

The **RAZZA**

WHANGAMATA RSA NEWSLETTER

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



in this issue...

- Meet our new Patron and Padre
- Life Membership Presentation
- Combined Services Day
- MS Quiz Night Fundraiser

and more...

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Geoff March

October already, I honestly find it hard to see where the year has gone, but in saying that we have done so much this year.

Unfortunately, since the last RAZZA come out, we lost our Patron and Padre Terri Sorenson after his battle with illness. Terri had a great send off and will be sorely missed.

At the end of last month, we had our AGM, all went smoothly and it is with pleasure that I can tell you we were in the positive this year, so we are heading in the right direction after a few years of struggling.

At the AGM we appointed our new Patron Alan Finney (Chips) and new Padre Ross Falconer, plus after a long time we now have a resident bugler Alan Botting and Piper Peter Broad. Hearing live playing of the Last Post is such a moving experience.

Also, we passed the motion to make Craig Kahui a Life Member which was unanimously agreed to. Craig didn't put his name forward for the Committee this year as he is looking after his wife Val, so we welcome onto the committee Puti Gage. A big welcome to everyone.

We have three big projects on the go at the moment, these have taken a lot of organising and planning to get them to happen.

First, we have the Remembrance Wall Project which we fundraised for, and it is well underway. There is a possibility it could be completed before Christmas, Exciting.

The second project is the removing of the extractor and vents from the roof in the hall area, repainting and just waiting for the new dimmable LED lights to be installed, thank you to the Bowls section who donated \$1000.00 towards this.

Lastly, we have signed a contract with Lion Nathan to become a sole Lion outlet, (I must mention I am normally a DB drinker). This contract will see our bar area upgraded, with a new bar top, new pouring taps, as well as an upgrade of the keg management system.

We are waiting for the items to arrive, then it will be a case of coordinating the TEAM, they tell us it should only take two days to do. If this is the case, we will be ready for the summer crowds with a new look.

Karyn Jones and her TEAM organised and ran a very successful Quiz Night on Saturday 30th September, to raise funds and awareness of MS.

The range of prizes and giveaways was massive, a full house expertly emceed by Gavin, who created an exciting and fun night and by the amount of laughter and cheers it would have to be one of the most exciting and engaging nights we have had, hopefully we will see these type of events more often, our community supports such an event.

Since the last RAZZA we have tried some new bands, and they have worked out well, we have a busy month of Sunday bands and Labour Weekend we have Pieces of Eight, a local band that promises to deliver a rocking good night.

On membership we are still welcoming at least one new member per day on average, this is a great indicator that we are doing the right things and tells us we are well suited in our community.

As I keep saying it is down to our membership who make guests so welcome and I thank you for that, it makes a difference.

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

Thank you all, you make our RSA unique.



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**

DID YOU SERVE IN THE ARMED FORCES?

If so we would like to meet you

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!



WHAT'S ON

UPCOMING EVENTS
AND ENTERTAINMENT

OCTOBER

Saturday 7th
STERLING HOTEL, WAIHI
8 BALL VISIT

Sunday 8th
GERRI & ARMAND 4PM

Labour Weekend

Saturday 21st
PIECES OF EIGHT 7PM

Sunday 22nd
KEVIN GREAVES 4PM

Saturday 28th
GAY LAURENSEN
'UNIQUE WONDER'
MAHJONG TOURNAMENT

NOVEMBER

Sunday 5th
**WHANGAMATA COUNTRY
& VARIETY MUSIC CLUB**
12NOON – 4PM

Saturday 11th
8 BALL TRI SERIES TOURNAMENT

Sunday 19th
KEVIN GREAVES 4PM

Saturday 25th
WHAKATANE RSA 8 BALL VISIT

Sunday 26th
BLAME THE CATS 5PM

DECEMBER

Sunday 3rd
**WHANGAMATA COUNTRY
& VARIETY MUSIC CLUB**
12NOON – 4PM

Tuesday 5th
WOMEN'S SECTION
XMAS LUNCH

Sunday 10th
RSA XMAS LUNCH

Sunday 31st
New Years Eve
THE HARLEYS 8PM

GAMES

Looking for something to do, have the kids/grandkids?

We have games available to play:

Cornhole, Quoints, Giant Jenga & Connect Four

NEW Table Soccer aka Foesball



VETERANS SUPPORT

If you served in any of the NZ Armed Forces and you have a NZ Operational Service Number, including CMT and National Service.

