

HMNZS NGAPONA ASSOCIATION INC

LONGCAST

25 April 20 – ANZAC Day
27 April 20 – ANZAC Day observed
15 May 20 – Ngapona Assn Lunch at Pt Chevalier RSA (tbc)
1 June 20 – Queen’s Birthday
12 June 20 – Navy Club Lunch – Remuera Club (tbc)
19 June 20 - Ngapona Assn Lunch at Howick RSA
10 July 20 – Navy Club Lunch – Remuera Club
17 July 20 - Ngapona Assn Lunch at New Lynn RSA
25 July 20 - Ngapona Assn Formal Dinner at Pt Chevalier RSA

Hi Folks

Key telephone numbers

- COVID-19 Healthline [0800 358 5453](tel:08003585453)
- For general health issues, phone your doctor
- For emergencies dial [111](tel:111).
- If you are feeling anxious or just need someone to talk to [call](tel:08001737) or [text 1737](tel:08001737)
- Elder Abuse Helpline [0800 32 668 65](tel:08003266865)
- If you need to discuss your entitlements phone the MSD Senior Services line [0800 552 002](tel:0800552002)
- Money Talks free and confidential budgeting advice [0800 345 123](tel:0800345123)
- Make sure all your details are correct through your MyMSD Account at www.my.msd.govt.nz
- If you’re not sure what assistance may be available, don’t know who to contact for help, call the free government helpline on [0800 779 997](tel:0800779997) (8am to 10pm, 7 days a week).

For advice, support and general enquiries call [0800 22 66 57](tel:0800226657) 8am to 8pm, Monday to Friday and 8am to 5pm, Saturday to Sunday.

FACE MASKS

I avoid advertising in the weekly email but these are unusual times. Face masks may soon be in very short supply and this supplier has a shipment arriving.

If you are in need of PPE a wholesale supplier Sportclub Co Ltd has shipments of masks arriving in the next 7 days and are now taking orders. There are two type of masks available:

KN95 Masks:

These KN95 masks are the most effective mask you can get to protect yourself in the current climate. These are the masks used in hospitals to stop the spread of Covid-19. They are FDA approved and also MOH approved (Certificates of Compliance available). They're available in two box sizes:

\$215.00 for a box of 50 masks (including GST and shipping), or
\$1,975.00 for a box of 500 masks (including GST and shipping)

Surgical Masks:

These are 5 layer surgical masks and available in two box sizes:

\$90.00 for a box of 50 masks (including GST and shipping), or
\$875.00 for a box of 500 masks (including GST and shipping)

If you are interested in purchasing masks please email Luana Misa at: luana@sportclub.co.nz



KN95 mask

ANZAC DAY 2020 – (PROVIDED BY JACK DONNELLY, EX WOGI)

This ANZAC morning (Saturday 25th April) will be like no other in the history of this poignant and special day in which Aussies and Kiwis have commemorated for well over 100 years.

The role of veterans this year is to organize brief but meaningful commemorative services within their community. We are seen as the custodians of ANZAC day. The general public and younger generations look to us for understanding and guidance. We must not let this occasion pass without honouring and remembering in some small way those ANZAC's and every man and woman who died serving their countries in all conflicts since WW1.

Here are a number of ideas for those who are confident and wish to organize and 'run' a simple and brief service in your street.

- a. A few days prior, do a "letter box drop" to your closet neighbours explaining your intentions and how it will all go.
- b. 5 minutes before you intend to start have them assemble on their driveways, carrying lighted candles, which can be optional.
- c. To draw their attention you can either, blow the trench whistle (see history below) this could be printed in your newsletter to them. Other ideas are to sound the "Still"

- or just speak loudly as in the early morning your voice will 'carry' for a long distance.
- d. Begin by welcoming all your neighbours
 - e. If you have a sound system/recording machine play the last post/reveille at the appropriate times.
 - f. Reciting of the Ode of Remembrance.
 - g. A moment's silence
 - h. To complete the service give the ANZAC's and veterans 3 hearty Cheers
 - i. Thank your neighbours for their attendance
 - j. You can guarantee one thing, your neighbours will appreciate someone taking the lead.

Notes:

- a. Encourage children to be in attendance.
- b. You may request that neighbours attend with a drinking vessel to raise it at some stage during the service as a 'toast/salute to the ANZAC's
- c. Ensure everyone keeps the 'safe distance' rule.

HISTORY OF THE TRENCH WHISTLE

The only historical sound that is heard on ANZAC day services are the bugle calls, but it was the haunting and dull sound of the trench whistle that was the most poignant.

Moments before the whistle sounded soldiers had what was called their 'quiet time' in which some would say a prayer, glance at a photo of their loved ones, think of home or simply make the sign of the cross.

"Fix bayonets, stand by," Then the whistle would blow and they knew it was time.

The three words that are forever immortalized into the history of trench warfare,

"Over the top" was then commanded by the officer in charge.

These brave young men would scale the trenches and charge into 'no mans' land, many would be killed instantly, others would be wounded or die later. The lucky ones survived to fight another day.

"Lest We Forget"

RNZRSA WEBPAGE

A webpage www.standatdawn.com, the official NZ site for Anzac Day, (administered by RNZRSA) has just launched. There is still further work to do on the webpage to include activities for kids information, facts etc. This will be finished over the coming week. Please feel free to broadcast its existence to your members.

PROFESSIONAL SKIPPER MAGAZINE – FROM KEITH INGRAM

In the weeks ahead, we will keep providing informative, useful and news-worthy stories about the marine and maritime industry for you.

To assist in keeping everyone informed at this time, we have also decided to publish a regular (weekly for now) eNewsletter 'Skipper News Bites', intended to be short and focused, containing a snapshot of urgent or important maritime news. Readers are welcome to offer contributions.

