

HMNZS NGAPONA ASSOCIATION INC

LONGCAST

6 February 20 – Waitangi Day
14 February 20 – Navy Club Lunch – Remuera Club
14 – 16 February 20 – Motuihe Island Reunion
21 February 20 - Ngapona Assn Lunch at Titirangi RSA
13 March 20 - Navy Club Lunch – Remuera Club
20 March 20 - Ngapona Assn Lunch at Waiheke RSA
17 April 20 - Ngapona Assn Lunch at Henderson RSA

Hi Folks

FROM THE SICKBAY

I understand that Bryan Shankland is now back at home recuperating. Jim Paltridge has returned to St Christophers in Papatoetoe after treatment.

Ray Niethe is now at home and hopefully will not need to have the shoulder operation.

VISITOR FROM AUSTRALIA

Peter Campbell (100554) (Don Campbell's son) is in New Zealand for a short visit. I will be meeting him at the Birkenhead RSA tomorrow (Tuesday) at 1500 if you would like to catch up.

MOTUIHE REUNION

A reunion is to be held in Auckland 14-16 February 2020 for all those who served in HMNZS Tamaki on Motuihe Island (The Rock). This will be a one-off reunion to bring together those who experienced a unique time in their lives and the history of the RNZN. To have completed your training on that island was a triumph in itself and an experience that will never be forgotten.

The reunion will be open to anyone who served on The Rock, either as a trainee or a member of the Ship's Company. Personnel attending the reunion are welcome to bring their wife, partner or sweetheart with them.

Registration form available from RNZN Comms Assn website.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Posted on the 'EX RNZN NAVY CLUB' Facebook page by Grant Morrell

In Dec of 2011 Improvised Manning Positions (IMP) took place across all 3 services, as for the RNZN, about 120 service persons were abruptly dismissed from service with little or no recognition to service presented to them by senior staff. From that date/time forth this poor recognition of service has continued for many. You would have read my thread on this group (EX RNZN NAVY CLUB Facebook page) as to my cheap certificate sent in the mail and the closure I got from that with CN. This gave me back my faith in the service. The 94+ comments in that thread were seen by senior staff and the current CN has stated that this is totally unacceptable and under his watch it will be rectified. So what and how we fix this. There are some whom on receiving nothing have an angry spot within them and want nothing from the NZDF, there are some still looking for closure on their time of service, and there are some whom received a Certificate of Service (COS) but with names, date, ships and spelling being incorrect.

So I as a middle man with this social media group, WHAT do you want if you are seeking closure to your service career. 2 ideas to mind; is a new corrected COS or a cap tally board with COS.

Email me direct at lynroc2@gmail.com, in that email, I will need; what you received on completion of service, i.e incorrect details on COS or nothing etc. So a full name, rank, start/end date and S/No. and a contact email please. Once collocated, whether I get 1 or many, these will then be forwarded to senior naval staff for action of which the Record of Service will be checked against, in that they can also identify what ships you have served and you will be contacted in due course.

SHIP OF THE WEEK – HMNZS INCHKEITH (T155)

HMNZS *Inchkeith* was one of the first warships to be commissioned into the Royal New Zealand Navy after the awarding of the title that was effective 1 October 1941. It was named after the Scottish island in the Firth of Forth.

The Isles-class minesweepers were a group of vessels based on the Admiralty designed Anti-submarine and Minesweeping trawler HMS *Bassett* that was commissioned in 1935. Other groups of similar design include the Tree-class minesweepers in which many New Zealand RNZNVR officers served in during the Second World War. The Isles-class purpose was for training rather than active operations. In April 1941, the Admiralty offered four Isles-class vessels to the New Zealand government which accepted it in July as part of the recommendations that there be nineteen vessels for minesweeping and anti-submarines duties in New Zealand's home waters. The government paid £65,000 each for the four vessels that were commissioned as *Inchkeith*, *Sanda*, *Killegray*, and *Scarba*.

Inchkeith remained in reserve at the dockyard until the RNZN declared it surplus in 1957. All four Isles-class ships were sold en bloc to G A Sparrey in August 1958 for scrapping. The ships were broken up at the Lighter Basin in Freemans Bay, Auckland in 1959.



DID YOU KNOW?

On 1 February 1966 a domestic vacuum cleaner was made available for use by MLs refitting or maintaining to assist in internal ship husbandry. Auckland General Order 5112 made the Diving School responsible for its issue and safe custody.
(Ship's stores were scarce in those days!)

Regards

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