You may be eligible for assistance from Veteran's Affairs.

Please contact one of our Support Advisors:

John Gillooly – 027 480 5456

Pam Murray – 027 610 5599

Nick Penney – 027 654 8501

Doug Walters – 021 102 8602

Doug Walters is a JP here in Whangamata and is happy to offer his services to our Members.



**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...
NEW Table Soccer/Foosball

Free Wifi

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is available for Returned, Service and Associate

Over 18 years of age (\$40/year)

Veterans Returned and Service 75+ (\$20/year)

Junior Membership is available for 16 to 18 years of age (\$25/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
\$40 until 30th June 2024

WOMENS SECTION REPORT

Lyn Ward – President

We had 18 members come to our September meeting on Tuesday 5th.

After the business part of the meeting we had 5 games of housie with Joyce as our caller this time. The winners received a small prize of chocolate bars.

As always this was followed by a lovely afternoon tea and an enjoyable chat.

Our October meeting was held on Tuesday 3rd October. Once again our numbers were low but I am hoping with the warmer weather coming we will see more of our members attending our meetings.

We held a quiz this month with Trish Fagan as our quizmaster. Fifteen questions were asked and mostly answered correctly with the winning team getting 12 correct. The winners received a chocolate fish. Another lovely afternoon tea enjoyed by everyone.

Next month is our birthday month, 75 years young. We are planning to go out for lunch at one of the local café's.

As always new members are always welcome.

If you would like to know what we are about but do not know any members come along and make yourself known to me or another committee member.

WOMENS SECTION PATRON – *Jocelyn Wright*



I was born in Wellington, I went to school and started work there.

Following in my parents footsteps I became involved in swimming and Surf Lifesaving.

In the late 1970s I moved to Auckland and continued my involvement with Surf Lifesaving with the Whangamata Surf Club.

I was also an official at District and National Events.

I am a Life Member of Wellington Ladies SLSC, Lyall Bay SLSC and Whangamata SLSC.

I joined the Birkenhead RSA in the 90s then transferred to the Whangamata RSA in 1998 (circ.)

I joined the Women's Section in the early 2000s, was on the Committee and a Welfare Officer for several years.

Helped out for the catering at funerals, ANZAC Day and other events catered for by the Women's Section.

I received Certificates of Appreciation in 2018 and 2020 and made a Life Member in 2022.

I became Patron in 2023.

Women's Section

FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH 1.30PM

At our meetings we have entertainment, guest speakers or maybe a quiz or fun game of housie followed by a cuppa and a chat

The annual sub is only \$10, if you are a member of our RSA and would like to know more come along to a meeting and introduce yourself to a committee member or contact Lyn Ward (President)

New members are very welcome



PATRON – Alan 'Chips' Finney



I was born in Hunterville on a sheep station, Waka Farms. I was one of four children (three boys and one girl).

In 1950 we moved to Maraekakaho sheep station, Ngatarawa which was owned by Glazebrooks. I was in primary school at this time. Moved to Waipaua sheep station in Tetoki, in late 1952 moved to a sheep station in Koeke. My high school years were spent in Rangatau going to Ruapehu college.

I left school in 1955, I worked in the market gardens for Jan Megos and Sue Jo. When I left there, I worked at a timber mill for Bennett and Punch and in the bush as a ropey.

In 1956 I worked on the railway steam locos at Tamanui. I was transferred to Auckland to work on the locos (didn't like Auckland much). I also received my firemen's ticket and worked for VW in Otahuhu while in Auckland. I left the railway and worked on a dairy farm in Waiuku for Joe Stoup.

I then went to Pa Farm, owned by Walter Strevens (dairy farm). I worked for Carter Merchants classing native timber. Andrew and Andrew truck driving, I left there after some time spent in hospital, then moved on to New Zealand glass (I left there because it was too noisy).

In 1958 I joined the Army.

I spent some time fencing and shearing. After this I became a power board trainee linesman finished up as linesman faultman, I was made redundant in 1995 after 30 years.

Worked for Ken Irwin: pre hung doors, Alan Spurdel: roof trusses and pre nail house frames, Joe McArthur: concrete laying, Ray Simpkin: tower hire (cherry pickers) and contract farm fencing and scrub cutting.

