



# The RAZZA

WHANGAMATA RSA NEWSLETTER

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

## MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

*from Whangamata RSA  
and Ying's @ the RSA*



# PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Geoff March

Here we go the last two main events of 2022, Christmas and New Years Eve, after what has happened this year, we hope both of these are exciting and well attended.

Our Christmas Lunch was down on numbers but was still a great chance to get together and discuss our plans for Christmas, Kevin offered to play for us during the build up to lunch which was welcome and appreciated, he even brought along some of his friends and fellow artists who also entertained us. The food was fantastic as always, I am sure most went home and had a nap after so much to eat.

This is also the time of year to reach out to those on their own, it can also be lonely for them as we have friends and family surrounding us, so if you get a chance say hello and take a bit of time to be with them as well.

We have entertainment on, the best way to keep up with what is on is to check of our Facebook page, website, the TV by the bar, the noticeboard and What's on Board.

It has been an interesting year, was quite a struggle at times, it certainly feels like we are getting back to seeing some form of normal pre COVID attendances. Speaking of COVID, please be kind to one and other, respect their rights and know that everyone feels the same in regard to testing and keeping everyone else safe, most of all be kind.

We look forward to an exciting and busy summer, it hasn't started off too well weather wise but that is going to change. The crowds have started arriving and we have a fair bit on offer, we will be open seven days from 28th December through to the end of January.

Finally, a big THANK YOU to our STAFF, COMMITTEE and of course the many VOLUNTEERS that we couldn't do without and appreciate a lot. I hope you get with family and friends and enjoy more good food and conversation.

Someone said bring on 2023, I hope it can't get any more challenging than we have had so far. Have a Very MERRY CHRISTMAS and we look forward to a seeing you in the NEW YEAR.

Ho Ho Ho!!!!

## WOMENS SECTION REPORT Lyn Ward - President

Unfortunately, our December meeting/Christmas lunch had to be cancelled as Covid reared its ugly head and caught a few of our members. Thank goodness everyone came through it ok.

The committee thought it would be a nice idea to start 2023 with a belated Christmas lunch to which the RSA have agreed to. On Tuesday 7th February our meeting will start at 11.30 followed by lunch. We will still have an exchange of gifts, so members please bring along a small gift for the exchange. We will also have our usual raffles and birthday tokens and we will catch up with all the December and January birthday girls as well as February of course.

To finish my last report for the year I would like to wish all our members and RSA members and their families a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year. Please stay safe, remember Covid is still out there so please be kind and courteous to the people around you.



### 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**

Merry Christmas everyone,  
we will be **CLOSED** Christmas Day,  
Boxing Day and the 27th.  
Re-open on Wednesday 28th

Then we will be  
**OPEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK**  
from 11am  
(This is for the RSA and Ying's)



### STRANGE MINDS

Only great minds can read this!

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Can you raed this?  
Olny 55 plepoe out of 100 can.

# WHAT'S ON

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

**SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT**



### DECEMBER

**NYE SATURDAY 31ST**

7.30pm Kevin Greaves  
Trish & Colin/Bill Bassett (USA)

### JANUARY

**MONDAY 2ND**

7pm Kevin Greaves  
Party Night with Wallis Wiremu Toataua

**SUNDAY 8TH**

Kevin Greaves 4pm

**SUNDAY 15TH**

My Pennyworth 5pm

## Games Day

AT WHANGAMATA RSA

**2ND AND 4TH SUNDAYS OF THE MONTH**  
**1PM - 3PM**

**CORNHOLE  
GIANT JENGA  
QUOITS  
SKITTLES  
CONNECT FOUR**

*Fun for the whole family!*




**Check our Website/Facebook/Noticeboard for info on when Adjuncts and Groups are starting up in 2023**

**There will be no break for Quiz, so come along, bring your family and friends visiting this Summer!**



Friday

# QUIZ NIGHT

6.30pm

**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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## 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

# DRAW NIGHTS

**Raffles**  
**Jokers Wild**  
**Member Draws**

**Wednesday | Friday | Saturday**

**from 5.15pm**

## REMINDER!

Remember to have your **MEMBERSHIP CARD** with you at the RSA

**You need it to get your discounts**





# Christmas Lunch



11th December 2022







# Beach Hop

2022





# INDOOR BOWLS

## Report

On Tuesday 13th December we had our final day of bowls for the year.