To make sure you don't miss out on our e-editions please sign up for our mailing list at: www.skipper.co.nz/newsletter/ – and tell your friends and family to sign up too. We want as many people as possible to get the benefit of informative news at this time.

Every back issue of Professional Skipper magazine is in the digital 'bookcase' and is free to view, so please enjoy them in the safety of your home.

GUARDIAN-CLASS PATROL BOAT (GCPB)

Austal Limited is pleased to announce the delivery of the sixth Guardian-class Patrol Boat (GCPB) to the Australian Department of Defence. In the latest milestone for the Pacific Maritime Security Program, Australia has handed over the newest Guardian-class Patrol Boat to Fiji at a ceremony on March 6, 2020, at Austal Shipyard in Henderson, Western Australia.

The vessel, the RFNS Savenaca, was today gifted by the Government of Australia to the Government of Fiji during a handover ceremony at Austal Australia's Henderson shipyard – attended by the Fijian Prime Minister, Frank Bainimarama, Australian Minister for Defence Senator the Hon. Linda Reynolds CSC, Australian Minister for Defence Industry, the Hon. Melissa Price MP and Chief of Defence Force, General Angus Campbell AO DSC.

Faster, with improved seakeeping, better amenities and an enhanced mission capability – including an integrated stern launch and recovery system – the Guardian-class Patrol Boat(s) provide the Fiji Navy with a much improved naval asset to carry out border patrols, regional policing, search and rescue and many other operations domestically and internationally.

The Pacific Patrol Boat Replacement (PPB-R) Project was awarded to Austal in May 2016, with an additional contract option awarded in April 2018, taking the program to 21 vessels valued at more than A\$335 million.

Twelve Pacific Island nations including Papua New Guinea, Fiji, the Federated States of Micronesia, Tonga, Solomon Islands, Cook Islands, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Palau, Samoa, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, and Timor Leste will receive the vessels through to 2023.

The Pacific Patrol Boats Replacement (PPBR) project is aimed at replacing the existing Pacific Patrol Boats fleet. The GCPB has an overall length of 39.5m, an overall beam of 8m, a loaded draught of 2.5m, and a cargo deck area of 16m². It can accommodate up to 23 personnel.

The patrol boat can carry a Work Ribs (WRH635FRB) fast rescue boat, certified by SOLAS. Driven by two 90hp Yamaha outboard motors, the fast rescue boat can seat 15 crew. A launch and recovery system fitted at the stern is used to deploy and retrieve the fast rescue boat.



RFNS *Savenaca*

THE TAMAKI – FORT CAUTLEY REUNION INTRODUCING YOUR REUNION PATRON

It gives me great pleasure to advise a Patron for the proposed Tamaki Reunion has been appointed.

Rear Admiral James (Jim) Gilmour – Commander Joint Forces NZ has kindly accepted our invitation for this position.

Jim joined the Royal New Zealand Navy in 1985 as a communications rating and progressed impressively throughout his 35 year career, achieving the current rank of Rear Admiral. His inspirational career is testament to his commitment, his professionalism and his ability to inspire and lead from senior positions within the NZ Defence Force.

His service to New Zealand and the New Zealand Defence Force is a credit to him. I am sure all will agree that he is the ideal person to be appointed as 'Patron'.

'Welcome aboard Sir'

We are now actively seeking volunteers to form the Reunion Committee and will advise in due course who will form your committee once confirmed.

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Rear Admiral James (Jim) Gilmour

SHIP OF THE WEEK – HMNZS LEANDER

Leander was launched at Devonport on 24 September 1931. She was commissioned into the Royal Navy as HMS Leander on 24 March 1933. Along with Achilles she served in the New Zealand Division of the Royal Navy.

On 13 July 1943, Leander was with Rear Admiral Walden Lee Ainsworth's Task Group 36.1 of three light cruisers: Leander and the US ships Honolulu and St. Louis.

The task group also included ten destroyers. At 01:00 the Allied ships established radar contact with the Japanese cruiser Jintsu, which was accompanied by five destroyers near Kolombangara in the Solomon Islands. In the ensuing Battle of Kolombangara, Jintsu was sunk and all three Allied cruisers were hit by torpedoes and disabled. Leander was hit by a single torpedo just abaft 'A' boiler room. 26 crew from the boiler room and the No.1 4-inch gun mount immediately above were killed or posted missing. The ship was so badly damaged that she took no further part in the war. She was first repaired in Auckland, then proceeded to a full refit in Boston. She returned to the Royal Navy on 27 August 1945. In 1946 she was involved in the Corfu Channel Incident. She was scrapped in 1950.

On 6th March 2020 Fiji commissioned the RFNS Savenaca, a patrol vessel named after Savenaca Naulumatua, a sailor from Fiji who lost his life while serving on the Leander during the Battle of Kolombangara.



DID YOU KNOW?

On 13th April 1860, the first Naval Volunteer company was formed under the Militia Act 1858, which authorised the formation of citizen militia units for land and coastal duties. It was formed under the auspices of Mr William Hobbs who gathered 47 'sea-faring' men together and offered their services to the Colonial Secretary. Each Volunteer was armed with a rifle of the old muzzle-loading pattern and a cutlass (both of which were not of good serviceable standard as a later Commanding Officer of the Navals was to note). They also took delivery of four guns; they were to be placed in Fort Britomart. The new unit 'wore Naval pattern uniform from its inception'. They were responsible for gunnery, boatwork and manning coastal batteries.

The first Officers of this first New Zealand Naval Unit were Lt William Harry Hobbs and Lt William Crush Daldy.



William C Daldy

Regards

Jerry Payne

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