprentice straight from school seemed like a good idea at the time. We were the first class of apprentices to go to TAMAKI and were part of the first full intake I believe at the new TAMAKI at Narrow Neck. Previously apprentices had done their naval introductory training at PHILOMEL. Having been dropped off at the main gate PHILOMEL I like the rest of the apprentices were treated really well up to the time we signed the dotted line, boy then things changed and we became trainees and the lowest of the low.

Memories include the issue of uniforms, which we stamped our initials and surname on our working kit (No 8s) and then had to sew (embroider) our names in red cotton. Boy was I glad I had a short name and I also had some embroidery skill prior to entry so was not a big deal but some guys really struggled. The uniform was not always a good fit but you were supposed to somehow always look smart.

Our GI was Jack Baigent!! Jack was an unsmiling disciplinarian. We had as one of our class Kerry Benton. Kerry was a tall gangling bespeckled chap whom CPOGI instantly noticed. When the said GI asked Kerry what his name was Kerry replied “Kerry Benton Sir you may have known my father MAA Benton”. Obviously there was some history

there between the GI and the MAA as it seemed that any punishment handed out always included Kerry Benton.

How well I remember doubling around the parade ground with a rifle above the head, and of course the rifle was more valuable than the pesky trainee carrying it. The 5-30 'Wakey Wakey' calls which proceeded a run then down the cliff path and a plunge into the freezing ocean. Or carrying that 4" shell around and it weighed a ton or certainly felt like it.

I was selected to play inter-service cricket during this time. I was somewhat overwhelmed when introduced to the other team members, which included amongst others Lt Cdr Eric Deane, Lt Rick Calkin and Leading Seaman Bill Morley. I was instructed that there was no reference to rank in the team and everyone was on a first name basis. This was a shock as I was used to calling pretty much everyone SIR at that stage of my naval development.

We only spent six weeks at TAMAKI for basic training and this time flew by. It was very intensive and was amazing how much we learnt in that time from parade training, seamanship, naval history, marks of respect and the naval structure amongst some. By mid Feb we had posted to PHILOMEL to begin apprentice training.

To be continued.

CNS #19

Rear Admiral Douglas Domett RNZN CB, CBE.

Chief of Naval Staff: May 1987 – May 1989

Rear Admiral Douglas Domett joined the Royal New Zealand Navy as a special entry cadet in mid 1950, setting sail for the United Kingdom upon passing his exams onboard the New Zealand Shipping Company vessel RANGITIKI. He undertook training at the Royal Naval College at Dartmouth and in the cruiser HMS DEVONSHIRE. He was then sent to the submarine depot ship HMS FORTH which at that time was in Greece during September of 1951, to complete midshipman training. In early 1953 Domett was sent to the Royal Naval College at Greenwich to do his Sub Lieutenants' courses after which he returned to New Zealand arriving in late 1954. After a few months in the shore establishment HMNZS PHILOMEL he was posted briefly to the cruiser HMNZS BLACK PRINCE followed by just over a year in the frigate HMNZS PUKAKI at which time he was promoted to Lieutenant. Sea time in the frigates HMNZS HAWEA and HMNZS ROTOITI followed. By August of 1957 Domett was posted to the Antarctic supply ship HMNZS ENDEAVOUR for that ship's second voyage to Antarctica to provide support for the Fuch/Hillary trans polar expedition.

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In 1972 he returned once more to New Zealand and was given the command of the frigate HMNZS WAIKATO, followed by the command of the frigate HMNZS CANTERBURY briefly in 1974. Domett then came ashore, taking on the role of Chief of Staff to the Commodore Auckland. After his promotion to Captain he then spent a considerable period of time back in Wellington once more on Defence Staff.

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Take care

Jerry Payne

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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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