

HMNZS NGAPONA ASSOCIATION INC

LONGCAST

17 May 19 - Ngapona Assn Lunch at Pt Chevalier RSA

25 May 19 - Artificer Apprentices Assn, Ngataringa. Contact

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1-3 June 19 – Queen’s Birthday Weekend

1-3 June 19 – RNZN Antarctic Veterans Reunion, Rangiora RSA Contact

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14 June 19 - Navy Club Lunch, Remuera Club.

16 June 19 – Ngapona Assn AGM, Pt Chevalier RSA

21 June 19 - Ngapona Assn Lunch at Howick RSA

Hi Folks

NGAPONA ASSN MONTHLY LUNCH

Our monthly lunch is this Friday, 17th May, at the Pt Chevalier RSA.

We meet at 1200 and usually dine around 1245, just time to have a couple of 'wets' before lunch.

Look forward to seeing you on Friday.

EDDA FONN ARRIVES IN WELLINGTON

A \$103 million vessel for the Ministry of Defence has berthed in Wellington after 46 days travelling from Denmark. The diving support and hydrographic survey vessel, named Edda Fonn, was purchased second-hand from Norway. Frank Dyer, the integrated project team leader for the dive and hydrographic vessel, said it was packed with world-class facilities for both diving and hydrographic specialists. Disaster relief, search and recovery and explosives disposal are among the many tasks it could be utilised for in the Pacific.

"A typical mission ... to the islands in Fiji, it could get up there in just over three days and could hold station there for close to a month." It could run tasks up there, return home and still have over 40 per cent of its fuel, Dyer said.

The ship's crane can also retrieve 100 tonnes from one kilometre underwater. It could even retrieve a sunken ship. "It's also got a massive range. It's just completed a 12,000 mile, 46-day journey without refuelling."

The ship has four engines, two of which are brand new and can run in a green emission mode. "They can run just emitting water vapour and nitrogen."

The ship can treat its own ballast water so that undesirable water is not transported to wherever the ship may travel.

Edda Fonn has bunks for 66 people, cabins have ensuites and entertainment centres, and there's even a gym and a sauna for crew.

The ship will provide the ability for diving and hydrographic specialists to conduct specialised operations such as surveying coastlines and harbours.

Dyer said although the vessel is already 15 years old, engineers had assessed it to be seven years younger than that based on its good condition.

Next stop for the Edda Fonn is Auckland, where ownership will be transferred to the Crown on June 7.

It will spend the rest of the year being fitted with military equipment.



Edda Fonn

DID YOU KNOW?

On 14th May 1999, Rear Admiral Fred Wilson introduced the Sailor of the Year programme for Leading Rates and below, which gave the automatic entitlement to the badge awarded for a CNS Commendation, and an overseas trip accompanied by their spouse or partner. This year is the twentieth anniversary of the programme. It is interesting to note that the Navy Club, which holds a monthly lunch at the Remuera Club in Auckland, had as their guest speaker the 2018 Sailor of the Year LCSS Alicia Wall, last Friday. She was accompanied by the Warrant Officer of the Navy, WO Wayne Dyke. I was most impressed with the address given by Alicia. The delivery was very professional and the content was great. I am sure Alicia has a great future in the Navy and beyond, we wish her well.



LCSS Alicia Wall

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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