

HMNZS NGAPONA ASSOCIATION INC

LONGCAST

12 July 19 – Navy Club Lunch, Remuera Club
12 – 14 July 19 - Mururoa Vets Assn AGM, Warkworth RSA
19 July 19 - Ngapona Assn Lunch at New Lynn RSA
20 July 19 – Northland Lunch, Bay of Islands Yacht Club
3 August 19 – Ngapona Assn Mid Year Function at the Bays Club
11 August 19 – William Sanders VC Church service
17 August 19 – Navy Club AGM, Remuera Club at 1100
16 August 19 - Ngapona Assn Lunch & EGM at Birkenhead RSA

Hi Folks

NOTICE OF EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING - 16 AUGUST 2019

At the recent AGM of the Ngapona Assn it was unanimously decided to remove the requirement that limited the number of Associate Members to 25% of the number of Full Members. In order to change the constitution we are required to give a minimum of 28 days' notice to members and the change should then be ratified at a General Meeting of the Association.

It is intended that an Extra-ordinary General Meeting will be held at the conclusion of our lunch at the Birkenhead RSA on 16 August 2019 to change the constitution.

CHIEF OF NAVY COMMENDATION FOR WARRANT OFFICER REECE GOLDING MNZM, MSM.

After completing 49 years of outstanding service in the Royal New Zealand Navy, Warrant Officer Combat Specialist Reece Golding MNZM, MSM, transferred to the Royal New Zealand Naval Reserve on 30 November 2011 and was subsequently posted to HMNZS NGAPONA (Tauranga sub unit). WOSCS Golding holds a pivotal coordination role within the command team as Whole Ships Coordinator, and is directly responsible to the Officer in Charge. WOSCS Golding is an instrumental member and leader of the Tauranga Sub Unit of HMNZS NGAPONA and has worked tirelessly to deliver the outputs of both the RNZN, and the MTO branch. Many strong relationships

and networks between the RNZNVR and maritime industry and other civilian organisations are directly attributable to his dedication, perseverance and drive to increase the opportunities available to the members of HMNZS NGAPONA, and he has consistently demonstrated exceptional military professionalism to the wider New Zealand and international community. CN, RADM Proctor travelled to the Tauranga sub-unit on 20 Jun 19, primarily to bestow his Commendation on WOSCS Golding in person, and took with him for the occasion WOSCS Golding's son, CAPT Garin Golding. Other members of WOSCS Golding's family, representatives of ACN (NResF) and CO, NGA, and others were also present to witness this well-deserved recognition.



CN Presentation to WO Golding

NGAPONA ASSN - MID YEAR FUNCTION

Our Mid Year Function will be held at the Bays Club, Anzac Road, Browns Bay on the 3rd of August.

Pre-dinner drinks at 1830

This is a great venue and a special menu has been prepared for us.

An indication of numbers is required for catering purposes by **19 July 2019**.

Please reply to this email.

Function Buffet \$26.50



Soup.

Tomato & Coconut with Bread Rolls

Carvery.

Honey Glazed Ham with Pineapple Salsa

Salads. Choose TWO

- ❖ Green Salad with Tomatoes & Spanish Onions
- ❖ Coleslaw
- ❖ Potato Salad
- ❖ Beetroot & Feta Cheese
- ❖ Cous Cous & Pumpkin with Spinach

Main Courses. Choose ONE

- ❖ Beef Stroganoff with Rice
- ❖ Curry (Chicken or Beef)
- ❖ Stirfry with Noodles (Pork or Chicken)
- ❖ Lamb Moussaka
- ❖ Pasta (Carbonarra , Vegetarian with Spinach Mushroom)
- ❖ Pork Belly with Coconut Reduction

All Mains will be served with Steamed Seasonal vegetables & Rosemary Potatoes

Desserts. Choose TWO

- ❖ Warm Chocolate Pudding with Chocolate Sauce
- ❖ Fresh Fruit Salad
- ❖ Cheese Cake of the Day
- ❖ Chocolate Brownie with Chantilly Cream
- ❖ Carrot Cake

Tea & Coffee

NORTHLAND LUNCH

It is great that Jill and Margaret are able to host another luncheon at the Bay of Island Yacht Club, Waitangi on Saturday 20 July from 1230. Lunch will be served at 1300.

