

# The RAZZA

WHANGAMATA RSA NEWSLETTER

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



# PRESIDENTS REPORT Geoff March

Here we are nearly halfway through the year, and we have done so much and been through so much, luckily, we haven't had it as hard as they have in other parts of the country, they have a huge task ahead of them to get back on their feet, we wish them the best of luck. RNZ RSA has collectively raised just over \$400 k to go towards recovery.

You will have seen a couple of presentation banner about, revamping our REMEMBRANCE WALL area, in recent years with the large numbers involved in Wreath Laying and other commemorations it has become dangerous with people on the foot path and even out on the road. The idea is to turn the focus around, so people will congregate in the carpark area, plus a chance for us to revive the look and style of the area to reflect on significance and reason. We are looking for local support, one suggestion has been for families to leave funds as a Legacy for an ancestor who served, a chance to remember them for a long time to come. Any assistance or ideas are welcome.

A date to put into your diary is Combined Services Day we have put this in for Sunday 27th August, these days attract a lot of Veterans and members alike who enjoy the occasion to mix and mingle, rekindle of friendships, and make new acquaintances, we will have more details closer to the date.

ANZAC DAY 2023 was another success, the weather was fine if not a bit cool, everything went to plan and the numbers watching the Parade which is good to see. Unfortunately this year our Padre/Patron Terri Sorenson wasn't well enough to be involved, but Reverend Rosie Dell stepped in and did a good job, thank you Rosie.

We had a Committee working bee to clean the chairs and stools, plus we did maintenance on the stage sections in the RSA, thank you to Robyn and Graham and those for helping, your assistance is appreciated they look clean and fresh again.

I attended the District RSA meeting, Buck Shelford spoke about his feelings and about the role of National President and how he is enjoying the acceptance he has received, as usual there are things being put in place to help support our Veterans. Regarding support if any of our members need any support, please let us know, we have some funds available and contacts on where and how to get the support required, we will look at the assistance on a case-by-case basis.

You will have seen the membership promotion we have running to attract new members, \$35 for membership until 30 June 2024, the response has been good, and pleasing, we do ask that you promote it for us in our community as well, this will help secure our future.

Our activities and RSA programme is on our Website, Facebook page, Noticeboard in the front foyer along with the TV by the bar and our What's On board.

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



**Everyone welcome,  
we are a family friendly RSA**

**Looking for something to do?  
We have...**

**Snooker and 8 Ball tables  
free to use**

**Library  
full of books, puzzles and magazines  
(kids books and puzzles too)**

**Fun games for the family  
Cornhole, Giant Jenga, Quoits...**

**Free Wifi**

## *Womens Section Report*

Lyn Ward - President

Barry King was our guest speaker for our May meeting held on Tuesday 2nd. He talked of his time serving on royal yacht Britannia with a photo display. Unfortunately, we were down on the number of members attending but those of us who were there really enjoyed this insight into working for the royal family.

On Wednesday 3rd we sold our first Wednesday night raffle along side the RSA raffles. We raffled a \$30 petrol voucher. We look forward to increasing our income with these raffles to do more for our members.

For our June meeting we will have some of the ukulele group to entertain us with some of the old songs – a good singalong.



# WHAT'S ON

UPCOMING EVENTS  
AND ENTERTAINMENT

**Saturday 27th May**

**WHANGAMATA 'FLASH' FUNDRAISER**

11AM - 2PM

more info on the next page



## King's Birthday Weekend

**Sunday 4th June**

**Dolly Parton  
Experience**  
*with Kenny*



5PM  
GOLD COIN DONATION

more info on the next page

**WHANGAMATA  
COUNTRY/VARIETY  
MUSIC CLUB**

12PM - 4PM

**GUEST ARTIST  
'TOUCAN'**



**Sunday 11th June  
KEVIN GREAVES**

4PM



HERE SHE COMES AGAIN !

The NZ

# Dolly Parton Experience



With Kenny

COMEDY -  
CHARM -  
FUN &  
LAUGHTER

FOLLOWED BY

A Country Hoedown  
with  
'TOUCAN'

**Whangamata RSA**  
Kings Birthday Weekend  
**Sunday 4th June 5pm**

Fabulous Restaurant & Bar

Gold Coin  
Donation



# Come Together for Good



## Whangamata 'Flash' Fundraiser

11am until 2pm, Saturday 27th May 2023  
Whangamata RSA, Port Road Whangamata

The 'Flash' local Whangamata newspaper was first printed in 1979. We have all the old editions. Come along to read, reminisce and tell 'Flash' stories. There will be cupcakes, hampers, raffles to purchase, for breast cancer support.