In 1967 I got married and we had three kids, we were married for 21 years. I moved to Whangamata in 1995, I was also looking after my brother's farm in Mangatauphiri at this time.

I joined the RSA prior to moving here in 1995, Doug Fieldhouse found out that I had been in the army and asked me to join so that we could have three more associate members join. During my time in Whangamata I have also helped at Whangamata Motor Camp with the grounds etc. I have played Indoor Bowls, Snooker, Golden Oldies Snooker (which I still help to run).

On the sporting side of things, I was involved in starting the Weymouth Rowing Club, in 1972 I started the Weymouth Rugby Football Club with Eric Seranck and Ray Hagan. I helped with Waipu Surf Lifesaving Club and Whangamata Surf Lifesaving Club. I represented in High School cricket and swimming, and coached swimming for the surf lifesaving club. I also played rugby and enjoyed rodeos as a young fella.

I have four grandchildren. I met Joce in 2006 and have been happy as Larry ever since.

Chips is a Life Member of Whangamata RSA and has been a member here for more than 20 years.

Over the years he has been very involved with the RSA and has assisted wherever possible.

ANZAC Days – always available to help, including setting up and taking down the hall, as well as rum rations.

ANZAC Day Sunrise Services – always available to help and he was the main instigator of the flag raising on the beach.

Poppy Days – always available to help and does several shifts throughout the day, including filling in for people that are unavailable.

He always makes an effort to help distribute and pick up the poppy boxes in the Club and shops.

Chips has been on the Executive Committee in the past and took a great interest in the RSA, always offering to help where he could.

Funerals – always available to help with setting up and putting the chairs away afterwards.

He was always a handyman of his choice, whether it be gardening, weed spraying, mowing lawns, arranging working bees to repair and paint fences, etc.

PADRE – Reverend Ross Falconer



I was born and raised in Whanganui. My Father was a pilot in the Pacific 1940 to 44. (TBF's and Corsairs). My Uncle, a bomber pilot, killed.

I started work on farms, attended Flock House and Massey University. (Cert Ag., Dip Dairy Farming). I spent two years as volunteer farm manager and sawmill manager on Presbyterian Mission Farm in Vanuatu. Three years training for Anglican ministry. (L.Th , Dip ministry).

I have held a private pilots licence. I served parishes in Taranaki, Bay of Plenty and Waikato, Archdeacon of Waikato.

At age of 50, commissioned Army Chaplain and served 4 years in Waiouru.

Served with NZ Batt 5 in East Timor. Promoted to Major(E) Transferred to RNZAF, posted to Woodbourne. (Squadron Leader). Promoted to Wing Commander, Principal Chaplain RNZAF. Responsible to the Chief of Airforce and working out of Joint Force HQ, responsible for NZDF deployments.

Graduated NZ Defence Force Joint Staff College (Post Grad Diploma in Defence and Strategic Studies, Massey University).

Retired, moved to Whangamata and bought a lawn mowing business. (Assistant Archdeacon of Piako) Retired (again) but relocated to Central Otago to assist a struggling Parish. Retired (again) Currently... former senior crew but now Duty Officer Whangamata Coastguard. Co-coordinator Prostate Cancer Support Group (currently in recess). Secretary Whangamata Community Menzshed. NZ accredited bowling coach. Assist at local church.

Married to Lesley (49 years... worth a medal for one of us), three wonderful daughters.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARDED TO CRAIG KAHUI

Craig Kahui was awarded his Whangamata RSA Life Membership on Wednesday 27th September he was presented his certificate and badge by President Geoff March and Vice President Lyn Ward.

Craig was also awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for the work that has done for the RSA over his years as a committee member.



Craig is an Associate Member and has been a member of Whangamata RSA since 2010 when he re-joined the RSA following a brief lapse in membership whilst he was overseas. He has been on the Executive Committee for the past eight years, assists with Raffles and Joker's Wild, along with his wife Val.

He has supervised the conditions of the RSA grounds and helps with the setting up for functions/funerals, etc. He also helps with all the working bees around the RSA and always makes himself available to assist wherever needed.

He was a door-person for approximately 18 months, job sharing with other Committee Members. He attended five District Meetings and often drove the other Committee Members to the meetings in the van.

He was a Chef for the RSA in the early 2000s and still makes himself available to help with the Women's Section Xmas Function, the 8 Ball Barbecues and Ham Tournaments.

