



The Razza

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



Presidents Message

Geoff March

April already, and so much has been holding us back, with the recent announcements it looks like we should be able to have more freedom and to operate more of our club activities. The announcement gave a bit of relief, and we expect more to be announced in the not-too-distant future. We have noticed an increase in members, guests, and families so it means everyone is looking forward to getting on with life and managing the situation to keep each other safe and healthy.

Earlier this year a TEAM of our members got together and refurbished our GUN, the result is impressive and a credit to their efforts, thank you very much to all who were involved, it is back for all to enjoy.

Our Committee met on Monday and went over the rules and restrictions of COVID, we have all agreed to follow the recommendations of the government, on April 5th onwards we will not require a vaccine pass, if you feel uncomfortable about this, please remember we are still working hard to keep all our members safe and healthy. Masks will still be required to be worn while you are moving around the RSA, this is to protect anyone who is using our facilities so please respect our rules while you are using our RSA, it is for your safety as well.

This year's Welfare Bowls Tournament was held on St Patrick's day as a trial; and from the response I would say it was an extremely well attended day and something we will continue. Jennie Black did an amazing job sourcing sponsorships and donations, so much so that we were able to create five raffles that each had amazing prizes and even the amount of Pick a Prize items that Jennie sourced was extensive. A big thank you to Whangamata Bowling Club for the use of your facilities and your generous hospitality, hopefully you will gain new members from the experience that new or non-bowlers had on the day. Well done to all teams and those who came out on top.

We are still having new members joining, this tells us that we are doing something right and offering a good atmosphere and facility, a lot of new members have been families and more Kids for the Kids Club. YING's @ the RSA is still attracting a lot of people who are visiting Whangamata and casual diners from around our region.

This weekend was the weekend the Beach Hop was to be held, a lot of those who were going to attend anyway decided to still make a weekend of it and it was surprising how many vehicles were around, they called it NOT THE BEACH HOP.

Unfortunately, COVID restrictions made it a bit quieter weekend than normal, looking forward to BEACH HOP proper in November.

Looking ahead, Easter should be a big weekend as everyone has been feeling closed in and this will be a chance to get out and enjoy the new normal as it has been called, we will plan according to the restrictions, we will let you know what is organised once we know more of what we can and can't do.

Before ANZAC DAY 2022, this year will POPPY WEEK. Normally POPPY DAY but due to circumstances RNZRSA have decided the RSAs around the country will hold a POPPY WEEK. This is a great opportunity for those who SERVED in any capacity to get involved and to have our VETERANS manning a POPPY STAND with their medals, say at New World, would be a novel way for the public to engage with and to acknowledge our VETERANS who they normally only see parading on ANZAC DAY. If any of our Veterans are interested and available, please get in contact with us so we can work with you as to when it would suit you to man a POPPY STAND, your involvement will be appreciated.

ANZAC DAY is on a Monday this year and will be going ahead. Under present rules we have restrictions holding the usual activities like the Mix and Mingle before the parade, and the Civic Service, being inside these are limited to 200 people, we have planned the normal activities and will reassess what we can do closer to the day, please bear with us while we work on what we can do and try to manage it the best we can under the circumstances. At present both the Beach Service at the Surf Club and the Civic Parade will be able to go ahead without restrictions, the format of each may need to be modified. We will publish the final program and controls once we have finalised what and how we proceed.

The next big thing is the removal of scanning and mandates, hopefully the transition back to everyone being able to use our facility will be easy, if you feel apprehensive about this, please be assured we will still be managing healthy practises, social distancing and mask wearing when moving around (Masks don't need to be worn when you are seated, but this will be your personal choice).

Please be kind to everyone, we were all acting under advice and rules imposed on us for overall community safety and wellbeing.

Look after each other, enjoy time with family and friends and please keep safe and healthy.

Womens Section Report

Lyn Ward – President

Our first meeting of the year was held on Tuesday 1 March – first meeting since August due to Covid restrictions. Although we haven't been having our monthly meetings the committee have stayed in contact with our members each month to keep up the contact.

