

HMNZS NGAPONA ASSOCIATION INC

LONGCAST

14 – 15 May 21 - OP Grapple Reunion, contact Gerry Wright
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16 May 21 - Ngapona Assn Lunch at the Bays Club, Browns Bay
21 May 21 - Ngapona Assn Lunch at Pt Chevalier RSA
28 – 30 May 21 – Otago and All Ships Reunion (Contact Noel Davies
noel@daviesgroup.nz
11 June 21 - Navy Club Lunch – Remuera Club
18 June 21 - Ngapona Assn Lunch at Howick RSA
9 July 21 - Navy Club Lunch – Remuera Club
16 July 21 - Ngapona Assn Lunch at New Lynn RSA
24 July 21 – Ngapona Assn formal Dinner at Birkenhead RSA

Hi Folks

BAYS CLUB LUNCH

We need to know numbers for catering

The Ngapona Assn is holding a lunch on Sunday 16 May at the Bays Club, Browns Bay. We will meet at 1200 and lunch will be served after pre-lunch refreshments. This will be a great event to attend for those who are unable to attend our monthly Friday luncheons. There will be a door prize and a rum issue will be conducted. **Please reply to this email** so that we have an indication of numbers for seating.

NGAPONA ASSN FORMAL DINNER – 24 JULY 2021

The Ngapona Association is holding a formal dinner on Saturday 24 July 2021 at the Birkenhead RSA, Recreation Drive, Birkenhead, Auckland. The guest speaker will be RNZN's Chief of Navy, Rear Admiral David Proctor. An invitation to attend the function is extended to all NGA Association members, all past and present members of NGAPONA and their partners/spouses. Tickets will be allocated on a first come first served basis. The cost of this function is \$50.00 per head. A cash bar will operate. There will be a buffet type meal of three

courses. It is expected that Able Musician Rebecca Nelson will provide a brief performance during the evening. It is also expected that a rum issue will be held. As this is a formal occasion, appropriate dress with miniatures is expected. For planning purposes, please advise Expressions of Interest by **replying to this email** giving the names of attendees and a contact phone number.

NGAPONA ASSN LAPEL PINS

Ngapona Assn lapel pins are now available at \$10. Please contact Dave Thorpe 027499 3940 or davethorpe@xtra.co.nz for purchasing, can be paid by direct credit to Ngapona Assn, ASB 12-3287-0184065-00 or by cash at the next luncheon.

NGAPONA ASSN POLO SHIRTS

There has been interest in doing another run of Ngapona Assn Polo Shirts and the cost is \$35. Please contact Dave Thorpe 0274993940 or davethorpe@xtra.co.nz With your size.

OP GRAPPLE REUNION

OP Grapple Reunion is this weekend. Contact Gerry Wright gerrywright@xtra.co.nz for details.

UMUROA TO GO

BW Offshore's floating production, storage and offloading vessel UMUROA has finally disconnected from the Tui oilfield offshore New Zealand where it has been stranded for more than a year. The FPSO has been marooned at the field since November 2019 when the field operator and owner - Tamarind Taranaki, a subsidiary of Malaysia's Tamarind Resources - becoming financially insolvent. The country's Environmental Protection Authority then prevented BW Offshore from disconnecting the floater and sailing away. A local court finally ruled in November 2020 against the FPSO being held, and proceedings began for its disconnection. The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) said on 6 May 2021 that the last of the nine anchor chains that kept the floater moored was disconnected and the vessel was now able to depart the field and New Zealand waters. The costs of the disconnection and demobilisation of the FPSO will be covered by the MBIE. The final costs have yet to be determined.



LIGHT HOUSE OF THE WEEK – RANGITOTO LIGHT

Position: 36° 46' 32.39" S 174° 49' 11.99" E

Characteristics: Fl R 12s

Range: 7 nm

Structure: Red concrete tower, white bands

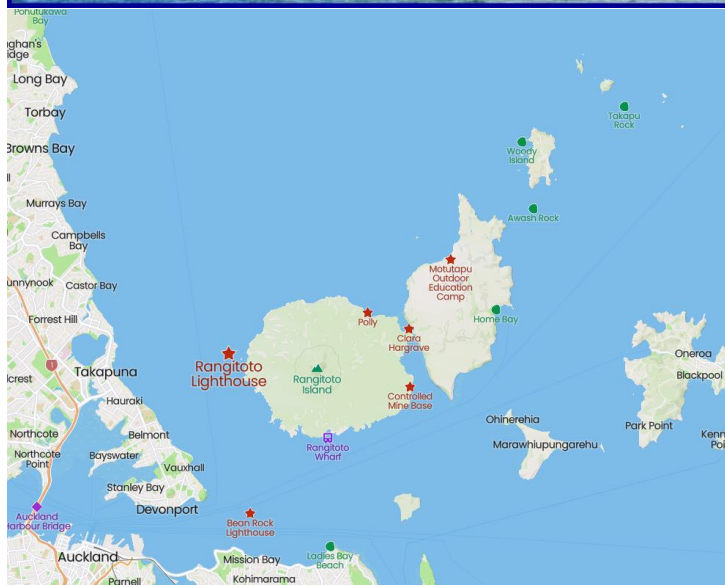
Rangitoto Lighthouse (also called Rangitoto Beacon) is located on a small islet in McKenzie Bay just off the western end of Rangitoto Island. The lighthouse was built in 1882. In 1905 a light was added for night time visibility.

Rangitoto Beacon was the first lighthouse to be built in NZ using Wilson's Portland cement. Because of disagreements between the Auckland Harbour Board and the Marine Department, the light was not lit until 1905. First illuminated by a gas light supplied by the Railways Department, in 1925 the light was replaced with an incandescent lamp. This in turn was replaced in 1926 with an acetone acetylene light. In 1929 an underwater cable was installed from Takapuna and the light was electrified. After a cable fault in 1982 the lighthouse is now powered by solar power. It is a 20-metre-tall white concrete tower with red horizontal bands and has a red beacon at the top. Two lights set back-to-back ensure an alternating beam is thrown out. There is also a siren, which is switched on by the weather station at Mt Victoria.

The bach communities on Rangitoto Island were built in the 1920s and 30's and consist of private holiday dwellings and boatsheds as well as communal facilities such as paths, swimming pool, community hall and tennis courts. Built by families, using the scarce resources of the Depression era, the buildings demonstrate the 'kiwi' do-it-yourself, jack-of-all-trades attitudes of the times.

As a result of a prohibition order on further buildings in 1937, the remnants of the communities reflect this specific time in Auckland's development and as a result they are part of local history involving typical New Zealanders in a unique environment.

Because other bach communities, which were prevalent throughout the country, have virtually disappeared, the Rangitoto bach settlements are irreplaceable artefacts of New Zealand's architectural, and social history and therefore are important beyond their locality.



Regards

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