Nominated by Alan Finney Life Member
Seconded by John Aislabie Life Member

Congratulations Craig!

PROJECT REMEMBRANCE UPDATE

Project Remembrance Wall is now underway. EPL has been busy removing our old wall and surroundings to make room for the new monument designed by local sculptor, Ted Pickett.

The foundation for the new 2 metre high monument has been laid. A few more steps have been taken over the last week or so. The boxed area with rebar is the start of the monument, you can get an idea of how tall it will be now...



CEILINGS AND LIGHTING UPGRADE

You may have noticed a few changes happening at the RSA the last couple of weeks.

It all started with Indoor Bowls requesting better lighting... From there it has gone to removing all the old vents in the ceiling and the old smoking extractor, repairing the ceiling, painting and installing dimmable LED lighting.

The builder, painters and electricians have been hard at work to get the job done as quickly as possible. The ceilings have now had the old vents and extractors removed and the painting has been completed. Lighting was installed on Thursday 5th October (See the new lighting in a photo on the 'Drone Fishing' page).

A big thank you to Liam Denton who assisted us with an application to Pub Charity for funding, and a big thank you to Pub Charity and their partners who operate the Pub Charity Limited gaming machines in our area: Admiral Arms – Coromandel, Rocker Box Bar – Thames, Smitty's Sports Bar & Grill – Whitianga and our own Whangamata Sports Bar. Thanks also go to our Indoor Bowls Adjunct for their donation towards the lighting upgrade.



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Multiple Sclerosis
Waikato

QUIZ NIGHT FUNDRAISER



On Saturday the 30th of September we held a charity quiz evening to raise money for MS Waikato. The evening was a huge success with 30 teams of 6 people per table competing for the top score to take home \$300.

Quiz master Gavin opened the evening with a question game for everyone in the room, presenting a bottle of wine to the last two standing. This was followed by a Picture sheet handed out and 40 questions to be answered.

During the night when the theme music to Selwyn Toogood's Money or the Bag Show went off it was spot prize time. At 8pm supper was available for all players and anyone that was in the RSA at the time.

We ended the night drawing a raffle worth \$700 and revealing the winners of the items on the auction table.

The winners of the Quiz kindly donated the \$300 prize money back to the cause.

I would like to thank everybody who participated and paid their \$25 to play, all of their \$25 has been donated to MS Waikato along with the auction and raffle money totalling a whopping \$6,000.

Gavin did an amazing job as Quizmaster; he kept the audience entertained and the night flowing. Jane put a lot of work in organising the Quiz with Gavin, arranging the auction table and the bidding papers. With the help of Roxie they marked all the quiz sheets to reveal the winners.

Peter and I approached the town's businesses for donations for the night and were amazed with the generosity and kindness, we had a large amount of quality products for people to bid on and were able to put together a beautiful raffle featuring a gorgeous neckless donated from Rod at Strictly time, Smoky Pallet vouchers, Bliss haircut and blow wave, Nourish massage and Luv Coffee vouchers.

Debra provided supper for the evening with help from Dianne, Pam, Chris and Robyne and what a wonderful spread they provided, everyone was very impressed.

Overall the night was a huge success with many inquiring if we can do it next year, If my amazing team are up for it and local businesses get behind us again then yes, why not.

Karyn Jones

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- Little Latte
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- Meat at the Beach
- Nourish
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- Smoky Pallet
- Stirling Sports
- Strictly Time
- Subway Whanga
- Sunny's
- Super Liquor
- Table Talk
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- The Pumice Patch
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- Whanga Books
- Whangamata Pharmacy
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- Whangamata RSA
- Whangamata Cycle & Outdoors
- Whangamata News
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- Yings @ the RSA

COMBINED SERVICES DAY

Sunday 27th August 2023



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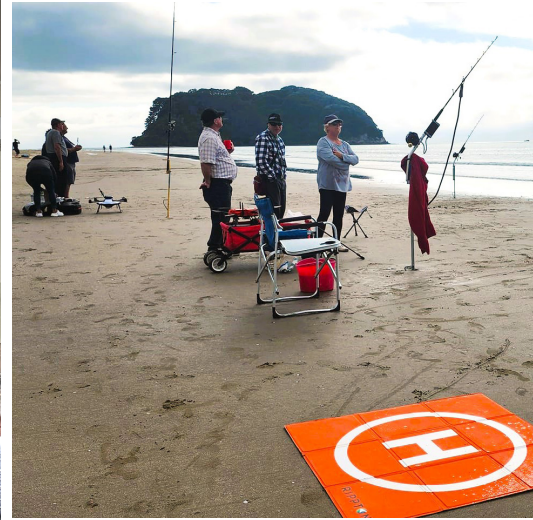


KIWI DRONE FISHING DISPLAY



On Thursday 5th October we had a display from "Kiwi Drone Fishing" diving into the exciting world of drone fishing! We had a great turnout with around 60 people joining us.

