



The Razza

WHANGAMATA RSA NEWSLETTER

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



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Geoff March

Welcome to July 2022, over halfway through another year, how have you been going, hopefully keeping safe and well in these uncertain times. Sadly we have lost a few long serving members in the last month, our thoughts are with their families.

Membership renewal time again, we have had a fantastic response to members renewing their membership for another year, a good time to remind those who haven't gotten around to it, yes, you can renew online to bank account: 02 0472 0020608 00 Please include your name and membership number, that way when you are in next you can pick up your new card. Another new initiative we have, is you can load money onto your membership card so when you scan your card you get the members discount and can pay for your order at the same time.

We like other RSAs, and Club have felt the effects of the pandemic, we are working hard to entice our member back to using our facilities, we have to manage our funds for now to keep us safe, unfortunately this means we are still not flush enough to return to our full membership draws, we have however got the chance to win 3 draws \$50 that will get loaded onto your card, these draws are on the last two numbers of your membership number. We will try and resume to full service as quickly as we can. If you have any ideas that can help us, please don't hesitate to pass them on, we welcome all the assistance and knowledge we can get, everything and anything is helpful.

Finally it looks like Combined Services Day, Sunday 28th August will go ahead after two years of cancellation. These days are looked forward to by many especially our Veterans and it gives them a chance to catch up with old mates again and meet new ones. But it is not only for our Veterans our members also enjoy the interaction and the magnificent lunch that Ying's puts on. Put this date on your calendar, you can book at the bar, so you don't miss out, as this is very popular.

We have set the date for our AGM Sunday 25th September, now is the time to think if you are willing to help by getting involved in the running of your RSA by putting your name up for the committee, new people help drive us forward and keep us relevant. If you are interested, ask members of the present committee (Their names and photos are displayed in the foyer) what is involved and discuss your ideas and comments with them. We have a couple of points they will be addressed at the AGM, Membership Fees, and the Voting process for a start.

If you know of members who are not getting emails or notifications from us, please get them to contact the office to update their contact details, people change their contacts, and we all don't remember exactly who we must notify on our contact lists. Also if you know of anyone who you think would benefit from becoming a member please bring them along, they will be welcome.

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. Check out our Website and Facebook page, for up to date activities and events, as well these are on our TV by the bar, "What's On" board and on the noticeboard in the foyer.



WOMENS SECTION REPORT

Lyn Ward – President

Our June meeting was held on Tuesday 7th June. We only had about 15 members turn up with some not well with Covid and other illnesses.

The meeting still went well, and our guest speaker was Diane Norris with two other ladies who came along to show how our ANZAC wreaths are made. Two wreaths were made and with Diane's encouragement a few members said they would be interested in helping next April. Diane also showed how to use a lot of different greenery with a few flowers in a vase to make a nice floral display.

Tuesday 5th July was the day we held our July meeting. Again, a small turnout due to winter ills and chills and other appointments. Our guest was Norm Sayer, a brilliant artist and lovely person. Norm showed us some of his artwork in pastels and photos of sculptures he has made in the past. He used to send his sculptures all round the country but lack of care by courier drivers made him decide to stop this.

During the covid lockdown Norm did an oil painting of Sara Bain's photo of the horses coming up from the beach at the RSA ANZAC morning service four years ago. This painting is now on show at the RSA. Norm also gave us instruction on how to structure a drawing.

Our next meeting is our AGM to be held on Tuesday 2nd August at 1.30pm. I hope that as many members that can, attend. This will be a special meeting with guests and presentations.

SUPPORT HUB

We would like to offer our Veterans and Members a unique opportunity to get support...



Whangamata Community Van THAMES SHOPPING TRIP



Thursday 23 June 2022
Thursday 21 July 2022
Thursday 18 August 2022

Departure from Whangamata: 9am
Return time: 3:30pm

Contact our office for more information: 07 865 7065
or Jess 027 470 1714 jess@whangacst.co.nz

Friday 15th July between 2 and 4 pm we will have:

Footcare professional (who will trim nails and deal with foot issues),

Ear Health professional who will talk about options she can offer

JP our Patron Terri Sorenson will be available for any signing needs

Whangamata Community Trust talking about the wide range of services that they can offer (Personal shopping, Advice services, guidance services and other services to assist you in your daily life).

