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WHANGAMATA RSA NEWSLETTER

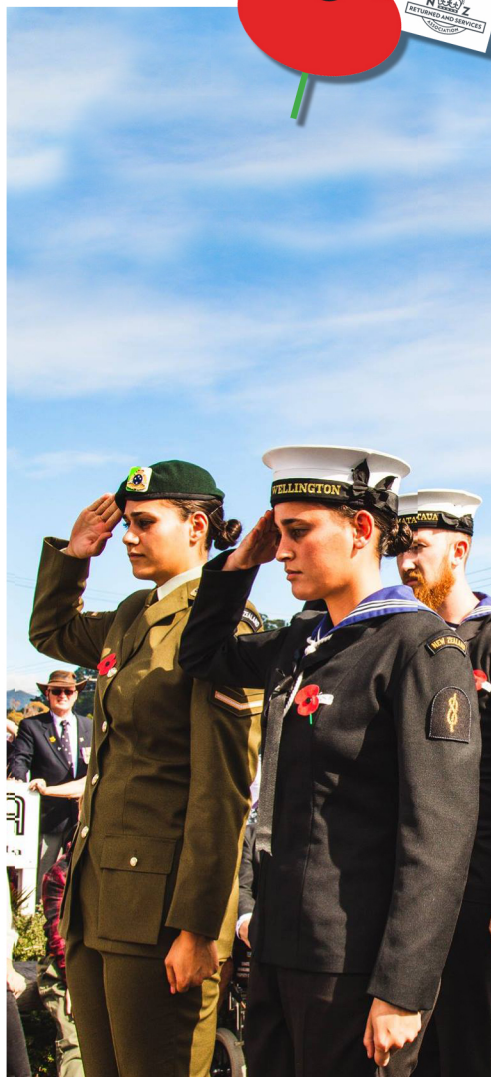
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"If you see someone without a smile - give them one of yours"



ANZAC Edition



Inside...

- ANZAC
- What's On at Whangamata RSA
- Bowls + Beach Hop + Easter

and more...

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Geoff March

The last couple of months have been busy and exciting, Beach Hop appeared to be larger than we have seen before, more people anyway. We had five busy nights and the Truck Show and Band on the Saturday was a first and went down very well. For all involved in all of that, Thank you.

Next big weekend was Easter, again large numbers of people enjoying our RSA, our Easter Raffle went extremely well, and we had some very happy winners. The Easter Egg Hunt took a bit of time finally found all the hidden swatches, was fun and many went home with a lot of eggs, the John McGough (Trumpet Guy) show was entertaining, he certainly can play a wide range of instruments, plus he is a good entertainer as well.

ANZAC DAY is approaching fast, before that we have POPPY DAY, which is Friday 16th, want to help and or get involved please see Kerry, collectors are always appreciated. This year there is an innovation for collecting as many do not carry cash on them anymore, there is a QR Code (Same as the COVID tracer) that will go on buckets and collection boxes. A simple to use scan and proceeds will come back to our RSA.

There will be a timetable for ANZAC DAY in this edition, so you know what is going on and where. As ANZAC DAY has been Mondayised, I suspect we will have a big attendance at the Beach Service and Parade, plus it is two years since the last commemorated day. Yes, we have plans for things of difference again, fingers crossed we get good weather, but that should not bother us too much. We will be asking for foliage, flowers, and greenery suitable to use in the Wreaths, we will advertise what, where and how closer to the time.

We have agreed to upgrading the sound system, this was planned to be installed on Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th April, we are working around the adjuncts and their regular activities. Will be great to have a reliable and clearly heard system, plus it will have some modern features that will future proof us and let us have some diversity using the internet.

Our membership numbers are still increasing at a surprising and pleasing rate, 2500 members is not a long way off. If we reach 2500 members it will be such a positive and exciting time for our RSA, just shows that our regular and local members do make our atmosphere friendly, and family orientated.

We have noticed a lot of people are out travelling around New Zealand as they have not been able to travel overseas. I have met some people from the deep south and a lot of motorhomers, it has been an interesting time.