Help fund breast cancer research, education and patient support



On ANZAC Day this year we were presented a 'Police' themed learner made by local police.

If you haven't seen it yet, make sure to take a look next time you are in.

# SUBS ARE DUE

Pay before 30th June: \$35

Go in the the draw to win 1 of 6 \$50 RSA Credits!

Please note: if paid after 30th June will be \$40



## MEMBERSHIP

Membership is available for Returned, Service and Associate

Over 18 years of age (\$35/year)

Veterans Returned and Service 75+ (\$15/year)

Junior Membership is available for 16 to 18 years of age (\$20/year)

Current Serving - Serving Uniformed Members of the NZ Defence Force and NZ Police - this is a complimentary membership. (Free)

Paid your Subs but don't have your card yet?

Come in and pick up, your card will be at the bar waiting for you.

(This applies to members with a Whangamata address - if you have an out of town address your card has been posted, please contact us if you have not received your card).



# JOIN NOW

Pay only **\$35** until 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024





# ANZAC DAY 2023







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# FRIDAY QUIZ NIGHT

Lots of Fun - Test your Trivial Knowledge  
Teams of up to six players - \$2/person

**COME AND JOIN IN  
ALL WELCOME!**

PROUDLY SPONSORED BY

# BAYLEYS



## UPDATE CONTACT DETAILS

Not getting emails? Change your address?

If any of your details need to be updated  
email [rsamanager@outlook.com](mailto:rsamanager@outlook.com)  
put "Contact Details" in the subject line

# KIDS CLUB

COME JOIN OUR  
**KIDS CLUB TODAY**

We have over 300 kids club members!

Kids will get their very own membership card and special Kids Club Member benefits.  
Kids Club Membership is Free!



OUR KIDS CLUB MEMBERS HAVE SHARED  
WHAT THEY HAVE BEEN UP TO.

DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING THAT YOU  
WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH US?

ART, SOMETHING FUN, HOLIDAYS,  
SPORTS, SCHOOL, ACHIEVEMENTS?...

KIDS CLUB  
MEMBERS

# ? Friday ? QUIZ NIGHT

6.30PM



from  
5.15pm

# DRAW NIGHTS

Wednesday, Friday  
& Saturday

Raffles

Jokers Wild

Membership Draws

*Must be in to win!*



# HOUSIE

Thursday  
4pm

*LANCE CORPORAL*  
*JOHN ALFRED MONSTEDT*

*SERVICE NO:* 24030    *BORN:* 2 February 1887 Hellyers Creek, Beachhaven, Auckland

*SON OF:* Martin and Anna Sophia Monstedt nee Olsen of Glenfield

*OCCUPATION BEFORE ENLISTMENT:* Bushman for the Kauri Timber Company Neavesville

*ENLISTED:* 8 February 1916

*EMBARKATION DETAILS:* 27 May 1916 from Wellington bound to Plymouth, Devon on HMNZT 54 Willochra Private 13th Reinforcements, Auckland Infantry Battalion, A Company New Zealand Expeditionary Force

*LAST RANK:* Lance Corporal Auckland Infantry Regiment, 2nd Battalion

*DIED:* 31 July 1917 aged 30 Killed in Action in the field Ypres, Belgium

*BURIED:* Mud Corner Cemetery, Comines-Warneton, Hainaut, Belgium

*MEDALS RECEIVED:* British War Medal | Victory Medal



**L.-CORP. A. MONSTEDT,  
of Glenfield,  
Killed in action.**

come to  
**Ying's**  
@ the RSA

**OPEN  
TUESDAY - SUNDAY**

LUNCH 11AM - 3PM

DINNER 5PM - 8PM

FRIDAY & SATURDAY 5PM - LATE

**Dine in or Takeaway**

*Authentic Thai & European Cuisine*



**Catering and Buffet available | Vegetarian and Gluten free options**



# WHANGAMATA

# RSA

## PROJECT Remembrance Wall 2023



### Introduction

Our Remembrance Wall is in need of a completely new and modern look, after 25 years its appearance is scruffy and outdated and will not stand proudly at times of commemoration in years to come.

The RSA is embarking on a major renovation with a local sculptor, Ted Pickett, to give the planned area a fantastic new look, that transcends anything we have seen locally before.

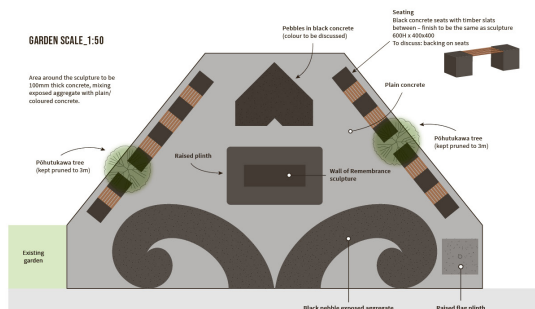


## PROPOSED RENOVATION & DESIGN

The plan is to turn around the facing area (off the road frontage for safety reasons) to view a NEW monument of 2m high in polished concrete, giving the laying of wreaths on the new monument major focus and the respect they deserve.