The usual sumptuous luncheon buffet will be served with dessert to follow.

As they have to set up on Saturday morning please time your arrival for midday.

Cost for Luncheon: \$25.00 per person

Raffles - \$2.00 per ticket or 3 for \$5.00 A Cash Bar will be available

RSVP for numbers by Wednesday 17 July 2019 Margaret Mitchell 09 838 2931 or Jill Thompson 09 836 5191

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(See attached flyer)

HMAS SUCCESS (II) DECOMMISSIONED

HMAS *Success (II)*, the longest serving ship in the Royal Australian Navy's Fleet, was decommissioned at her homeport at Sydney's Garden Island on Saturday. HMAS *Success* - dubbed the "Battle Tanker" - has been operational for 33 years, sailing more than a million nautical miles and completing nearly 3,500 replenishments around the world. The 157-meter Durance Class Replenishment Oiler was the last major vessel built at Cockatoo Island in Sydney and was the biggest ship in Navy's Fleet at the time she was commissioned in 1986. HMAS *Success* earned battle honors for her service during the Gulf War in 1991 and East Timor in 1999, and also participated in a record 11 Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercises and the search for the missing Malaysian Airlines Flight MH370. Despite her age, *Success* maintained a high tempo right to the end, deploying twice since May last year and returning from a four month overseas deployment just weeks before her service life came to an end. HMAS *Success* will now make way for new replenishment ship NUSHIP *Supply (II)*, which was launched in Spain last November.



HMAS *Success*

DID YOU KNOW?

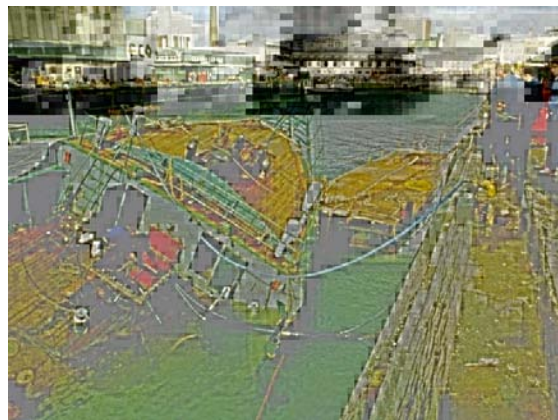
On Thursday the 10 July 1985 the-British registered Greenpeace vessel Rainbow Warrior was sunk in Auckland harbour by French saboteurs of the DGSE. Greenpeace Photographer Fernando Pereira was killed when the limpet mines exploded. The Navy's initial response was just 2 hours after the explosions, when leading Diver (LDR) Schmidt of the Operational Diving Team (OPT) entered the wreck and recovered Pereira's body. The Diving Team also conducted a search of the hull and wharf for any other explosives; none were found.

Beginning the following Monday the ODT, under the command of LT Hugh Aitken, conducted a survey of the wreck, reporting a huge hole in the engine room, and extensive damage around the propeller and propeller shaft. In the subsequent two weeks the naval dockyard team assessed various options for salvage, while the Divers began clearing the interior of the ship, moving some 30 tons of equipment and fittings out of the wreck. For the divers it was continuous hard work. LT Aitken reported that, "The salvage was a challenging task, conducted in conditions of nil visibility and often involving a high degree of difficulty. "

At 0245 on 21 August the final lift began, by dawn Rainbow Warrior was partially afloat and almost upright, she was moved south and the pumps rearranged for the harbour crossing. At 121,5 on 22 August Rainbow Warrior was docked in Calliope Dock; as the water drained down the full extent of the bomb blast could be seen.

On 25 September the Rainbow Warrior was undocked and the Navy's part in her salvage came to an end.

Today the Rainbow Warrior lies in Matauri Bay, Northland, accessible to sports divers.





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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