Thank you all for being so welcoming and friendly to other members, guests, and families this is what makes our RSA the success it is, and is talked about by other RSA's, well done all.



Important information for Veterans/Service Persons who have: NZ Operation Service Number, including CMT and National Service.

Contact: Whangamata RSA Support Advisor
Angela Baker – 021 246 6223

Veterans Independence Programme (VIP)

This programme is designed for service persons who joined the NZ Defence Force prior to 1974, to help Veterans stay independent in their own homes.

The services are based on a needs assessment of the Veteran and you do not need to have suffered a service-related injury or illness to access these services. You may also be able to get Social Rehabilitation if you have a service-related condition.

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Scheme Two

This scheme is designed for Veteran's post 1974. The vast majority of services members will work in civilian life for longer than they served in the military. Veterans Affairs are there to help you transition to civilian life.

Check out the Veterans' Affairs web site for comprehensive information or phone Veterans Affairs on freephone 0800 483 8372



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RSA

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UPCOMING EVENTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

April

Sunday 25th
ANZAC Day 'Ebonivory'



May

Sunday 2nd
Country Music Club
12noon - 4pm

Sunday 9th
Doc Jeffries - 4pm

Saturday 15th
Rebecca Nelson - 6.30pm



Sunday 30th
Kevin Greaves
4pm



June

Sunday 6th
Country Music Club
12noon - 4pm

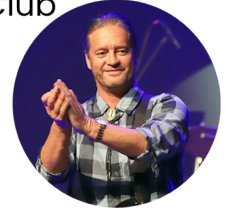


Sunday 6th
Helen Riley - 4.30pm

Sunday 13th / Sunday 27th
Kevin Greaves - 4pm

July

Sunday 4th
Country Music Club
12noon - 4pm



Sunday 4th
Dave Ewart - 4.30pm

Sunday 11th / Sunday 25th
Kevin Greaves - 4pm

All welcome to join, come in and see us!

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Womens Section

Lyn Ward - President

Our April meeting was held on Tuesday 6th April at the earlier time of 1.15pm. This was a short meeting as all members were booked into the restaurant for lunch. Birthdays were acknowledged to those members who had their special day in March and April as we were unable to have our March meeting due to Covid. We also had our usual welfare and section raffles. After the meeting, all members went into the restaurant where we all had a lovely lunch. Yings as usual did themselves and the RSA proud and everybody enjoyed the day.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 4th May at the usual time of 1.30pm. We will have Jo Jukes as our guest speaker. She will be talking to us about the family's therapy dog.

Sadly, we lost our Patron, Coral Mackwood, on the morning of Sunday 11th April. Coral has been a strong member of our women's section joining in February 1989 and was the second longest serving member. She was on the committee for a time and looked after the welfare, visiting members when she was able and continued sending cards and flowers when required. Coral always knew what words to use when sending cards to our members. At our monthly meetings Coral had the responsibility of selling raffles tickets for welfare and I am not sure how long she had been doing this but when I joined in October 2012, she was doing this then. Coral was awarded both her life membership and long service badges, and these were well deserved.

To Coral's family, on behalf of all our members, we know she will be sorely missed by you all as she will be missed by us. R.I.P. Coral and thank you for all your hard work and support for the Whangamata RSA Women's Section.



Two NZ infantrymen receive a glass of wine from an Italian woman in the village of Barbiano, which had fallen to the New Zealanders a few minutes before. —OP, 13368.



Another group of happy New Zealanders, who arrived home in a recent furlough draft.—DOP.



NZET TIMES

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Vol. 4, No. 204 ITALY, MAY 21, 1945

TEN MILLION RAISED ON OPENING DAY

WELLINGTON, May 16.—A total of £12,128,734 was collected throughout New Zealand for the 1945 Victory Loan. With this total, which includes the amount for the first loan, £12,128,734, the Dominion will have by now a comparatively narrow margin of the target of half the amount of the loan on the opening day.

HOME AGAIN



Three Kiwis, members of a recent furlough draft, arrive in New Zealand, some happy after their first glimpse of the country they left some years before.—DOP.

