

# HMNZS NGAPONA ASSOCIATION INC

## LONGCAST

15 August 20 – Navy Club AGM – Remuera Club  
15 August 20 – VJ Day at RNZ Navy Museum at 1100hrs  
15 August 20 – Ex Navy 'Get Together' Howick RSA at 1400hrs  
16 August 20 – Sanders VC Memorial Ceremony, Takapuna  
21 August 20 – Ngapona Assn Lunch at Birkenhead RSA  
6 September 20 - Merchant Navy Day Service, Tauranga  
6 September 20 - Merchant Navy Day Service, Maritime Museum, Auckland  
11 September 20 - Navy Club Lunch – Remuera Club  
18 September 20 – Ngapona Assn Lunch at Mt Maunganui RSA  
9 October 20 - Navy Club Lunch – Remuera Club  
16 October 20 – Ngapona Assn Lunch at Glen Eden RSA  
16 October 20 – Trafalgar Day Lunch at Te Atatu RSA

Hi Folks

### **REMINDER – FUNERAL FOR JILL THOMPSON**

The funeral will be held at St Christopher's Chapel, Devonport Naval Base, on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> August, at 1100hrs.

Photo ID is required to enter the Naval Base.

Medals to be worn.

### **DEATH NOTICE**

It is with regret that I have to advise you of the passing of Paul Clarkson on Thursday 6th Aug, peacefully at Ranfurly Veterans Hospital.

A memorial service for Paul will be held on Friday 14th August at the Te Atatu Memorial RSA, 1 Harbour View Road, Te Atatu Peninsula at 10:30am.

Morning tea and refreshments will be provided.

Contact for Paul's niece is:

Amanda Northey, 027 633 7467 [northey69@gmail.com](mailto:northey69@gmail.com)

### **NGAPONA ASSN – AGM REPORT**

Our AGM, held last Sunday at the Birkenhead RSA, was attended by twenty-three members.

The committee is;

President – Jerry Payne

Secretary – Lisa Biesheuvel

Treasurer – Terry Creagh

Committee – Wayne Smith, Richard Maddix and Dave Thorpe

CO's Representative – John Gresson

There were no contentious issues up for debate and discussion was held on future events of the Assn.

The family of the late Jim Paltridge donated some of Jim's books to the Assn to be sold to members.

An auction was held after the meeting and with the help of our very able auctioneer, Peter Goodwin, just over \$300 was raised. Well done Peter, you have not lost your touch.



### **FROM THE SICKBAY**

Graham Poole recently had an operation and I understand is recuperating well. Laurie Christiansen is having a minor medical procedure tomorrow. All the best guys.

### **TAURANGA LUNCH**

Our monthly lunch for September will be held at the Mt Maunganui RSA.

The date is 18 September and we are arranging transport.

**Please advise by return email if you require transport.**

### **SPLICE THE MAINBRACE**

The following signal has been received from HEGG.

I understand the Ngapona 'Splice' will be later in the year.

"HMNZS AOTEAROA Splice

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1. AS DIRECTED BY OUR COMMANDER IN CHIEF HEGG DAME PATSY REDDY,  
DURING THE COMMISSIONING CEREMONY OF HMNZS AOTEAROA - AD28"



## **MERCHANT NAVY DAY**

The New Zealand Maritime Museum is pleased to be hosting the Merchant Navy Day Service again this year on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 1100hrs. See the below invitation to this years' service.

**MERCHANT  
NAVY DAY**  
Auckland Remembrance Service

Join us to commemorate those who served and lost their lives in the Merchant Navy during the Second World War, from the first day to the last.

The public service will take approximately one hour, starting at 11am and include an address given by William Stevens, Lieutenant Commander RNZN Retired and Trustee of the National Museum of Royal New Zealand Navy, followed by the laying of the wreath at the Museum's Merchant Navy Memorial Plaque.

Following the service, there will be light refreshments and a wreath laid at sea in the Museum's marina from the vessel NAUTILUS.

