

## HMNZS NGAPONA ASSOCIATION INC

### LONGCAST

10 June 22 – Navy Club

17 June 22 - Ngapona Assn Lunch at Avondale RSA

24 June 22 – Matariki

8 July 22 – Navy Club

15 July 22 - Ngapona Assn Lunch at the Bays Club

Hi Folks

#### **DEATH NOTICE**

HODGMAN, Clifton David (Cliff). Born January 1, 1934. RNZN 13625. Passed away peacefully on 31 May 2022 aged 88 years. Father to Clem, Paul, Michelle, Steven, and Jeff. Stepfather to Michelle, Martin, Adrien, Janine, Sean, and Brett. Cliff has 38 Grandchildren and 44 Great-grandchildren. Cliff was a great Navy man and loved his boating and fishing. Cliff travelled the world and even attended the Queen's Coronation as a young 17-year-old sailor. Cliff served in the Korean and Malayan wars. We are extremely proud of Dad and will miss him very much. Rest In Peace Dad xxx.

A service for Cliff will be held in the Main Chapel, Morrisons Funeral Home, 220 Universal Drive Henderson, Tuesday, 7 June at 12.30pm followed by private cremation.

#### **FROM THE SICKBAY**

I understand that Bill Smith has undergone a medical procedure. All the best Bill for a speedy recovery.

#### **NGAPONA ASSN – NEW MEMBER**

A warm welcome to our newest member, LTCDR John Smith RD, who has joined the HMNZS Ngapona Assn. John is currently RNO Taupo and was recently awarded

the RNZNR Long Service decoration. I understand that it is fifty years since this award was last presented.



### **NGAPONA ASSN LUNCH**

The next lunch for the Ngapona Assn will be held at the Avondale RSA on 17 June 22. We have not been to this RSA since they moved some time ago, so it will be interesting to see how they are in the new premises.

We have been advised that the Club does not open until 1200, so there is no need to get there too early. We are also informed that the food is great.

### **QUEEN ELIZABETH II'S PLATINUM JUBILEE**

The 40-strong party was among 2000 military personnel taking part in the 3.2-kilometre march along The Birdcage and The Mall near Buckingham Palace on a cool and overcast Sunday.

It was led by six Māori warriors who, bearing traditional weapons and playing the role of kiore, or runner scouts, searched the left and right flanks of the main body.

It proved a hit with the London crowd, which had just witnessed the ceremonial best from the British Armed Forces.

Taua member, the Navy's Petty Officer Te Teira Maxwell, of Te Arawa, said the crowd was relatively quiet until they saw the NZDF marchers with the kiore moving out from the rest of the contingent.

"Then a big roar went up. It was an awesome experience," he said.

"I'm pretty proud to be involved in such a celebration, and to represent the NZDF and the wider community of Rotorua and iwi Māori," he said.

Royal New Zealand Air Force Corporal Kumeroa Rimene, of Rangitane and Ngati Kahungunu, was a member of the matataua, or warrior party, repeating a similar role he played at Le Quesnoy commemorations in 2018.



## **22 LAVs SOLD**

The New Zealand Defence Force has finalised a sale of 22 surplus New Zealand Light Armoured Vehicles (NZLAVs) to the Chilean Navy for use by their Marine Corps.

The sale is worth US \$19.855 million and the vehicles will be shipped to Chile in two tranches, one this year and one in 2023.

Commander Defence Logistics Command, Commodore Andrew Brown, said it was pleasing to get a sale negotiated for the vehicles. Eight more NZLAVs remain on the market to sell. The prospect of a sale to the Chilean Navy has been under consideration and negotiation for over two years, with a number of NZ and foreign government consents required before any sale could be finalised.

The NZDF bought 105 NZLAVs in 2003. One was written off after being badly damaged in Afghanistan and one is being used in Canada as a test vehicle.

Commodore Brown said the remaining NZLAVs, numbering 73, will continue in service with the NZ Army.



### **NEW PATROL BOAT FOR THE COOK ISLANDS**

Austal Australia has delivered the 15th Guardian class Patrol Boat (GCPB) to Defence Australia. The vessel, Te Kukupa II, was then gifted by the Australian Government to the Cook Islands at a certificate signing ceremony held at Austal's shipyard in Henderson, Western Australia. . The new Guardian-class Patrol Boat replaces the original Te Kukupa, a Pacific-class Patrol Boat gifted to the Cook Islands in 1989 and recently de-commissioned, under the Pacific Patrol Boat Replacement Project; part of the Australian Government's Pacific Maritime Security Program.