RUAPEHU AGAIN SPOUTING FLAME AND STEAM

WELLINGTON, May 16.—Mount Ruapehu is active again. It is reported to be showing considerable signs of activity. After a week of particularly quiet conditions, there is a report that the mountain is now showing signs of activity. The first burst of flame was seen as a black plume about 100 feet high. The second burst was accompanied by the noise of a steam boiler.

140,000 Plane Goes Up In Smoke

Stolen Airliner Wrecked At Mangere 'Drome' Auckland, May 16.—About 9.30 on the night of May 13, people living about Mangere civil aerodrome, Auckland, heard the roar of plane motors and then a crash. Then they saw a burst of fire which grew to a blaze that lit the whole aerodrome.

Air Engineer Appears in Court

This someone had his appeal in the Auckland Probate Court on May 16. When an appeal was made against the will of a man who died in 1938, the court was told that the man had been an air engineer.

VC's Decorated By King

LONDON, May 15.—King George VI has decorated two New Zealanders who served in the 25th Battalion, New Zealand Infantry, during the war.

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Whangamata RSA
ANZAC DAY

SUNDAY 25TH APRIL 2021

- lest we forget -

RSA



A photograph after the wedding on April 14 at No 1 NZ General Hospital of Captain Ronald Arthur Tinker, 2 NZEF, and Sister Elsie Francis Brown, Edendale. —OP, 13511.

Dawn Service

- 6.30am** Assemble at Surf Club for Sunrise Flag raising, Service starts at 6.50am.
Medals to be worn. Everyone welcome
- 7.15am** Breakfast at Blackies. \$15.00 per person.
Bacon & Eggs, Toast, Tea & Coffee.
Please bring cash.

Parade/Service

- 9.30am** Meet at Whangamata RSA for Mix & Mingle and Tea/Coffee.
- 10.20am** Move to Street March point of assembly at the TCDC Building, Port Road.
- 10.45am** Fall in behind the Bay of Plenty Pipes & Drums and march to the Whangamata War Memorial Centre. Medals to be worn (Yours worn on the left, medals belonging to relatives on the right).
Parade Marshall – Geoff MARCH
- 11.00am** Service in Whangamata War Memorial Centre.
Welcome by RSA President Geoff March.
Service to be taken by RSA Padre Terri Sorensen.
The Guest Speaker is Wing Comdr Diana Woods RNZAF.
Further Speakers on the day will be:
MP Scott Simpson, Whangamata Area
School Representatives Head Boy
Keegan Pace and Head Girl Kaysha Lawson.

At the completion of the service, the laying of wreaths and floral tributes will take place at the Wall of Remembrance, followed by the Last Post, Ode and Reveille.

Special mention of the names on the WW1 Honour Roll.

Following the wreath laying, a light lunch and an afternoon of entertainment by Ebonivory and a performance by The Bay of Plenty Pipes & Drums and Highland and Irish Dancers at Whangamata RSA

The old newspaper clippings throughout this issue are kindly on loan from Jan Findlay



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RSA



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TAMAKI RD

A big thank you to Colin and the rest of the guys from Ventia who install the street signs around Whangamata including our new Poppy Signs.

We have seven signs. Starting with Tamaki Rd. In the next few issues of the "Razza" we will bring you info on the following: Achilles Ave, Ajax Rd, Bellona Rd, Exeter Rd, Leander Rd and Philomel Rd



Establishment of Tamaki

With the outbreak of the Second World War, a training establishment for naval personnel to man the expansion of the New Zealand naval force was required. The Government was well aware that while the nation did not have a sizeable fleet to contribute to the war at sea, a steady supply of trained men could be provided. This would require a training establishment near to the naval base at Devonport. The naval base did not have sufficient space and the infrastructure to support training operations.

In December 1940 the government approved the use of the old quarantine station at Motuihe Island in the Hauraki Gulf and the New Zealand Naval Board was authorised to take control of Motuihe Island for the establishment of a training base. Due to the suitable location and size of Motuihe it was sufficient distance from the population so as not to interfere with the smooth running of the training programme but close enough that supplies and libertymen could have access to the naval base and Auckland city. The existing buildings on Motuihe that were built by the Health Department were readily converted into barracks. In addition, there were good facilities for boat training, parading, and recreation.