It would be great to get a good response so we can offer this on a regular cycle, can I please urge you come along on Friday and see what is on offer and to see if they can assist you in anyway. If this is well attended, we could set this up monthly.

So, what is needed from you? For you and your family to come along and if you know of anyone who could benefit in anyway, tell them about the Support Hub or better still bring them along.

We hope to see you, you are most welcome to attend.

PEDICARE SERVICES

Local Professional Foot Care

BY REGISTERED NURSE

Alison Walkington

PHONE **027 66 32 32 0**

First clinic on Friday 15th July | 2pm till 4pm

Clinic second Friday of the month

Veterans and Members

\$45.00 and Veteran Affairs clients free if they have registered with Veteran Affairs

To make an appointment please phone number above

COMBINED SERVICES DAY

To honour those who have served or are still serving in Defence & Police

We extend a warm welcome to anyone who wishes to attend a day to remember and talk about for years to come

RSA

Whangamata RSA

Sunday 28th August 2022 - 11am start

Rum Ration - Parade of Flags - Last Post

Medals to be worn
Entertainment by Ebonivory
Raffles

If you do not want to have lunch you are still more than welcome to come and share the day with us, buy some raffles and enjoy the entertainment

Subsidised Lunch
\$25/person
Bookings Essential

Bookings

rsamanager@outlook.com or 07 865 9419
or on list at bar

RSVP: Wednesday 24th August





NZ WALK OF FAME

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KEVIN GREAVES

Star on the New Zealand Walk of Fame

"The Whangamata RSA is my favourite club to play at. It not only has a wonderful sound, but more than that, it's the people. Audience, staff and management"

Whangamata RSA Member and popular entertainer Kevin Greaves has been awarded a star on the New Zealand Walk of Fame on the Hibiscus Coast Highway, Orewa, Auckland.

The star unveiling and afterparty were held on Sunday 26th June. It was a great day spent with family and friends, musicians and previous recipients of a star on the NZ Walk of Fame.

Congratulations Kevin!

MORE ABOUT KEVIN GREAVES

After 15 years, 1993 to 2008, living and recording in Nashville TN. Plus performing all over the USA, Kevin is now sharing his time between New Zealand, USA & Australia, and once again proving very popular in the Down-Under Scene.

In fact since returning home he has won some of NZ's most prestigious awards, including, Best Male Artist, Best Comedy Act, The Agnew Award, awarded in recognition of an outstanding professional career. 2016 he received the "Living Legend Award" On Face TV Awards.

Then in 2017 he was presented with the Benny Award, the highest accolade awarded in the NZ Entertainment Industry. This award is voted on by his peers, which means just that much more to Kevin. It was a very proud moment as he accepted it as it was 41 years after his famous father, and country music pioneer, Rusty Greaves received the same award, the first father and son to achieve this.

Kevin's wish is to pass on the knowledge he has gained to as many young performers as he possibly can.

Kevin was asked for the 2nd time, to be one of the support acts for Super Star Kenny Rogers on his tour down-under, recognizing his fabulous talent and popularity.

A tremendous hit as one of the featured Stars on the 2008 Highway of Legends Touring Show, "He truly stole the show each night" said Gray Bartlett, one of the six Legends touring on this show, which also included, Eddie Low, John Grenell, Brendan Dugan, Dennis Marsh and Marian Burns.. "His 15 years in the tough USA and Nashville scene have moved Kevin to a new level as an entertainer, this shone through and he proved to be the hit of the show." His mixture of country music, comedy and on-stage personality is like no other in the NZ entertainment scene.

Kevin is one of a handful of International Artists that have had the honour to perform at the World Famous Grand Ole Opry.

In 1995 Kevin was lucky enough to score 2 songs in the Nashville Charts. "I'm Not Scared of Women" #15,

"Hurtin' To The Bone" #4. Which enabled him to get many opening spots and support tours, with some amazing artists.

Over the years Kevin has had the pleasure to share the stage with some of the biggest names in the business, either here in NZ or in Australia, or during the 15 years he lived in Nashville.

