

HMNZS NGAPONA ASSOCIATION INC

LONGCAST

1 February 21 – Auckland Anniversary Day
8 February 21 – Waitangi Day
12 February 21 - Navy Club Lunch – Remuera Club
19 February 21 - Ngapona Assn Lunch at Titirangi RSA
19 March 21 - Ngapona Assn Lunch at Waiheke RSA
9 – 11 April 21 - Cooks and Stewards Reunion

Hi Folks

FROM THE SICKBAY

ELAINE PAYNE – Elaine was discharged from Tauranga Hospital last Friday and is now back in her new home in Katikati. Visitors are welcome, contact jerry@payne.kiwi.nz for details

COOKS AND STEWARDS REUNION

The “Cooks and Stewards “ reunion is all go for the 9,10, and 11th April 2021. Details are on the Cooks and Stewards Reunion Page on Facebook. Or contact Margaret Mitchell margaretmitchell@xtra.co.nz or Ray Neithe rjniethe@gmail.com

AUSTRALIA'S NUSHIP SUPPLY

Australia's Defence contract with Spain's Navantia S.A. has reached a major milestone with Ship Acceptance of the Royal Australian Navy's First Supply-class vessel, NUSHIP *Supply*.

Minister for Defence, Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds CSC was pleased to announce the formal acceptance of the Auxiliary Oilier Replenishment (AOR) ship, NUSHIP *Supply* from Spanish shipbuilder, Navantia S.A.

“Despite the impacts of COVID-19, the Australian Government has worked with the prime and sub-contractors to innovate and implement solutions to deliver the Royal Australian Navy's first Supply-class vessel Nuship *Supply*, based on the Spanish Cantabria design,” Minister Reynolds said.

“The Australian Government remains committed to maximising Australian industry involvement in the shipbuilding enterprise.

“Australian industry benefited with more than \$130 million spent on engagement of local industry partners to support the ship's fit out in Australia.”

With Australia's current replenishment capability reaching its end of life in 2021, NUSHIP *Supply* will be the first AOR to replace the retired HMAS *Success* and bridge Navy's current capability gap. NUSHIP *Stalwart* expected to enter service in late 2021.

NUSHIP *Supply* was launched in Ferrol, Spain, in November 2018 and arrived at HMAS *Stirling*, Garden Island Fleet Base West, Western Australia, on 2 October 2020 for final fit out and testing activities.

NUSHIP *Supply* is expected to sail into her homeport of Sydney next week.



NUSHIP *Supply*

SHIP OF THE WEEK – HMNZS TUI (1970)

HMNZS *Tui*, formerly USNS *Charles H. Davis* (T-AGOR-5), was one of nine *Conrad* class oceanographic ships built for the United States Navy, that later saw service in the Royal New Zealand Navy). Serving with the USN from 1963 to 1970, these ships were designed to perform acoustic experiments on sound transmission underwater, and for gravity, magnetism and deep-ocean floor studies. The fourth ship to be so named by the Navy, *Charles H. Davis* was laid down by Christy Corporation, Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, 30 June 1962; launched 30 June 1962; sponsored by Mrs. Roy Alexander Gano, wife of Admiral Roy Alexander Gano, Commander MSTs; delivered to the Navy 25 January 1963 and turned over to the Military Sea Transportation Service on 25 January 1963.

In 1970, she was transferred to the RNZN, and was commissioned on 11 September 1970 as HMNZS *Tui*, named after the [Tui](#) bird, and was the second of two ships with this name to serve in the RNZN.

After a partial refit and the installation and testing of scientific equipment, *Tui* began a program of work for the Defence Scientific Establishment in Auckland. For years *Tui* went unobtrusively about the kind of work she was designed for, primarily underwater acoustics.

Tui worked in Australian, Indian Ocean and South Pacific waters. She worked on Auckland University research, with DSIR scientists, and with other oceanographic

ships. *Tui* also took part in several American research programs. Her acoustic research was mainly to do with the detection and tracking of submarines. During the 1970s she made an extensive search for the Maria Theresa Reef. In 1997, *Tui* was decommissioned and was replaced by the hydrographic ship HMNZS *Resolution*.

In February 1999, *Tui* was scuttled 2 kilometres (1.2 mi) from Tutukaka Heads to serve as a tourist attraction and wreck for divers, following a period of work on her which removed any objects in danger of breaking free and welding shut any areas that may have posed a hazard for wreck divers. Her anchor was presented to the City of Napier.



Regards

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