On 20 January 1941 the shore establishment was commissioned into service as HMS Tamaki for training of the men for naval service with the RNZN. Tamaki's motto was 'Ake Ake Kia Kaha' – For ever be strong. The first commanding officer was Commander Dennistoun DSO, a Royal Navy officer that came out of retirement. Tamaki would train those men who had enlisted for service with the Royal New Zealand Navy as well as all those who were 'hostilities only' volunteers. It was planned that 900 trained personnel would pass through Tamaki for service with the Royal New Zealand Navy. By 1945 over 6,000 men and women had been trained at Tamaki representing over 60% of the personnel to have served with the RNZN during the Second World War. The first trainee was Ordinary Seaman Norman H. Ambler who arrived on 20 January 1941.

Up to 25 men formed a class for basic training as ordinary seamen at Tamaki. Men who had volunteered for service in the Fleet Air Arm also passed through the establishment before they were sent overseas for flight training. Men who were Scheme B volunteers had their basic training at Tamaki before they too went overseas to the United Kingdom for officer training. After the completion of basic training, some men would be sent to HMNZS Philomel for specialist training. Stokers, Telegraphist, Radar Operators, Coders, Supply assistants, Cooks, and Signallers were given branch instruction at Tamaki.

In February 1941 the training Division marched up Queen Street. This was the first public occasion for Tamaki. Large crowds turned out for the march and the press at the time reported many positive comments on the appearance of the naval trainees. On 3 March 1941, a party from Tamaki provided the Guard of Honour for the first visit to Auckland of Sir Cyril Newall the Governor General of New Zealand. The initial classes of trainees were sent to HMS Sultan the naval base in Singapore and many took part in the defence of Singapore.[1] Others were sent to Trincomalee naval base in Ceylon (now Sri Lanka).

HMNZS Tamaki remained in service through to the end of the Second World War. After the war it was retained as a training establishment. All men and women who enlisted with the RNZN in the late 1940s and 1950s passed through Tamaki and completed their Basic Training there. However, by the 1960s the RNZN was facing major costs in refurbishing the establishment but attempts to move were rebuffed by Wellington. However, after a visit to the Army camp at Narrowneck, the Minister of Defence approved the closing down of Motuihe Island. He came to this decision reportedly after seeing two army NCOs playing golf at Narrow Neck.

Up until 1988 naval cadets would visit Motuihe Island and the Padre's House as part of their training.

Narrowneck was sited on land that had been purchased in 1886 and by 1889 Fort Takapuna was constructed on the site. Prior to the First World War it was used for Volunteers and Territorial forces for training purposes with the guns that were installed in the fort. During the First World War a main camp was constructed for use as recruit depot, including the Maori and Pacific Island pioneer units of NZEF. At the end of the Second World War it was the HQ for Territorial Units and accommodation for Regular Force personnel in Auckland Area. In 1958 the Narrow Neck Military Camp was renamed Fort Cautley.

After the approval the training base at Motuihe was closed down and Tamaki relocated to Narrowneck. At that time there was still a strong army presence, in fact during the flag raising ceremony to commission Narrowneck as HMNZS Tamaki on 26 September, what was to become the Administration Block, just inside the main entrance, was still divided into flats and the slightly bemused residents watched the ceremony from their windows. Other facilities moved there included Officers and Trades training schools. In 1968 the accommodations were upgraded and the Officers' Mess extended with the work being undertaken by the Army engineers. The site was in continuous use until 1993 when the Basic Common Trainees, the first navy unit was moved from HMNZS Tamaki to the North Yard of HMNZS Philomel.

At the turn of the new century, as part of a major reform of the Naval Command structure, HMNZS Tamaki ceased to exist and Philomel assumed responsibility for the whole of the naval base and facilities in November 2000. With the development of the North Yard at HMNZS Philomel, only the Officers and Trades training remain at Narrow Neck.