Twenty-four members came along and enjoyed attending our meetings once again and catching up with each other. After the meeting we had a fun quiz with our usual quiz master John. John came up with a new idea. The members were put into teams of four (6 teams) and each team was asked a question which they would answer verbally. If this team could not get the correct answer the question was passed onto the next team and so on until a team answered correctly. A lot of laughs and odd answers. There was one question none of the teams could answer correctly and as always when we were given the answer it was obvious. The committee provided a lovely afternoon tea with plenty to eat.

Next meeting will be on Tuesday 5th April at 1.30pm and hopefully more of our members will be able to attend.



Summer Entertainment

Kevin Greaves with special guests
Kylie Austin and Glenn Carley.





BOFOR GUN RESTORED

Leigh Staples

In February a team of Whangamata RSA members Mustered in the car park and set too the task of doing a restore and paint job on the Bofor 40-60.

Leigh Staples, Barry King, Geoff March, Tai Rapana, Robert Watson and Glen Mc'Mannus

With wire brushes in hand they removed rust and prepped for a new Paint Job.

Luck was with us, Barry King had just finished painting his fence at home with 'Battleship Grey' with half a drum left over and Donating the paint, Well done Baz.

Now the Whangamata RSA Carpark has a Bofor for all to admire and enjoy.

Well done RSA Team on the restore. This is what makes Whangamata RSA it's members and visitors all very proud.

Standing by for ANZAC DAY - LEST WE FORGET.



The Bofors 40mm Automatic Gun L/60 is an anti-aircraft autocannon, designed in the 1930s by the Swedish arms manufacturer AB Bofors.

The gun was designed as an intermediate anti-aircraft gun, filling the gap between fast firing close-range small calibre anti-aircraft guns and slower firing long-range high calibre anti-aircraft guns, a role which previously was filled by older outdated guns.

The Bofors 40 mm L/60 was for its time perfectly suited for this role and outperformed competing designs in the years leading up to World War II in both effectiveness and reliability.

Wikipedia

The Creative Corner



'A bit of darkish humour in these odd times.

Finished in time for the 2nd day of the Art's Collective Whangamata's Big Arts Day Out on Waitangi weekend;

this piece of needlefelting worked by Cherry Estcourt caused a bit of laughter and some wincing - especially from onlookers who have had the swab up the nose experience!'

Artists and Crafters

Have you made something you would like to share.

Let us know and you can be featured in 'The Creative Corner'



Support Worker – Enliven Whangamata Day Service

We are looking for a support worker to join our Whangamata Day Service, the role will be on a Thursday from 10.30am to 3.30pm. This role is varied and you will enjoy undertaking a range of tasks including facilitating activities, driving and some cooking.

- Ideally if you have a Health and Wellbeing Level 2 or above qualification
- Experience and an affinity with older persons
- Have a full drivers licence and suitable vehicle to transport our clients in (mileage is reimbursed)
- As a part of the conditions of this role you will need to verify that you have a COVID-19 vaccination

CONTACT: Margaret Raddatz | Day Programme Support Worker Coordinator Presbyterian Support Northern. Mob 027 275 5065

Friday Quiz Night



6.30pm start (after Jokers Wild)

Lots of Fun – Test your Trivial Knowledge
Teams of up to six players – \$2/person
Come and join in – All Welcome!

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4PM Start

Welfare Bowls Tournament Fun Day

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Women's Section



Winning Teams





Fun day out at the Whangamata Bowling Club for our Annual Welfare Bowls Tournament.

What a great St Patrick's Day, the event was well attended even in these Covid times!

Big THANKS! to our Sponsors, we were able to raise \$2625.60 to go to our Welfare Fund.

See you all next year!



ADJUNCTS AND GROUPS



GOLDEN OLDIES SNOOKER

Tuesday
1pm

SNOOKER

Thursday
6pm



500

Wednesday
1pm

INDOOR BOWLS

Tuesday
9.45am



FISHING

Please check
noticeboard by
8 Ball tables for
trip info



MAH JONG

Thursday
10am
TBA



8 BALL

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

UKULELE 'HIGHLY STRUNG'

Thursday
1.30pm



TAI CHI WITH CHERRY

Wednesday &
Thursday
9am - 10am
\$5



UPDATE CONTACT DETAILS

Not getting emails? Change your address?

If any of your details need to be updated
email rsamanager@outlook.com
put "Contact Details" in the subject line



LINE DANCING

Friday
9.30am - 12 noon
\$3/person
all ages, abilities
welcome