This included, Kenny Rogers, The Dixie Chic's, Kenny Loggins, Toby Keith, Alan Jackson, Brad Paisley, Lonestar, Rascal Flatts, Brooks & Dunn, Leanne Womack, Gary Allen, Josh Turner, Hank Snow, Tennessee Ernie Ford, Jerry Lee Lewis, Charley Pride, Bill Anderson, Freddie Hart, Charlie Walker, Chris Ward, Vern Gosdin, James Burton, Terri-Clarke, Johnny Lee, The LeGarde Twins, Sheb Wooley, Clinton Gregory, Carl Perkins, Doug Supernaw, Rick Trevino, The Drifters, Skip Ewing, Ronnie Prophet, and Billy Dean.

Australian Artists, Paul Costa, Beccy Cole, Adam Harvey, Chad Morgan, The Wheel, Brian Cadd. Camille and Stuie French.

Too many New Zealand Artists to try and list, but included are some of the greats that have now passed. Sir Howard Morrison,



The family. Me, Lukas, Pandora, my big son Kayton and grandson Jett

Billy T James, Lou and Simon, Peter Posa, Les Andrews, Silvio DePra, Peter Newbury (Crunchy The Clown) Dave Cowell, George Tumahai, Robyn Ruakiri, Ritchie Pickett and of course Rusty Greaves.

Plus he still has the pleasure to work with currently those listed in the Highway of Legends, Jodi Vaughan then add Pop and Rock legends, Shane, Suzanne Lynch, Tom Sharplin, Larry Morris. Variety Artists, like Jon Zealando and Guy Cater. And now has great respect and admiration for young performers like. Chris Powley, Howard Morrison Quartet Take 2, James Ray, Brendon Ham, Chet O'Connell, Che Orton, Kylie Austin, Keith Pereria, Dan Cosgrove.

With special mention to siblings Lex and Michelle Greaves, who are both great singers in their own rights, but add that amazing sibling harmony.



Birthdays

CELEBRATED AT
WHANGAMATA RSA THIS MONTH



Ann's 80th Birthday celebrated with this happy group of friends at Friday Line Dancing



Gary's 60th Birthday celebrated at dinner with friends at Ying's @ the RSA

HOUSEIE

**Tuesday
7PM**

**Thursday
4PM**

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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First National
Real Estate

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



We have seven signs. Tamaki Rd, Achilles Ave, Bellona Rd, Leander Rd, Philomel Rd.
In the next issue we will bring you info on the final sign: Ajax Rd.

HMS Exeter was the second and last York-class heavy cruiser built for the Royal Navy during the late 1920s. Aside from a temporary deployment with the Mediterranean Fleet during the Abyssinia Crisis of 1935–36, she spent the bulk of the 1930s assigned to the Atlantic Fleet or the North America and West Indies Station. When World War II began in September 1939, the cruiser was assigned to patrol South American waters against German commerce raiders.