They had information to help you get started and guide you on how to choose the perfect drone based on your budget and flying expertise. Showcasing some of the best fishing drones used in New Zealand. Sharing top tips and tricks both Mark and Malcolm, are extremely knowledgeable and approachable. They had a plethora of gear and accessories on display to help you soar high in your drone fishing adventures!



On Friday at Island View Reserve, a drone display at the beach. Photo Kiwi Drone Fishing

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

GOLDEN OLDIES

Golden Oldies Tournament

6th September 2023

Home Game Played: Waihi Beach RSA Lost: 12 - 4

20th September 2023

Home Game Played: Whangamata Club Won: Draw 8 All

2nd October 2023

Away Game Played: Katikati Lost: 6 - 10

Golden Oldies Practice Round

2nd August 2023

Highest Break: 20, Rex

Winner: Ying's @ the RSA - Roger; 4 Wins, 212 Points

Runner Up: Grant; 3 Wins, 215 Points

Raffle: Meat at the Beach - No. 9

8th August 2023

Players: 11 Highest Break: - Graham W. 21

Winner: Ying's @ the RSA - Ray H; 3 Wins, 193 Points

Runner Up: Graham W; 3 Wins, 161 Points

Raffle: Meat at the Beach - No. 1, Bill S.

15th August 2023

Players: 10 Highest Break: 21, Rex

Winner: Ying's @ the RSA - Rex, 4 Wins, 257 Points

Runner Up: Graham Walder, 4 Wins, 233 Points

Raffle: Meat at the Beach - No. 20, Rob

22nd August 2023

Players: 8

Winner: Ying's @ the RSA - Stephen H; 4 Wins, 260 Points

Runner Up: Voucher - Rex; 3 Wins, 234 Points

Raffle: Meat at the Beach - No. 11 Angie

29th August 2023

Players: 12 Highest Break: Rex, 18

Winner: Ying's @ the RSA - Rex; 3 Wins, 261 Points

Runner Up: Roger; 3 Wins, 186 Points

Raffle: Meat at the Beach - No. 12 Bob S.

5th September 2023

Players: 12

Winner: Ying's @ the RSA - Rex; 3 Wins, 253 Points

Runner Up: John N; 3 Wins, 239 Points

Raffle: Meat at the Beach - No. 8, Bill S. 2nd No. 23, Dion

12th September 2023

Highest Break: 16 Jack, 4 Wins, 225 Points

Winner: Ying's @ the RSA - Jack Tarrant, 4 Wins, 225 Points

Runner Up: Grant, 3 Wins, 219 Points

Raffle: Meat at the Beach - No. 7 - Stephen

19th September 2023

Highest Break: 22, Roger

Winner: Ying's @ the RSA - Roger, 3 Wins, 217 Points

Runner Up: Bill S., 2 Wins, 189 Points

Raffle: Meat at the Beach - No. 20, Jack Tarrant

26th September 2023

Players: 10 Highest Break: Stephen 27

Winner: Ying's @ the RSA - Ray; 4 Wins, 194 Points

Runner Up: Rex, 2 Wins, 238 Points

Raffle: Meat at the Beach - No. 9 Chips

3rd October 2023

Players: 9 Highest Break: Rex, 20

Winner: Ying's @ the RSA - Rex, 4 Wins, 208 Points

Runner Up: Stephen, 3 Wins, 217 Points

Raffle: Meat at the Beach - No. 10, Rex

8 BALL

Keri Keri visited on the 24th of September with a whopping 35 players, we had a great day of fun 8 Ball games. Porka did a fab job cooking 72 burger patties on the BBQ for our hamburgers.

On the 7th of October we are looking forward to the Stirling from Waihi visiting with 20 players.