Featuring a central water feature, tinted pebble areas in koru form and expansive seating with two pohutukawa trees to create shade and colour throughout the seasons.

The plans will delight all locals, not just our service men and women of tomorrow. Not just for ANZAC Day, but for many civic services and also having the flagpole repositioned when recognising the passing of an ex-veteran.



## HOW CAN YOU CONTRIBUTE

### Overview

The cost of this undertaking is beyond the financial capabilities of Whangamata RSA. We have secured some funds locally, but seek community and/or business support to make this new designed area a reality.

Contributions will cover site clearance, concrete prepping, removal of existing gardens and uneven surfaces, new concrete installation, brass plaque reinstating, trees, new seating materials and of course the sculptor's time and materials needed (at cost) to bring the PROJECT TO COMPLETION.

There will be three acknowledgement bands for funding:

- GOLD**  
\$3000 & above
- SILVER**  
\$1000 to \$3000
- BRONZE**  
\$250 to \$1000

### Your Support

A member of our Whangamata RSA Executive Committee will make an appointment to discuss with you and will promote the PROJECT in the Whangamata News and on social media extensively.

All contributions of this size will be formally acknowledged and all donors invited to attend the Official Opening of the new Remembrance Monument on its completion.

And will have their appropriate business logo placed on the seating area.

All other donations, no matter what the size, are considered an incredible assistance, and even if its material or labour you can offer to bring our dream to fruition would be a giving gift of years to come.

Geoff March, President

All donations greater than \$5 are tax deductible to businesses & individuals.



### Costs Involved

- Taking up old pavers
- Breaking up old wall and footings
- Box up and pour concrete bollards
- New timber seats
- Preparation of area for 100mm thick concrete pad
- Reinforcing mesh
- 5m<sup>2</sup> coloured aggregate
- Steel reinforcing rods to form work for bollards
- Digger hire, rubbish removal

#### SCULPTURE:

- Prep, box sculpture footings
- Reinforcing steel cage
- Installing water pump and plumbing
- 3m<sup>2</sup> black coloured concrete
- Grinding all edges of monument
- Attaching brass letters and emblems
- Labour overall

TARGET: \$25,000

\$5,500

### Our Bank Details

Account name: Whangamata Returned and Services' Association (Incorporated)  
Account number: BNZ 02 0472 0020608 00



# CLUBS NZ MAHJONG NI NATIONALS TOURNAMENT

Whangamata RSA Mahjong group hosted the CNZ Mahjong NZ Nationals Tournament in the War Memorial Hall over the weekend of 20th/21st May.

76 players attended from throughout the North Island. The Tournament was opened by Geoff March and Lyn Ward and closed by Terry Ray from ClubsNZ.

Lunch on both days was at Ying's @ the RSA. Thank you to all those who attended and to the helpers leading up to and during the tournament.

Whangamata was well represented in the top 10.

*Congratulations to all the prize winners*

**Shona Leggatt**

**Helen Cashen**

**Margaret Birkett**

**Jill Thompson**

**Carol Boaler**

**Pauline Tolley**

**Robyn Coombes**

**Susan Knowles**

**Judith Robb**

**Wendy Pemberton**



# Mahjong

Every Thursday 10am to 1pm

*All Welcome*

Contact  
Donna Lowrie 027 818 6041  
for more information

## WORD SEARCH

### Herbs & Spices

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THYME  
SAGE  
BASIL  
CHIVES  
CINNAMON

OREGANO  
ROSEMARY  
BAY  
PARSLEY  
PEPPER  
VANILLA

Solution included

# LINE DANCING *with visitors from Waihi*



# WHANGAMATA 500 CARD CLUB

WEDNESDAY  
12.30PM - 4PM

We are a fun group of people, there are a few rules, but other than that we encourage friendship, laughter and enjoyment

We meet once a week at **Whangamata RSA**  
Practice games start 12.30 - 1pm and from 1pm we play 8 rounds of 4 games per table  
Please note: you do not have to be a member of the RSA

We do charge a small fee **\$2pp**. This goes towards prizes each week, a mid year lunch/drink, a Christmas lunch/drink at Ying's Restaurant.