Seaman Boys Class 31 1945

Welcome to two new members who recently joined our RSA, Hugh and Jan Packer

They have shared with us with details of their family's service history in World War I and World War II.

Jan Packer's Great Uncles who gave their lives in World War I, as below:

Trooper – John Robert Campbell

Service Number: 7/27
 Regiment & Unit/Ship: Canterbury Mounted Rifles, N.Z.E.F.
 Died 30th June 1915. Age 23 years old.
 Commemorated (body not found) at LONE PINE MEMORIAL 71. Turkey. (Including Gallipoli)
 Additional Info – Son of Robert Campbell and Helena Campbell (nee Westphal), of Waituna, Waimate, South Canterbury.
 His brother James Campbell also fell.

Rifleman – James Campbell

Service Number: 14063
 Regiment & Unit/Ship: New Zealand Rifle Brigade 4th Bn. 3rd
 Died 07th December 1917. Age 24 years old.
 Buried at LIJSSENTHOEK MILITARY CEMETERY XXVII. D. 7A. Belgium
 Additional Info – Son of Robert Campbell and Helena Campbell (nee Westphal), of Waituna, Waimate, South Canterbury.
 His brother John Robert Campbell also fell.

Their third youngest brother, also Robert Campbell (maybe named after his older brother) survived World War II and POW Death March through Poland.

Her Grandfather, Herbert Hinman Jackson survived World War I. What a miracle also. He was a Runner in Passchendaele.

Hugh Packer's Great Uncle who gave his life in World War II, as below:

Private William Ledger Buss

Service Number: 19341
 Regiment & Unit/Ship – New Zealand Infantry 26th Bn.
 Died 22nd July 1942. Age 31 years old.
 Buried or Commemorated at ALAMEIN MEMORIAL Column 102. Egypt.
 Additional Info – Son of William James Pemberton Buss and of Mary Buss (nee Blackett), of Hawarden, North Canterbury, New Zealand.



A view of the gift shop for New Zealand personnel which has been opened at New Zealand Forces Club, Bari. —OP, 13512.

VC's Decorated By King

LONDON, May 15.

Capt. C. Upham and Sgt. J. Hinton received their VC's from the King at a recent investiture at Buckingham Palace.

Lieut.-Col. C. Shuttleworth received the DSO, Capt. S.O. Hetherington the MBE, and Major McCowan the MBE.

They lunched at the New Zealand Forces Club, where the guests included Lady Freyberg, Major-General Kippenberger, and Brigadier Park.

“Like Garbage Man”

“DISGRUNTLED SOLDIER” waxes indignant to “Truth” over a recent issue of tropical clothing. He says “jackets and trousers are brown and green respectively, a very poor match, whilst the majority of shorts are cut-down denims. The greater portion of this clothing is second-hand and requires washing.” He adds: “I would like to know why I, when overseas, should look like a garbage man.”

The Minister of Defence, Hon. F. Jones, replies that “all material for the manufacture of tropical uniform has to be imported, and supplies available have been insufficient to meet our requirements. Used khaki drill clothing had therefore to be issued to some extent, but it was all thoroughly laundered or dry-cleaned before re-issue. Admittedly the issues would consist of varying shades but this was unavoidable. “The manufacture of new khaki drill clothing is now in hand, fresh supplies of material having come to hand.”

NZET TIMES

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VICTORY in Europe

Dash Round Gulf Of Venice Crowned Advance

NZ Infantry Go Light Tanks

Prisoners Total Put At 15,000

Three Rivers In Four Days

Keep Plugging On



Whangamata Bowling green on Sunday 21 March saw forty five players forming mixed teams from the Whangamata RSA and the Whangamata Bowling Club.

A great day was had by all, lots of fun and laughter. Many players dressed in green as it was the week of St Patrick's.



Twentymans Funeral Services Welfare Bowls Tournament. Thank you to our Sponsors:

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- 2nd Prize #247
Carol Jeffcoat
- 3rd Prize #527
Frances O'Loughlin

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Worked on a points system,
 every team plays every team.

