

HMNZS NGAPONA ASSOCIATION INC

LONGCAST

7 – 9 November 20 - Armistice in Cambridge
13 November 20 - Navy Club Lunch – Remuera Club
20 November 20 - Ngapona Assn Lunch at Grey Lynn RSA
21 November 20 – HMNZS Ngapona (Tauranga sub-unit) Mess Dinner
11 December 20 - Navy Club Lunch – Remuera Club
18 December 20 - Ngapona Assn Lunch at Orakie RSA
20 December 20 - HMS Neptune Commemoration Service, St Christopher's Chapel, DNB

Hi Folks

Hope you all had an enjoyable Labour Weekend – *you can't complain about the weather!*

SHIP VISIT TO HMNZS AOTEAROA

The visit to HMNZS Aotearoa has been confirmed for **Wed 04 Nov at 1400**.

It is an honour to have this invitation extended to us and we need to confirm numbers by this Friday, **30 October 20**.

If you are interested in visiting the RNZN's newest and largest ship, **reply to this email asap**.

We need names to gain entry to DNB.

You do not need to be a member of the Ngapona Assn to join us for the visit.

Further details will be supplied to people who have replied to this email expressing their interest.



HMNZS NGAPONA ASSN – XMAS LUNCH

Our final lunch for the year is at the Orakei RSA on 18 December. Mark this in your diary now. The Xmas lunch is one of the highlights of the year. The Orakei RSA has new caterers and the meal will again be served by Navy Cadets from TS Achilles. There will be a door prize and of course 'Up Spirits'.

The cost will be \$25.00 per head, to be paid to the RSA on the day.

We require an indication of numbers for the caterer so **please reply to this email if you intend joining us.**

WEB SITE UPGRADE

I would like to thank those who have donated to the upgrade – we are now half-way there. - *President*

The HMNZS Ngapona Association website has been up and running for over two years now and is in need of an upgrade.

Bruce Gordon, (Assn member) of NZ Websites, who designed our website recommends the following to enhance the Google rating of our target market:

- i) Create a video welcome, under 30 seconds, welcoming visitors and inviting interested parties to join the group – if the video is provided he will set this up on the website at no cost to the Association.
- ii) Purchase 3 new domains that are derived from search-words – i.e. nzrockies.co.nz. Only .co.nz domains are accepted by Google for this option.
- iii) These domains are \$40 each per registration, and \$40 every year on the anniversary of purchase. NZ Websites must be the registrar used to obtain these, as they need to be pointed at their server for the next stage to succeed.
- iii) This work involves setting up landing pages for each of the above 3 domains, creating redirects from the domain to the landing page, and generating a full search optimisation for all 3 domains with Google.

Bruce has generously offered to carry out this work at a much reduced cost of \$620.00

Now comes the crunch – The Association is looking for donations to cover the cost of the upgrade. Other organisations would normally fund this through annual subscriptions but our Assn has decided not to charge a yearly sub. So come on members – open your wallets and help us fund this much needed upgrade.

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HMNZS NGAPONA ASSN – FORMAL DINNER 2021

The Assn Formal Dinner, which was cancelled this year, will now be held on 24 July 2021 (Covid permitting).

Planning is well underway and we have a keynote guest speaker so mark the date in your diary now. This is a major event and tickets will be limited.

MALABAR NAVAL EXERCISES

Australia will join India, the United States and Japan in next month's Malabar naval exercises in the Indian Ocean, in a move that is expected to strengthen the military relationship between the four democracies amid increased tensions with China.

While not a formal military alliance like NATO, it is seen by some as a potential counterweight to growing Chinese influence and alleged aggression in Asia-Pacific.

The collation has been denounced by Beijing as an anti-China bloc. The Australian and Indian defence ministries announced the expansion of the drills, which had been long-speculated, late on Monday.

Regards

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