### **COST OF FREIGHT FROM CHINA**

Supply chain challenges continue to worsen, exacerbated by higher levels of port congestion and shipping delays at ports in Shanghai and elsewhere in China due to Covid-19 lockdowns. Coupled with ongoing congestion at ports elsewhere in the world and low backhaul rates to Asia, container demand is far exceeding capacity. Container shipping rates departing Asia also remain significantly elevated over routes inbound to Asia from the US and elsewhere. This differential in freight rates, along with severe delays at ports, has disincentivised carriers from taking shipments from the US, Europe, or elsewhere to Asia, with disproportionate negative impacts for agricultural exports. The most recent Freightos Baltic Index average price on 6 May for a 40-foot container from ports in China/East Asia to North America West Coast was \$14,226. In contrast, the 6 May price from ports in North America West

Coast to ports in China/East Asia was \$991. The average rate from ports in China/East Asia to ports in North Europe was \$10,565, compared with \$754 in the other direction. The average rate from ports in China/East Asia to ports in the Mediterranean was \$12,538, and only \$1,528 in the opposite direction.

*Source: IHS Markit*

### **THE END OF USS KITTY HAWK**

The aircraft carrier, KITTY HAWK, will be chopped up and sold for scrap metal despite efforts to save it as a floating museum. It now appears that South Texas will serve as a sort of burial ground for a once-mighty U.S. Navy ship. The aircraft carrier KITTY HAWK – named for the place in North Carolina where the Wright brothers flew the first powered airplane – was towed to Texas this week to end its service in a marine salvage yard. The carrier is a ghost from another era when ships ran on oil and when the world was a much different place since its launching in 1961. It played an active role in the Vietnam War during the 1960s and '70s, and entered the battle zone again in 2003 when it served as launch pad for fighter jets and helicopters during the Iraq War. But as the Navy began replacing carriers with those using nuclear power, the end was near for the KITTY HAWK. Several veterans' organizations worked to allow them to convert it into a floating museum, but the Navy said no. Its fate was sealed when the salvage company in Brownsville, Texas paid one cent to take possession of the KITTY HAWK and sell off the metal for scrap. The company said it will take about 18 months to dismantle the ship when the KITTY HAWK will be gone forever from the oceans of the world, but likely will remain alive in the pages of history and in the memories of the thousands of sailors who called it home.

*Source: KVUE*



## **CAPT BЛИGH R.N.**

### **The Governor**

1802. Peace with France! HMS *Irresistable* is laid up and its captain is at home with the family.

1803. Bligh is recalled for surveying duties surveying about the coast of England.

1804. Napoleon is once again stirring up trouble. Bligh is posted into HMS *Warrior*. Unfortunately, he is at odds with members of the crew. Bligh accuses one of his lieutenants of neglecting his duty. The officer demanded that the Admiralty court martial Bligh for the following: 'he did publicly on the quarter deck of HMS *Warrior*, grossly insult and ill treat me being in the execution of my office by calling me a rascal and scoundrel and shaking his fist in my face'. It went on to say that Bligh was tyrannical and oppressive to other commissioned, warrant and petty officers in the ship. In Bligh's defence at his court martial, he stated that 'he candidly and without reserve avows that he is not a tame and indifferent observer of the manner in which officers placed under his orders conduct themselves in the performance of their duties...' Obviously, Bligh was not happy with the officer's conduct. Nevertheless, Bligh was found guilty and was reprimanded. Nonetheless, Bligh remained highly respected by the Admiralty.

23 April 1805. Bligh accepts an appointment to the Governorship of New South Wales giving up his command of HMS *Warrior*. *Warrior* would be his last command with the Royal Navy.

Feb 1806. Bligh, accompanied by one of his six daughters and her husband, naval lieutenant John Putland, sail aboard the '*Lady Madeleine Sinclair*'. His wife Betsy and other five daughters remain in England. The '*Lady Madeleine Sinclair*' forms part of a five-ship convict transport convoy escorted by HMS *Porpoise* (Captain Joseph Short). Putland was serving in HMS *Porpoise* as first lieutenant.

Unfortunately, the orders for Bligh and Short were ambiguous with respect to who was in command of the convoy. Short was under the understanding that he was in command during the voyage but would fall under Bligh's command when they had reached their destination. Bligh however believed that his superior rank gave him the authorisation to be in charge. This was never reconciled during the seven month long voyage, the two clashing often over this time. On one occasion, Short ordered a course change which Bligh ignored. Short then had his First Lieutenant fire a shot across the bows of Bligh's vessel, followed by a second across her stern. These were ignored. Short considered ordering Putland to put a shot into Bligh's vessel, but this did not eventuate. However, the actions of both officers did nothing to alleviate the existing strain between them. It is of note that Short had his family in the convoy as he was going to stay in New South Wales also. Bligh and Short never reconciled and in 1807 Bligh ordered him back to England to face a court martial. Although Short was acquitted, he was a ruined man.

5 Aug 1806. Governor Bligh reaches NSW. Bligh is 52. He relieves Governor King.

*(to be continued)*



This statue of William Bligh is located in the "Barney and Bligh Reserve" on the western side of Circular Quay in Sydney, Australia.

Regards

**Jerry Payne**

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