RSA Rules

Limited to 16 Teams

Sausage sizzle and raffles each night

**THURSDAY
 SNOOKER RESULTS**

18th March 2021

Winner: Glenys

Runner Up: Glenn

Hi Break: Gavin

Raffle Winner: Paula

1st April 2021

Winner: Ken P 4 Wins, 236 Points

Runner Up: Stephen H, 3 Wins, 215 Points

Hi Break: Gavin, 22 Points

Raffle Winner: Paula

8th April 2021

Winner: Gavin, 4 Wins, 334 Points

Runner Up: Stephen, 4 Wins, 224 Points

Hi Break: Gavin, 40 Points

Sponsors Prize: Ken P

Raffle Winner: No. 12 – Cherie

**GOLDEN OLDIES
 SNOOKER RESULTS**

Golden Oldies Practice Round

22nd March 2021

Players: 12

Highest Break: Bob S

Winner: Bob S; 4 Wins, 231 Points

Runner Up: Ray; 3 Wins, 216 Points

Raffle: No. 12; Bob S

6th April 2021

Players: 10

Highest Break: Graham W

Winner: Barney; 4 Wins, 247 Points

Runner Up: Bob S; 2 Wins, 226 Points

Raffle: No. 12 – G. Walder

Golden Oldies Tournament

Date: 12th April 2021

Home Game

Played: Waihi RSA

Won: 12 – 4

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Lesley Staniland and Peter West

Are hitting the road in our motorhome don't know when we'll be back again!

Peter (30 years in Whanga) and Lesley (11 years) have met many people and made lots of friends along the way.

We thank you for your friendship and support and would like to invite you all to join us for drinkies (our shout)

Where: Whangamata RSA
When: Sunday 18th April
Time: From 2.00pm

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Don had planned to celebrate his 80th Birthday at Ying's @ the RSA last year (but then Covid happened). This year his party went ahead and he celebrated his 81st Birthday.
Happy Birthday Don!



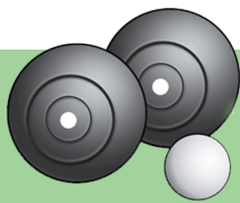
Don Law and his wife Aileen

family

Alan "aka Chips with his great grandchildren, who are twins.



FROM THE BOWLING ALLEY TO THE MAT



The list of Winners for March is as follows:
Basil, Trish, John Hares, Max, Ann Costar, Marilyn,
Bryan, Peg, Lynda, and John Aislabie.

Runners Up were:
Ann Purcell, Jenny, Laurene, Ellen McSkimming, Trish,
Joy, June, Don and Marilyn.

Raffle Winners:
John Hares, Trish, Ellen Martin and Lauren.

(You will note that one person featured in all three of the above)

The Men's Singles contested by the following:
Jim Foley, Brian Wyatt, Alex Steel, Patrick Cairns, Don Gardner, Peter Gorrie, Bruce Rollo, Norm Sayer, John Hares and Basil Johnston.

The games for qualifying were very interesting and well fought. With the following making it to the finals:
Alex, Patrick, Don, John Hares, Basil.

The Quarter Final played by Basil v Alex was won by Basil by 1 point.

The Semi Finals played by Patrick v Don - won by Patrick 10 - 8 and Basil v John - won by John 12 - 8 both Semi Finals were tight to the last bowl.

The Final between John and Patrick was also a tight game with John coming out as the well deserved winner.

Thursday Night Bowls, We are looking for more players, new or otherwise. It is a good friendly night. Come and have dinner then join us by 6.45pm

Tuesday 9.45am and Thursday 6.45pm

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No matter how long you served, with which Service or Country.

We are meeting the first Wednesday of each month. 5pm at Whangamata RSA.

A casual gathering to chat and if you want, have a meal.

We hope to see you there!