**Thursday  
September 3  
11am-12pm**

All Welcome  
The Maritime Room  
Princes Wharf, Viaduct Harbour  
Light refreshments provided

Regional Facilities Auckland  
New Zealand Maritime Museum



### **SHIP OF THE WEEK – HMNZS PUKAKI P3568 (1975)**

HMNZS *Pukaki* was a Lake-class inshore patrol vessel of the Royal New Zealand Navy. *Pukaki* commissioned in 1975, deleted in 1991 and sold as a private launch.

The class was intended to comprise 6 vessels to replace the wartime harbour protection boats and old converted minesweepers HMNZS *Kiama* and *Inverell* used for fishery protection in the 1960s and early 1970s. The Lake class were politically justified as a means of enhancing New Zealand's capability for patrolling the 200-nautical-mile (370 km) exclusive economic zone, established by the new Law of the Sea of 1977. However they were too small for the task, and gave the crews a roller-coaster ride, resulting in extensive injury and sea sickness. Originally the RNZN had requested slightly larger 37-metre (121 ft) boats from Brooke Marine.

Opposition politicians condemned their introduction as ridiculously expensive and militaristic for fisheries protection. On calm days and in protected waters they could be comfortable and they gave useful early command experience for officers. *Pukaki* and its class were used to escort the US Navy nuclear submarines *Haddo* and *Pintado* into Auckland Harbour in 1978 and 1979.





### **THE HISTORY OF 'MOOSE MILK'**

The rich and creamy beverage was the result of a happy accident during World War II. Looking for a little joy in wartime, the Royal Canadian Air Force hosted a dance and soiree at Camp Borden, Ontario, Canada. Entertaining a mixed crowd, the base Commanding Officer tasked Flight Sergeant Jack "Pony" Moore with creating a drink appropriate for female company with enough zing to provide the attendees a good time. Frantically working to meet the Commanding Officer's request, Flight Sergeant Pony crafted a punch of his own creation. The Moose Milk recipe (nameless at that time) was sweet and creamy enough to delight the taste buds but packed a hidden punch as it was made predominantly of rum!

Men and women alike praised the punch, delighting in its effects late into the night. Its popularity prompted the Commanding Officer's wife to ask Pony for the recipe for this mysterious drink. With a smile, Pony coined the term Moose Milk, reflecting his Canadian wit.

**MOOSE MILK Warning** – Within anything from a few minutes to an hour after imbibing on Moose Milk you will begin to feel the benefits. Initially a mild feeling of euphoria will overtake you as your metabolism increases its efficiency. Within a very short period thereafter, you will note various other benefits including a massive increase in confidence, pride, intelligence and magnetism to the opposite sex. There are only two possible negative side effects and they can be avoided by following these warnings:

1. If you feel the urge to paw the ground and run head long into a member of the opposite sex? Resist.
2. Despite the strong cravings you will undoubtedly feel for more moose milk, under no circumstances should you attempt to milk a moose on your own; this job is strictly for the professionals.

### **Navy Moose Milk:**

#### **INGREDIENTS**

1.14 litre dark rum

1.14 litre Kahlua  
1.14 litre vodka  
4 litres of vanilla soft scoop ice cream  
4 litres of partly skimmed milk

#### DIRECTIONS

Mix gently until frothy with still a few ice cream lumps. Liberally sprinkle nutmeg over top.  
Enjoy and give vehicle keys to a party staying sober.

#### **Army Moose Milk:**

##### INGREDIENTS

40oz Lambs Dark Rum  
40oz Kahlua  
40oz Vodka  
4L Vanilla Ice Cream (the good creamy expensive kind)  
4L eggnog

#### DIRECTIONS

Mix all together, breaking up the ice cream a bit. Sprinkle nutmeg on top if you so desire.  
Stir occasionally as the ice cream starts to melt. Enjoy!

Regards

**Jerry Payne**

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