We had 28 members attend and we had some fun games of bowls in the morning.

These proved challenging as the first game had the kitty in the centre of the mat and teams bowling from opposite ends of the mat as opposed to both bowling from the same end.

The second game had no kitty but marks at different areas of the mat which had points attached and the nearest bowl counted for the points. A lot of fun was had and much laughter as the bowler's prowess was challenged.

This was followed by our end of year prize giving and then a lovely lunch from Ying's.

We also had a raffle with four lovely gift baskets for the lucky winners.



Patrick Cairns  
Men's Singles



Erin Wyatt  
Ladies Singles



Ann Costar  
Open Singles

## 2022 Indoor Bowls Championship Results

### Men's Singles

Winner: Patrick Cairns  
Runner Up: John Hares

### Ladies Singles

Winner: Erin Wyatt  
Runner Up: Ann Costar

### Open Singles

Winner: Ann Costar  
Runner Up: Alex Steel

### Drawn Pairs

Winners: Ellen McSkimming, Erin Wyatt  
Runners Up: Ann Costar, Lynda Callaghan

### Drawn Triples

Winners: Laurene Eades, Joy O'Sullivan, Janet Foley  
Runners Up: Alex Steel, Basil Johnstone, Lynda Callaghan

### Drawn Fours

Winners: Ellen McSkimming, Ellen Martin, Marilyn Steel, Barbara Mathieson

Barbara Watson Memorial John Hares, Betty Wilmer, John Aislabie

Aggregate Winners Skip - Ellen McSkimming, Three - Jim Foley, Two - Brian Wyatt, Lead - Erin Wyatt

Aggregate Overall Winner  
B Wyatt

Most Improved  
Patrick Cairns

# 500 CARDS



# SNOOKER

## GOLDEN OLDIES

Practice Round

22nd November 2022 | Players: 11

Highest Break: John N., 25 Wins

Winner: Ying's @ the RSA - Cherie, 4 Wins, 206 Points

Runner Up: Barney, 3 Wins, 164 Points

Raffle: No. 2 Rob

## THURSDAY SNOOKER

9th December 2022

Winner: Gavin | Runner Up: Glen

Hi Break: Gavin | Sponsor's Prize: Graham W.

Snooker has finished for the year. We won't be having prizegiving until next year as competitions are not yet completed. We will be starting snooker again the second Thursday in February 2023.

# LINE DANCING

Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday's to all our lovely Ladies and Gentlemen, Love from Ann and Gayle



# 8 BALL

On November the 11th we traveled by bus to Waihi Beach to play our annual tri series against Pt Chev, Waihi Beach and Whangamata. A good time was had by all.



We have finished up for the year and look forward to 2023 games starting back on the 11th of January.

Thank you to all members and guests who support our raffles throughout the year. We look forward to Titirangi, Glen Eden, Whakatane, Waihi Beach and Pt Chev visiting next year.

We had a good turnout for prize giving, giving away hams and presenting trophies.



## MEMBERSHIP

Haven't paid your Subs for 2022/2023 yet? It's not too late!

Come in and see us or you can pay online: Bank Account 02 0472 0020608 00

(Please include your name and membership number)

### **Membership is available for Returned, Service and Associate Membership**

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)

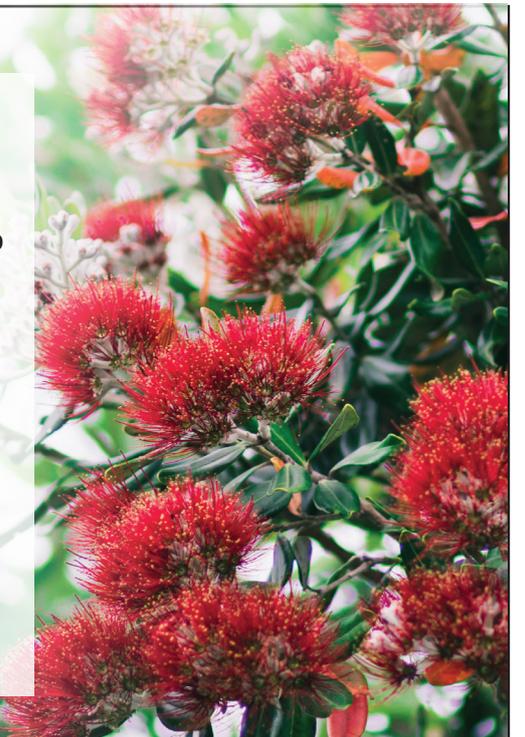
Current Serving Members - Serving Uniformed Members of the NZ Defence Force and NZ Police - this is a complimentary membership. (Free)