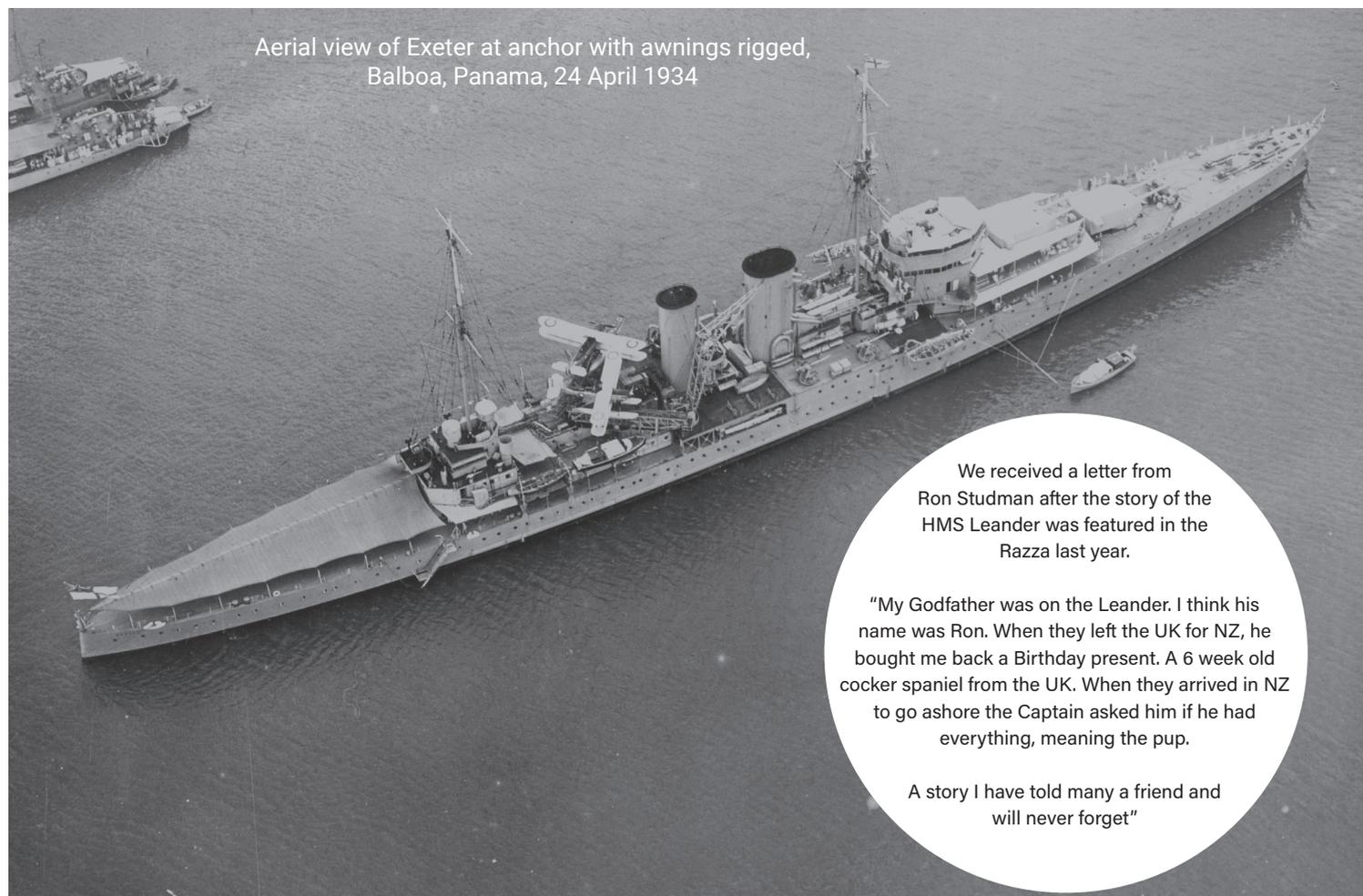
Exeter was one of three British cruisers that fought the German pocket battleship, the Admiral Graf Spee, later that year in the Battle of the River Plate. She was severely damaged during the battle, and she was in the shipyard for over a year.

After her repairs were completed, the ship spent most of 1941 on convoy escort duties before she was transferred to the Far East after the start of the Pacific War in December. Exeter was generally assigned to escorting convoys to and from Singapore during the Malayan Campaign, and she continued on those duties in early February 1942 as the Japanese prepared to invade the Dutch East Indies.

Later that month, she was assigned to the Striking Force of the joint American-British-Dutch-Australian Command (ABDACOM), and she took on a more active role in the defence of the Dutch East Indies.

The culmination of this was her engagement in the Battle of the Java Sea later in the month as the Allies attempted to intercept several Imperial Japanese Navy invasion convoys. Exeter was crippled early in the battle, and she did not play much of a role as she withdrew. Two days later, she attempted to escape approaching Japanese forces, but she was intercepted and sunk by Japanese ships at the beginning of March in the Second Battle of the Java Sea.

Most of her crewmen survived the sinking and were rescued by the Japanese. About a quarter of them died during Japanese captivity. Her wreck was discovered in early 2007, and it was declared a war grave, but by 2016 her remains had been destroyed by illegal salvagers.



Aerial view of Exeter at anchor with awnings rigged, Balboa, Panama, 24 April 1934

We received a letter from Ron Studman after the story of the HMS Leander was featured in the Razza last year.

"My Godfather was on the Leander. I think his name was Ron. When they left the UK for NZ, he bought me back a Birthday present. A 6 week old cocker spaniel from the UK. When they arrived in NZ to go ashore the Captain asked him if he had everything, meaning the pup.