**Weekly Raffle** \$2 each, prize is a \$20 Meat at the Beach Voucher

We know people have busy lives, so we do not ask you to commit each week, it is your choice

**or just come along and join in, we would love to see you!**



We have a new Gaming Machine and a couple of new games in the Pokie Room

*Sounds interesting!*

### Contact Us

President  
**Robyne**  
021 514 949

Secretary  
**Robert**  
021 742 865

Word Search Solution

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# GOLDEN OLDIES SNOOKER

## Golden Oldies Tournament

1st May 2023 | Away Game  
Played: Whangamata Club | Lost: 9 - 7

17th May 2023 | Home Game  
Played: Katikati | Draw

## Golden Oldies Practice Round

2nd May 2023 | Players: 11  
Highest Break: Voucher – Graham, 16  
Winner: Ying's @ the RSA – Ray; 4 Wins, 195 Points  
Runner Up: Meat at the Beach Rex; 3 Wins, 235 Points  
Raffle: Meat at the Beach – No. 1 Angie

9th May 2023 | Players: 10  
Highest Break: Bob S, 18  
Winner: Ying's @ the RSA – Bob S; 4 Wins, 216 Points  
Runner Up: Meat at the Beach – Grant; 3 Wins, 216 Points  
Raffle: Meat at the Beach – No. 6 Chips

16th May 2023 | Players: 9  
Highest Break: Voucher – Graham - 23  
Winner: Ying's @ the RSA – Rex; 3 Wins, 302 Points  
Runner Up: Kerry; 3 Wins, 244 Points  
Raffle: Meat at the Beach – 11 – Nikki

23rd May 2023 | Players: 9  
Winner: Ying's @ the RSA – Graham W, 4 Wins, 219 Points  
Runner Up: Grant, 3 Wins, 245 Points  
Raffle: Meat at the Beach – 7 - Kerry



# INDOOR BOWLS

## 21st March KEV Men's Singles Championship

Only 3 men contested this championship . A round robin of play was held with Norm Sayer gaining the top points to be adjudged the winner with Alex Steel coming runner up.

## April 18th Rose Hughes Ladies Singles Championship

8 Ladies contested the Ladies Singles title. After the 4 qualifying games only 2 players, Ann Costar and Lynda Callaghan had attained sufficient points to go through to the play offs. This resulted in a straight final with Ann coming out as the winner. Well played ladies.

## May 9th Open Singles Championship

8 players played the 4 qualifying games needing 5 points to qualify. There were 4 players who qualified for the play off round, being John Hares, Alex Steel, Brian Wyatt and Erin Wyatt.

For the semi-final draw John played Alex and Brian played Erin with Alex and Brian winning the semi-finals and going on to play in the final. After 9 ends of play Alex took out the win.



Alex Steel and Brian Wyatt as finalists in the Open singles.



Ann Costar and Lynda Callaghan for the ladies singles.



John Hares, Alex Steel, Erin Wyatt and Brian Wyatt as qualifiers in the open singles.

# ADJUNCTS AND GROUPS



## GOLDEN OLDIES SNOOKER

Tuesday  
1pm

## SNOOKER

Thursday  
6pm



500

Wednesday  
1pm

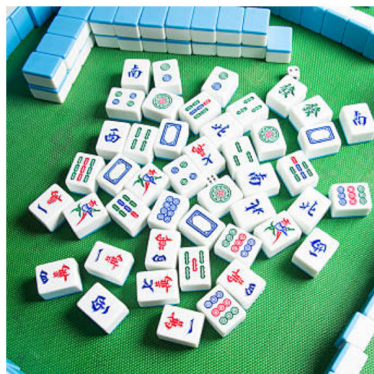
## INDOOR BOWLS

Tuesday  
9.45am



## FISHING

Please check  
noticeboard by  
8 Ball tables for  
trip info



## MAH JONG

Thursday  
10am



## 8 BALL

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

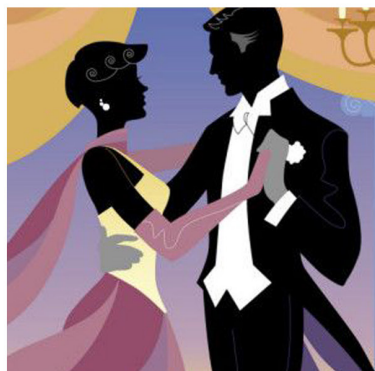
## UKULELE 'HIGHLY STRUNG'

Thursday  
1.30pm



## TAI CHI WITH CHERRY

Wednesday &  
Thursday  
9am - 10am  
\$5



## BALLROOM AND LATIN DANCING

Tuesday  
4pm - 6pm  
all skill levels welcome



## LINE DANCING

Friday  
(every 4<sup>th</sup> Friday 1pm)  
9.30am beginners  
10.30am - 12pm  
\$3/person  
all ages, abilities welcome