### **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).

*Thank you*



SERGEANT  
*CHARLES SAVAGE*

**Service No:** 16/888

**Born:** 4 September 1893 Hikuai, Tairua

**Also known as:** Tiari Savage

**Son of:** Benjamin (Pene Haweti) and Janet Savage nee Black, of Hikuai, Tairua, Thames

**Next of Kin:** Delia Savage (sister) Janet Black (Mother) Hikuai

**Occupation before enlistment:** Surveying for P.N. Norman

**Enlisted:** 28 May 1915 at Trentham

**Embarkation Details:** 18 September 1915 bound for Suez, Egypt on HMNZT 29 Waitemata as part of the 2nd Maori Contingent

**Last Rank:** Sergeant New Zealand Maori Pioneer Battalion

**Died:** 21 June 1917 aged 23 Killed in Action in the field in Belgium or France

**Buried:** Strand Military Cemetery, Comines-Warneton, Hainaut, Belgium

**Medals received:** 1914 - 1915 Star | British War Medal | Victory Medal



**FIGHTING FAMILIES.  
FOUR TAIRUA BROTHERS.**

**ONE KILLED IN ACTION**

A GOOD record as a fighting family is that of the Savage family, of Tairua, Thames. Sergeant Charles Savage, who was killed in action in France on June 21, at the age of 24, took part in the battle of the Somme. Prior to going to the front, he was drill instructor at the Narrow Neck Camp. While in Egypt he attended the school of instruction, and passed his examination. His brother Samuel enlisted in Australia, and has been twice wounded. Another brother, Thomas, after being wounded at the landing at Gallipoli, returned to New Zealand. He afterwards again enlisted, and is still at the front. Yet another brother, Valentine, who also was at the Gallipoli landing, was invalid home.

LANCE CORPORAL  
*SAMUEL SAVAGE*

**Service No:** 370

**Born:** 1 July 1894 Hikuai, Tairua

**Also known as:** Haami Savage

**Son of:** Benjamin (Pene Haweti) and Janet Savage nee Black, of Hikuai, Tairua, Thames

**Next of Kin:** Rhoda Savage (wife)

**Occupation before enlistment:** Millhand in Sydney Australia

**Enlisted:** Australian Imperial Forces 20 August 1914 4th Battalion 1st Infantry Brigade

**Last Rank:** Lance Corporal 4th Infantry Battalion AIF

**Died:** 4 October 1917 aged 22 Killed in Action missing in Belgium



**COMMUNITY  
SUPPORT HUB**

Our health providers and organisations of Whangamata and beyond are collectively collaborating in one place!

FRIDAY 20TH JANUARY

2 - 3PM

WHANGAMATA RSA | 324 PORT ROAD

Ear Health, Foot Health, Age Concern, Prostate Cancer  
Te Korowai, Whangamata Community Health, St John  
Cancer Society and Stroke Foundation

The Community Support Hub will bring our community information and sharing opportunities as to what services are available to you and your whanau