FISHING

Hello from the fishing adjunct,

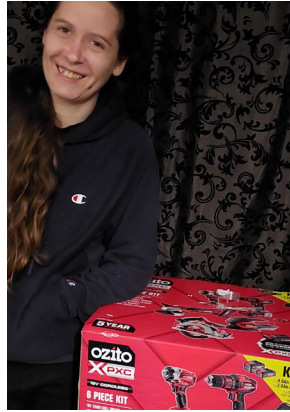
Well a big thanks to the public and our members who purchased tickets for our Father's Day raffle.

Raffle winners were:

1st Prize Ann Marie Williamson (pictured) Bunnings Ozito 6 piece cordless set.

2nd Prize Chris Tate Hunting and Fishing Voucher.

3rd Prize Wayne Williamson half day Te Ra Fishing Voucher.



Well done to all and thanks for participating.

Earlier in the month 10 anglers went on the Te Ra night fishing trip we all certainly had a good time with everyone catching their limit (thanks Chris). And of course our \$5 biggest snapper was won by Fonz with a nice 68 centimetre snapper not sure of weight.

We hope to have a couple more trips out fishing before Christmas so keep an eye out on the notice board, thanks.

WORD SEARCH

The Muppets

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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!

KIDS CLUB MEMBERS

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?...

DEAD MAN'S PENNY

Terry Brown has researched the history of the Veterans that we have Dead Man's Pennies for on display.

Jim Pullingers has now been returned to his family.

6/1381 PRIVATE JAMES PULLINGER, CANTERBURY INFANTRY BATTALION

James Pullinger was born in Tinwald on 12 May 1878, the son of Robert and Charlotte Pullinger. His surname is spelt as both Pullinger and Pullenger on his documents, although his birth is registered as Pullinger. James was attested in Timaru on 6 October 1914 and entered Addington Camp on 20 October 1914, posted to the Canterbury Infantry Battalion (CIB). At the time of his attestation he was working as a Labourer for J.E. Lochland of St Andrew's.

It is difficult to personalize an account where a junior soldier is concerned. They seldom feature in the Unit History or the war diary. Thus it becomes necessary to follow the individual through the movements of his unit, until his file shows a transfer or posting elsewhere.

James appears to have been posted to 2nd (South Canterbury) Company within the CIB, and as such embarked in the troopship Athenic on at Lyttelton 2 October 1914. Following a delay in Wellington the convoy carrying the New Zealand troops left Wellington on 16 October and reached Egypt on 3 December by way of Albany, Colombo, and for the Athenic, Aden. The troop were to disembark in Egypt and complete their training before moving to France. In February 1915 the battalion was involved in the defence of the Suez Canal and the 2nd Company was deployed in the area of Ismailia. There was no direct action, but the company was subjected to intermittent artillery fire.

On 12 April 2nd Company embarked in the Lutzow, arriving at Mudros on 15 April. The company arrived at ANZAC Cove at 7 a.m. on 25 April and disembarked around midday. On 28 April James suffered a gunshot wound to the scalp and was evacuated to Alexandria. He remained in the hospital system until 15 May and a fortnight later he embarked to return to the Peninsula.

On 17 August James was admitted to the New Zealand Field Ambulance with Enteritis and the same day was embarked in a hospital ship bound for England. James was admitted to Devonport Military Hospital on arrival in England. On 9 September 1915 James died and was buried in the Corporation Cemetery, Devonport, now known as the Plymouth (Weston Mill) Cemetery.

For service with the Canterbury Infantry Battalion in Egypt and Gallipoli, James received the: 1914-15 Star, British War Medal 1914-19, and Victory Medal.

James also served with the 9th Contingent, New Zealand Mounted Rifles during the Second South African War and received the: Queen's South Africa Medal with clasps TRANSVAAL, and SOUTH AFRICA 02.



28631 PRIVATE ERNEST WILLIAM RHODES, 1ST NEW ZEALAND EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

Ernest William Rhodes was born in Coromandel on 17 September 1890 the son of Thomas William and Emily Rhodes (née Leaning). At the time of his attestation he was a public servant working as a Clerk in the Supreme Court, Wellington. He had also served as a territorial soldier with No 3 Company, Engineers in Auckland.

Thomas attested at Trentham on 27 June 1916 and entered camp the same day. He was posted to G Company of the 20th Reinforcements, destined for the New Zealand Rifle Brigade (NZRB), and on 31 August he was promoted to sergeant.

