

HMNZS NGAPONA ASSOCIATION INC

LONGCAST

30 August 20 - WOSCS Reece Golding MNZM, MSM – Terminal Date
3 September 20 - Merchant Navy Day Service, Maritime Museum, Auckland
6 September 20 - Merchant Navy Day Service, Tauranga
11 September 20 - Navy Club Lunch – Remuera Club
18 September 20 – Ngapona Assn Lunch at Mt Maunganui RSA
9 October 20 - Navy Club Lunch – Remuera Club
16 October 20 – Ngapona Assn Lunch at Glen Eden RSA
16 October 20 – Trafalgar Day Lunch at Te Atatu RSA

Hi Folks

FROM THE SICKBAY

Sad to report that Mike Dinwiddie is in Northshore Hospital. All the best Mike.

MUG NIGHT POSTPONED

The planned Mug Night to be held on the 28th of August at the Birkenhead RSA due to COVID 19 has been postponed until further notice.

SHIP OF THE WEEK – HMNZS RESOLUTION (A14)

HMNZS *Resolution* (A14) was a hydrographic ship of the Royal New Zealand Navy (RNZN). Originally the United States Naval Ship USNS *Tenacious* (T-AGOS-17), the Stalwart-class ocean surveillance ship was used by the United States to locate and track Soviet submarines from 1989 to 1997, when she was transferred to the RNZN for use as a hydrographic survey ship.

On commissioning into the RNZN on 13 February 1997, the ship was renamed HMNZS *Resolution*, after the sailing sloop HMS *Resolution*, used by James Cook during his second and third voyages of exploration, in recognition of the extensive hydrographic survey work done by Cook. *Resolution* replaced HMNZ Ships *Tui* and *Monowai* as the navy's primary survey and acoustic research vessel. She undertook various marine survey tasks, including for the Land Information New Zealand agency. SMB *Adventure* was operated by *Resolution* as a tender and survey motor boat.

She served until 27 April 2012. *Resolution* was decommissioned at Devonport Naval Base on 27 April 2012. She was subsequently sold to EGS Group, a private

surveying company, and renamed RV *Geo Resolution*. Following the sale she left Devonport Naval Base for the final time on 11 October 2014.

On 22 February 2011, *Resolution* was underway off Christchurch when the 2011 Canterbury earthquake occurred. NZ Navy Today said later : '..the feeling onboard was that the engines had been set in full astern with associated shuddering and shaking. It was only when a dust cloud over Christchurch was observed and chatter on VHF soon alerted the bridge team of the enormity of the disaster. With Captain Dean McDougall (CTU 654.0.1, Captain Fleet Operational Support) in an established headquarters on HMNZS *Canterbury* in Lyttelton, *Resolution* reported for duty and was subsequently called in to conduct a hydrographic confidence survey of the main channel into the Port of Lyttelton.





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