NO NEED TO BOOK

# Merry Christmas

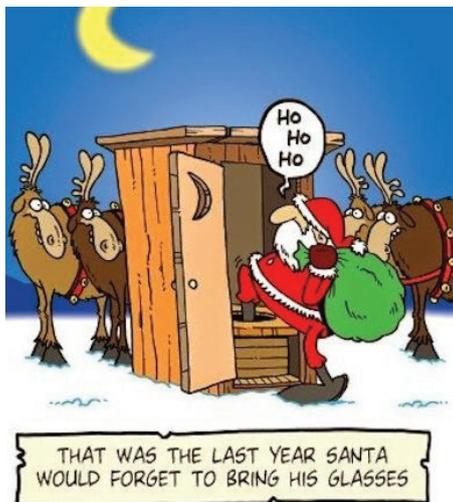
## CHRISTMAS WORD FIND

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BOW	FAMILY	NORTH POLE	SNOW
CANDY CANE	GIVING	PRESENTS	STAR
CAROLS	JINGLE	REINDEER	STOCKINGS
CHRISTMAS	JOY	SANTA	TREES
ELF	LIGHTS	SLEIGH	

## CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Identify the festive films



Whangamata RSA  
**NEW YEARS EVE PARTY**

Best Show In Town

Saturday 31st Dec 2022 7-30pm

Featuring

From The USA - with NZ Country Legend



BILL  
BASSETT

KEVIN  
GREAVES

Plus Colin and Trish  
Great New Years Eve Fun

WHANGAMATA RSA  
Monday Jan 2nd  
7pm

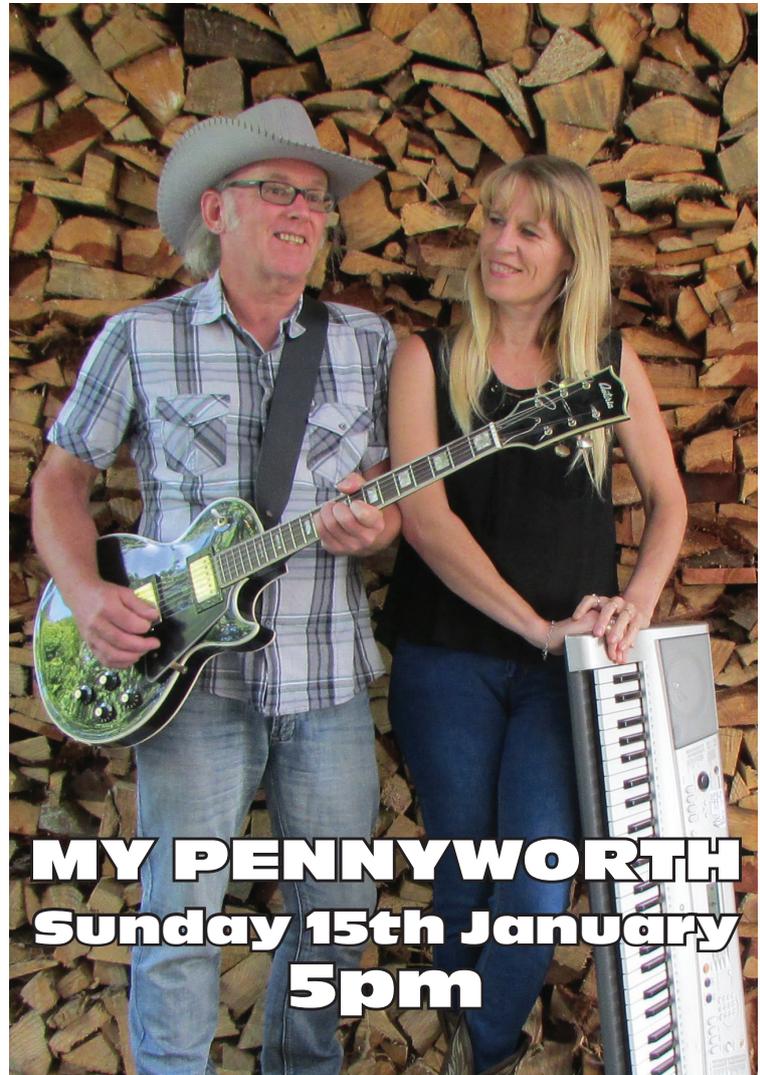
**KEVIN GREAVES**

WE'RE HAVING A PARTY NIGHT  
FOR OUR VISITING FRIEND  
FEATURING EX-PAT FROM USA

**WALLIS WIREMU TOATAUA**



**KEVIN GREAVES**  
Sunday 8th January  
4pm



**MY PENNYWORTH**  
Sunday 15th January  
5pm