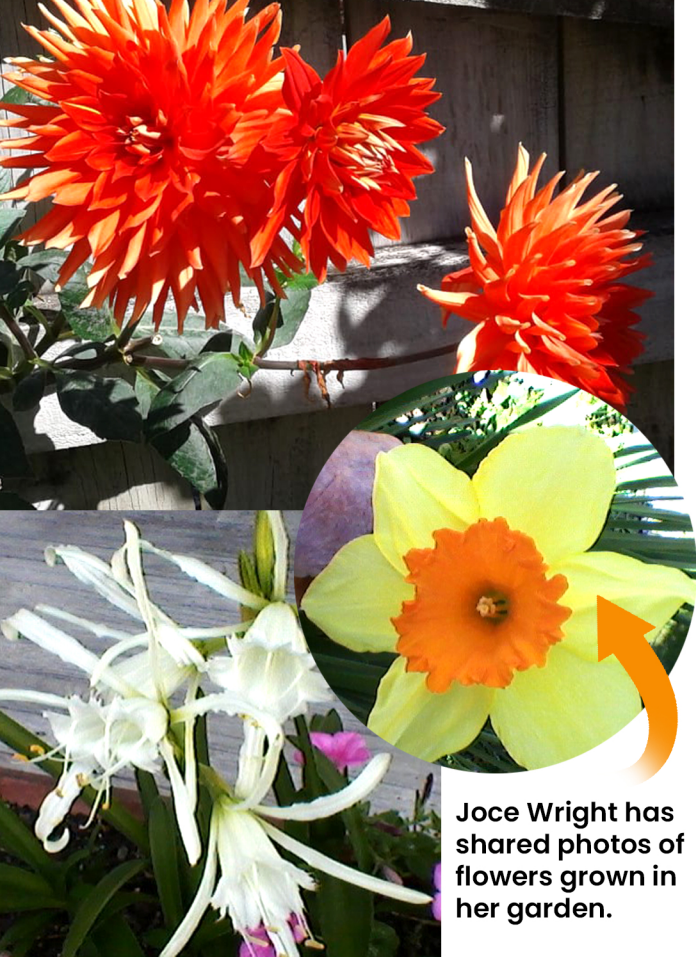
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All welcome! People can contact me through the Whangamata Photo Group FB page, or just msg me - Pete Stretch.



Joce Wright has shared photos of flowers grown in her garden.

"Almost As Gods"

KIWIS HAVE WARM SPOT IN GREEK AFFECTIONS

WELLINGTON, May 9. — «On three occasions I heard Greeks use the expression that 'to us, New Zealanders are almost as gods',» said Brigadier T.J. King, Wellington, who has returned to New Zealand after more than five years' service overseas. He acted as officer in charge of the supply and relief organisation in Greece.

«The affection of the Greeks for the people of New Zealand is something one cannot describe,» said Brigadier King.

«This all arises from the presence of New Zealand soldiers in Greece. People there sheltered hundreds of our boys. They risked their own lives to do it. They fed the New Zealanders liberally to their last crust, and finally they helped them to escape.

«Now that mail can go into Greece, if soldiers who were sheltered there would write to the people who helped them, it would be greatly appreciated.»

He said that an appeal had been made to the New Zealand people for clothing for the Greeks, who were badly in need of it. He hoped the appeal would receive a ready response.



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Jokes

It's the South (USA)

- submitted by Chris Halpin

Alabama

A group of Alabama friends went deer hunting and paired off in twos for the day. That night, one of the hunters returned alone, staggering under the weight of an eight-point buck.

"Where's Henry?" the others asked.

"Henry had a stroke o' some kind. He's a couple of miles back up the trail," the successful hunter replied.

"You left Henry layin' out there and carried the deer back?" they inquired.

"A tough call," nodded the hunter. "But I figured no one's gonna steal Henry!"

Georgia

The owner of a golf course in Georgia was confused about paying an invoice, so he decided to ask his secretary for some mathematical help.

He called her into his office and said, "Y'all graduated from the University of Georgia and I need some help. If I wuz to give yew \$20,000, minus 14%, how much would you take off?"

The secretary thought a moment, and then replied, "Everthang but my earrings."

Louisiana

A senior citizen in Louisiana was overheard saying ... "When the end of the world comes, I hope to be in Louisiana .."

When asked why, he replied, "I'd rather be in Louisiana 'cause everythang happens in Louisiana 20 years later than in the rest of the world."