A story I have told many a friend and will never forget"

The Whangamata Country Music Club wishes to advise that **June Wilkinson** has been awarded life membership for services to the Club in excess of eight years.

June has held two roles during this time, both being Secretary and Treasurer.

We are extremely proud to present this award for her extensive contribution to our Country Music Club. Again, our thanks and best wishes to June.



Kevin Greaves Nashville Tour The Trip Of A Life Time



Everything included, Flights, Hotels, Land Transport Attractions, Concerts Breakfast Everyday and More Including, Nashville, Calgary Stampede, Branson, Memphis. And Much More - Full Itinerary And Price Available Soon To Receive Updates Contact Gaylene Solly gsolly@hotmail.co.nz - Ph 07 839 2134

HOUSE OF TRAVEL

GREAT HOLIDAYS MADE BETTER TOGETHER.
NEW ZEALAND'S MOST AWARDED TRAVEL GROUP



July 2023

8 BALL

Club Champs prize giving was held last Wednesday night. Covid had interrupted 2021 games, so we finished playing them this year. We had a great night having hamburgers and chips and handing out trophies to the winners. We drew a few spot prizes. A well deserved get together.

Trades and workers tournament is due to kick off the first Tuesday in August. Entry forms are on the 8 ball notice board or contact Karyn.



8 BALL TRADIES TOURNAMENT

2 players per team (doubles)

Tuesdays 6.00pm - over 5 weeks

Start Date: 2nd August - 30th August

Entry forms on the 8 Ball notice board

1st Prize \$600

2nd Prize \$400

3rd Prize \$300

4th Prize \$200

Worked on a points system,
every team plays every team

RSA Rules

INDOOR BOWLS

The RSA Nationals was a two-day event hosted by the Tokoroa RSA. We had three teams attend to play in this popular tournament.

There were 38 teams entered in the tournament from around the country. Each team needed 8 points to qualify through to the Championship round.

Ellen McSkimming's team of Ellen, Ellen Martin, Cynthia Colville and Lynda Callaghan qualified with four wins. They went on to play in the Championship round on the Sunday needing 6 points to advance to the play offs.

Despite a brilliant effort by the ladies, they only managed to gain 4 points in that round facing very touch opposition. The team came in a very commendable 4th equal overall for the tournament. Well done ladies.

John Hare's team of John, Brian Wyatt, Patrick Cairns and Erin Wyatt and Lindsay Tomlin's team of Lindsay, Laurene Eades, Ngaire Wallace and Joy O'Sullivan put up a fine effort but alas came up short to miss out on qualification but that saw them go through to the Consolation (or Plate) round with mixed results.

A good time of fellowship and meeting up again with competitors from other RSA's made the weekend very enjoyable. John's mulled wine also went down a treat.

It was with sadness that we lost our Club Captain, Trish Schultz, recently. Trish was a very lively and hard-working member of our Indoor Bowls Adjunct.

She is sorely missed. Rest In Peace Trish.



GOLDEN OLDIES SNOOKER RESULTS

Golden Oldies Practice Round

31st May 2022 - Players: 8
Highest Break: 18 – Bob, 57
Winner: Ying's @ the RSA – Ray H.
Runner Up: Meat at the Beach – Steve H.
Raffle: Meat at the Beach – No. 15 - Stephen

7th June 2022 - Players: 9
Winner: Ying's @ the RSA – Graham W; 4 Wins, 208 Points
Runner Up: Meat at the Beach – Kerry S; 3 Wins, 214 Points
Raffle: Meat at the Beach – No. 10 – Mike Judd

14th June 2022 - Players: 9
Highest Break: G. Walder
Winner: Ying's @ the RSA – G. Walder; 4 Wins, 290 Points
Runner Up: Meat at the Beach – John Nelson; 2 Wins, 219 Points
Raffle: Meat at the Beach – No. 16 – G. Walder

21st June 2022 - Players: 13
Highest Break: Bob S, 25
Winner: Ying's @ the RSA – Rex; 3 Wins, 218 Points
Runner Up: Meat at the Beach – Bill S; 3 Wins, 191 Points
Raffle: Meat at the Beach – No. 6 – Ray Hinton

5th July 2022 - Players: 10
Winner: Ying's @ the RSA – Bob S; 3 Wins, 225 Points
Runner Up: Meat at the Beach – Bill S; 3 Wins, 192 Points
Raffle: Meat at the Beach – No. 4, Kerry S.

