

HMNZS NGAPONA ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

LONGCAST

1 January 19 – New Year's Day
18 January 19 - Ngapona Assn Lunch at Swanson RSA
19 - 20 January 19 - Ngapona Assn Boating Weekend
28 January 19 – Auckland Anniversary Day
6 February 19 – Waitangi Day
8 February 19 – Navy Club Lunch, Remuera Club
15 February 19 - Ngapona Assn Lunch at Titirangi RSA
8 March 19 - Navy Club Lunch, Remuera Club
15 March 19 - Ngapona Assn Lunch at Waiheke RSA

Hi Folks

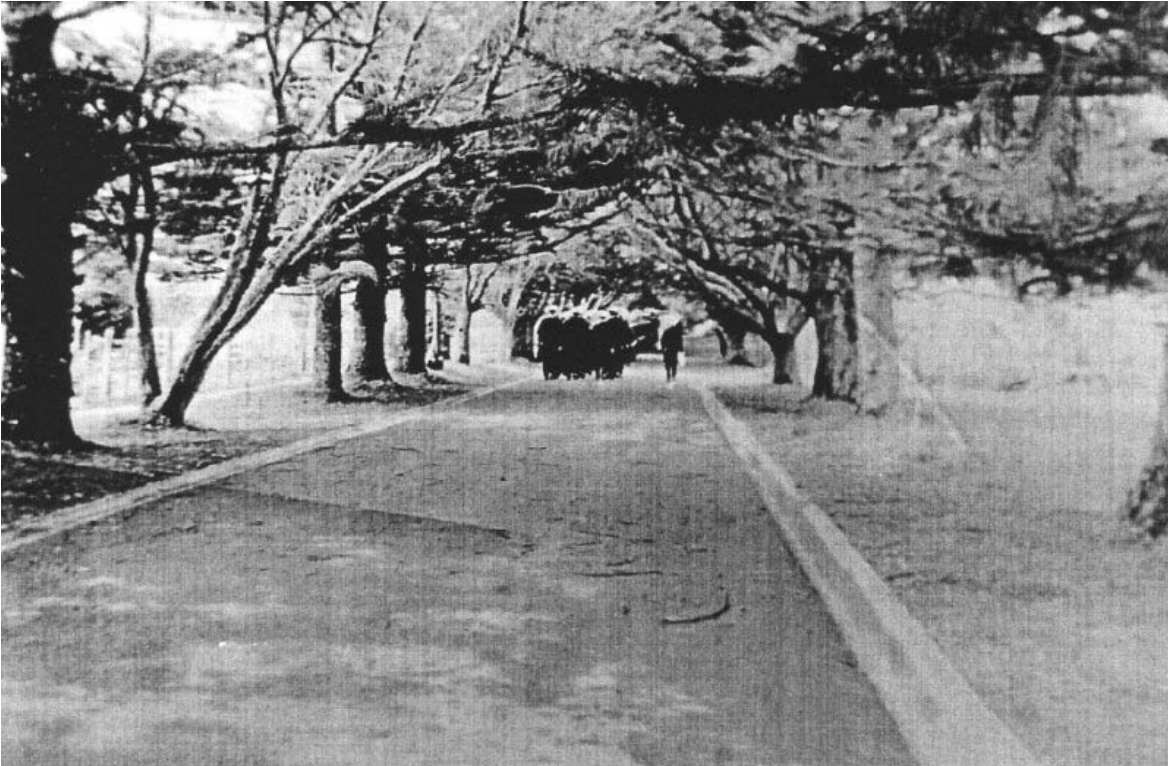
FROM THE EDITOR

This is the final newsletter for 2018 and I would like to wish all my readers the very best for 2019. Thank you to those who have sent feedback, if I have not always answered your email I apologise, but sometime the volume of mail is overwhelming. A special thanks to those who have contributed articles for the newsletter, your input is very welcome.

May you all have a safe and happy 2019. - *Ed*

DID YOU KNOW?

On 1 January 1950, Compulsory Military training came into effect for all 18-year olds, as a consequence of the Military Training Act, 1949. Youths could normally choose which service they would undertake their 14-weeks training with, and normally around 300-350 a year chose the RNZN. Trainees with the RNZN were known as Compulsory Naval Ratings (CNR) and were kept separate from those who had enlisted with the RNZN. The 14-week training period was conducted at HMNZS Tamaki, followed by three years of part-time service, including seven days sea-training annually, and regular parades with the RNVNVR. 1,992 personnel were trained by the RNZN up to 1957, when the training was amended, and then abolished in 1959.
(Cdr Graeme (Blue) Whitmore, CO of HMNZS Ngapona 1981 - 1987, was a CNR.)



Take care

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"There are good ships, and there are wood ships, the ships that sail the sea."

"But the best ships are friendships, and may they always be."

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