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He embarked in the troopship Athenic, which sailed from Wellington on 30 December 1916 and disembarked at Devonport on 3 March 1917. Ernest marched in to Sling Camp on the Salisbury Plain, was posted C Company of 5 Reserve Battalion, NZRB and reverted to temporary corporal on 3 March. On 31 March he reverted to private having failed a junior non-commissioned officers' course.

On 3 April 1917 Ernest moved from Sling to Codford Camp, also on Salisbury Plain, where the 4th NZ Infantry Brigade was forming. He was initially posted to 6 (Hauraki) Company, 3 Battalion, Auckland Infantry Regiment, but on the same day, 3 April, he moved to 11 (Taranaki) Company of 3 Battalion, Wellington Infantry Regiment (WIR). Ernest embarked for France on 27 May 1917, crossing the Channel in the S.S. Australind.

On 23 July, 3 Battalion was completing a spell in the trenches in the Le Touquet sector to the north-east of Armentières. At some point on that day Ernest was killed, he is buried in Motor Car Corner Cemetery south of Ypres, Belgium.

For his service with 3 Battalion, WIR in France, Ernest received the: British War Medal 1914-19, and Victory Medal.

**12/2872 PRIVATE CECIL LOUIS WALKER,
AUCKLAND INFANTRY BATTALION**

Cecil Louis Walker was born in Mercury Bay on 1 October 1887 to Maxwell and Ellen Louise Walker. At the time of his attestation he was employed as an accountant by the Auckland Remu Timber Company, Newmarket. Cecil was attested at Trentham on 16 April 1915 and entered camp on the same day.

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Cecil embarked in the troopship Willochra as a member of A Company, 6th Reinforcements on 14 August 1915 and disembarked at Suez on 19 September 1915. Ten days later he joined the Auckland Infantry Battalion at Mudros posted to 16 (Waikato) Company. On 8 November the battalion returned to Gallipoli for the final six weeks.

On 29 December 1915 Cecil disembarked at Alexandria following the successful evacuation of the ANZAC forces on Gallipoli. It was now a period of training and reorganization. There were now sufficient reinforcements in Egypt to form a third infantry brigade and thus create a New Zealand division. By utilizing experienced officers and non-commissioned officers from the original four infantry battalions, regiments were created with a 1st and 2nd battalion each. Cecil remained where he was and was now a member of 1st Battalion, Auckland Infantry Regiment (AIR).

The battalion embarked in the troopship Franconia at Alexandria on 6 April 1916 bound for Marseilles. On arrival in France the New Zealanders boarded trains and moved to northern France. On 13 May the battalion went into the line at Armentières, recognized as a "quiet" sector where troops new to the Western Front could learn about trench warfare. The New Zealand division was to remain in the Armentières sector until mid-August when it moved to the Somme battlefields. Following a period of reorganization, rest, and training the Battalions moved into the line. On 15 September 1 AIR moved up to the area of Mametz Wood preparatory to an attack towards Flers. According to the War Diary 16 September was day of undergoing two artillery barrages, machine-gun fire, and snipers. At some point on the 16th Cecil was killed.

Cecil has no known grave and is commemorated on the New Zealand memorial in the Caterpillar Valley Cemetery, located to the east of Albert. For his service with the Auckland Infantry Regiment at Gallipoli and in France, Cecil received the: 1914-15 Star, British War Medal 1914-19, and Victory Medal.

Cecil's brother, 38462 Private Eric Trevor Logier Walker served with 2 Battalion, AIR and was killed in action on 30 March 1918. Eric is buried in the Euston Road Cemetery, Colincamps to the north of Albert. For his service with 2 Battalion, AIR, Eric received the: British War Medal 1914-19, and Victory Medal.

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FISHING

fishing trips and info

See fishing noticeboard
by 8 Ball tables

Indoor BOWLS

Tuesday
9.45am

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Tuesday 1pm

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We are a fun group of people, there
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Register by 6.30pm | Play starts 7pm
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MAHJONG

Thursday

Names in at 9.45am
Play 10am - 1.30pm
\$2

'Highly Strung' UKULELE

Thursday 1.30pm

SNOOKER

Thursday
6.15pm

Snooker are looking for more players to join
Expressions of interest please contact us or
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