THURSDAY SNOOKER RESULTS

9th June 2022
Winner: Glen, 3 Wins, 227 Points
Runner Up: Paula, 3 Wins, 217 Points
Hi Break: Gavin 18
Raffle Winner: Grant

Artists and Crafters

Have you made something you would like to share.

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





NEVER UNDERESTIMATE AN OLD MAN

An elderly man had owned his large farm in Louisiana for many years.

Right at the back of the farm, there was a large pond that was ideal for swimming. The old farmer had fixed it up real nice with picnic tables, horseshoe courts and some apple and peach trees.

One evening the farmer decides to go down to the pond, to look it over, as he hadn't been down there for a while.

Before setting off, he grabs a five-gallon bucket as he decides he'll bring back some fruit.

As he nears the pond, he can hear voices shouting and laughing with glee. Clearly, someone is having a good time.

As the farmer gets closer, he can see a bunch of young women who are clearly skinny-dipping in his pond.

He makes the women aware of his presence and immediately they all swim over to the far end.

One of the women then shouts, "We're not coming out until you leave mister!"

The farmer replies, "Ladies, I didn't come down here to watch you swim naked or make you get out of the pond. You carry on."

The wily old-timer then holds up his bucket and says, "I just came down here to feed the alligators!"

THE DEAD DUCK

A woman brings a very limp duck into a veterinary surgeon.

As she lays her beloved pet duck on the table, the vet puts his stethoscope to the bird's chest and listens carefully.

A moment later the vet shakes his head and says sadly, "I'm really sorry mam, but your duck, Cuddles, has passed away."

The woman becomes quite distressed and begins to cry.

"Are you sure?" she says with tears flooding from her eyes. "Yes mam, I am sure" the vet responds. "Your duck is definitely dead."

"But how can you be so sure?" the woman protests. "I mean, you haven't done any testing on him or anything have you? Perhaps he's just stunned or in a coma or something."

The vet rolls his eyes, then turns around and leaves the room.

A few minutes later he returns with a black Labrador retriever.

As the duck's owner looks on in amazement, the Labrador stands on his hind legs, puts his front paws on the examination table and sniffs around the duck from top to bottom. He then looks up at the vet with sad eyes and shakes his head.

The vet pats the dog on the head and takes it out of the room.

A few minutes later the vet returns with a cat. The cat jumps on the table and delicately sniffs at the bird from its head to its feet. After a moment the cat looks up, shakes its head, meows softly and strolls out of the room.

The vet looks at the woman and says, "Look mam I'm really sorry, but as I said before, this is most definitely a duck that is no longer of this world. Your duck is dead."

The vet then turns to his computer terminal, hits a few keys and produces a bill, which he hands to the woman.

The duck's owner, still in shock, looks at the bill and sees it is \$150.

"\$150 just to tell me my duck is dead!" she shrieks with incredulity

The vet shrugs his shoulders and says, "I'm sorry mam. If you'd taken my word for it, the bill would have been \$20. However, with the Lab Report and the Cat Scan, it's now \$150."



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KIDS CLUB TODAY

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?...

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

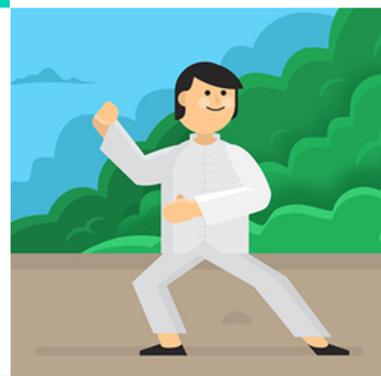
UKULELE HIGHLY STRUNG'

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

UPCOMING ENTERTAINMENT



**Kevin Greaves
& Eddie Low**

SUNDAY 17TH JULY

4PM



Whangamata
**Country
Music Club**

12pm start

Guest Artist
for Sunday 7 August

Raymond Solomon



**Raymond
Solomon**

SUNDAY 7TH AUGUST

5PM