Mississippi

The young man from Mississippi came running into the store and said to his buddy, "Bubba, somebody just stole your pickup truck from the parking lot!"

Bubba replied, "Did y'all see who it was?"

The young man answered, "I couldn't tell, but I got the license number."

North Carolina

A man in North Carolina had a flat tire, pulled off on the side of the road, and proceeded to put a bouquet of flowers in front of the car and one behind it. Then he got back in the car to wait.

A passerby studied the scene as he drove by, and was so curious he turned around and went back. He asked the fellow what the problem was the man replied, "I got a flat tahr."

But, what's with the flowers?

The man responded, "When you break down they tell you to put flares in the front and flares in the back. I never did understand it neither."

Tennessee

A Tennessee State trooper pulled over a pickup on I-65. The trooper asked, "Got any ID?"

The driver replied, "Bout whut?"

Texas

The Sheriff pulled up next to the guy unloading garbage out of his pick-up into the ditch. The Sheriff asked, "Why are you dumping garbage in the ditch? Don't you see that sign right over your head."

"Yep," he replied. "That's why I'm dumpin' it here, 'cause it says: 'Fine For Dumping Garbage.'"



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Rebecca is guest artist at the RSA Whangamata on 15 May 2021.

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This tour is back by popular demand; a new tour date 7-13 October - 6 nights. The inclusive tour offers a variety of the finest wines, tastings & artisan cuisine. With a few surprises into the mix. An intimate evening with NZ Music Legend Tina Cross ONZM, will make this a memorable tour. Limited places.



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I'm organising a number of Bespoke travel experiences in 2021-2023. See and experience New Zealand with a special interest group. There are a few places left on my Wicked Tour 23-24 September 2021 ex Whangamata. Do you have a special interest group who may wish to travel? There are a number of adjuncts at the RSA. Let's make up a tour and visit other RSA's and have some fun along the way.

23-24 September 2021

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4.30PM



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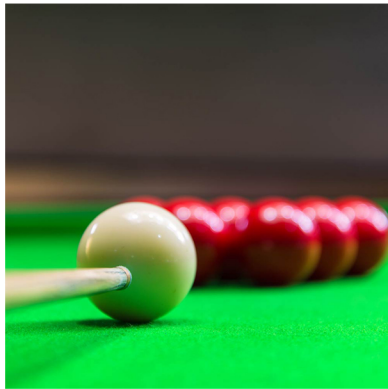
Sunday 2nd May

AGM

Door Charge: \$3.00 Members of the Music Club - \$5.00 Non-Members

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Monday
1pm

SNOOKER

Thursday
6pm



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Wednesday
1pm

EUCHRE

Wednesday
6.30pm

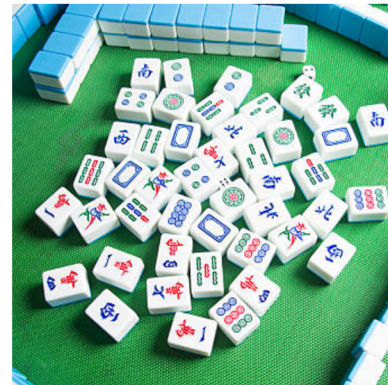
INDOOR BOWLS

Tuesday
9.45am
Thursday
6.45pm



FISHING

Please check
noticeboard by
8 Ball tables for
trip info



MAH JONG

Thursday
10am



8 BALL

Wednesday
Register by 6.30pm
Play starts 7pm
All Welcome
\$3 Entry
Pub Rules

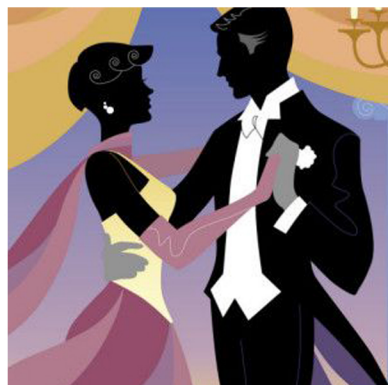
UKULELE 'HIGHLY STRUNG'

Thursday
1.30pm



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Wednesday &
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9.30am beginners
10.30am - 12pm
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