



NZ GUNNER

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RNZAA Presidents Report, June 2019

The cold weather has taken its toll in terms of the amount of flu and other sicknesses around, but it certainly hasn't dampened the enthusiasm of our volunteers around the country.

Gunners Day

I would like to thank Martin Coomber who stepped up to organise Gunners Day in Wellington. Celebrations incorporated a formal service and the presentation of the Australian Unit Gallantry Citations for the Battle of FSB Coral and Balmoral to four recipients. May I also pay special thanks to Mr Jack Hayes (ex NZSAS Tp Comd) who makes the organising of these events so painless.

Gunners Day in Auckland was commemorated with an informal function at the Pt Chevalier RSA. The focus of the past two gunner's day celebrations has been to bring the RF and TF, both serving and past gunners, together in mutual comradeship to remember our shared heritage. Craig Hewett has done a great job in organising these events. We will be looking forward to feedback from all Auckland gunners as to the nature of ongoing gunner's day activities, formal or informal? Please get involved and have your say, it is not necessarily what you may get out of the event, attendance at these functions is a statement that 'you have remembered them'. It's not about you, it's about 'them'.

The Bay of Plenty and Waikato gunners once again shared an enjoyable luncheon. Thanks to Chris Morris and also Jack Mills who reported in from Rarotonga with celebrations in the tropics.

I know that Skin Frances is reaching frustration levels with organising events in Christchurch, and maybe it's time for a fresh approach up north and down south.

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LAST POST



WILLIAMS, William Rangimarie (Willy). M995796 SSGT, RNZA and RNZIR 1993-2019. Chief of Army Commendation. Willy died suddenly on Wednesday 19 June 2019, aged 46 years. The NZ Army is saddened to announce the loss to the New Zealand Army of Staff Sergeant William (Willy) Williams. His passing is a loss to 1 RNZIR, 16 Fd Regt and the NZ Army.

STOKES, Alfred Thomas (Alf): 815288 RNZA, CMT. Died peacefully at Cashmere View Hospital in Christchurch on June 19, 2019 in his 87th year.

HUMPHRIES, George Cunningham. 144168 Artillery Gunner, 2NZEF, WW2. Passed away peacefully at Carter House, Te Puke, on Tuesday 18th June 2019 in his 97th year.

ELLIS, James Philip (Jim): 18462, 161 Bty Vietnam, also, RNZN Malaya. Of Levin; formerly of Hawkes Bay. Died in Levin on Tuesday 28th May 2019, aged 72 years.

GEMPTON, Raymond Bernard. 456454. 4th Field Regt WW2, and 12th Field Regt and 10 Heavy Regt. Of Levin. Died on Sunday 26 May 2019 in hospital, aged 96.

MACFARLANE, George Webster: 814872 Lt, RNZA, 11th Coast Regt and 3 Fd Regt. Papal Award - Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice. Died suddenly at Holly Lea Retirement Village, Christchurch on May 14, 2019, aged 86 years.



RNZAA Presidents Report, March 2019 (cont)

Remember the Assn hung together for years with informal meetings at the Takapuna (and later the Birkenhead) RSAs. Maybe smaller gatherings in diverse locations could work? Please let Skin know your thoughts on this issue.

Although I haven't heard anything, I trust the Dunedin boys enjoyed a drink; don't let that wonderful camaraderie you shared with all of us at the last reunion diminish.

Other Activities.

Veterans Affairs, in conjunction with the Ranfurly home and Auckland RSAs, conducted an expo for Vietnam vets at Manukau Auckland on 25 May 19 (Barry Dreyer was an integral part of the overall organisation on behalf of Veterans Affairs). The RNZA Assn set up a stand at the expo which was very well received by the gunner veterans who attended. Our thanks to Bernie McCort, Chris Morris, Andrew Donnellan, and Greg Thwaite for their help and participation in manning the RNZAA stand. We managed to re-establish contact with a variety of ex-gunners and also made some good sales from the Q store.

25 May saw the commemoration of 75th Anniversary of Battle of Monte Casino in Casino. I was fortunate enough to attend in a private capacity. It was heartening to see the number of young NZers (and older for that matter) in attendance, many of whom had relatives buried in the cemetery. It was good to catch up with Matt Tepou again after many years. As a part of my tour I visited Faenza, and I would appreciate any assistance in establishing the identity of a NZ artist in an article later in the newsletter.

I would like to report that Barry Dreyer and I had a wonderful meeting with Brig Les Wright MBE last week. Les is in great health and spirits, and his memory is incredible. Les graduated from Duntroon in December 1942 and at 97 is the sole surviving member of his class. I found it inspirational to chat with him especially as he remembered my grandfather, Capt (IG) Johnny Loper, from his gunnery training days in Trentham in 1943.

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LAST POST



ALLAN, John Richard (Jack). 204222 LBdr, 16th Fd Regiment RNZA Korea. Died peacefully 9th May 2019 in Auckland after a short illness, aged 88 years.

FORRESTER, Trevor (Trev): Q32122 CAPT QM (Rtd) RNZEME and RNZA. Died peacefully on Tuesday 7 May 2019 at Palmerston North Hospital.

MORLAND, William Bernard (Bill). NZD 1708, RNZN and NZ Army Artillery WW2. Died peacefully on 6 May 2019 at Rosedale Village in Auckland in his 95th year.

KILLALEA, Patrick Joseph (Pat/Killa). 386913, 161 Battery, Vietnam. Died suddenly at home surrounded by family on Sunday 5 May 2019 in Auckland, aged 72.

FARRELL, Eric William (Bill). 361370, Sergeant, RNZA. Died at home in Thames, on 18th April, 2019.

SHAPLESKI, Noel Wallace. 204191 D Troop 162 Battery 16th Fd Regiment Korea. Died peacefully Wednesday 17th April, 2019 in Kaikohe.

LEIGHTON, John Thomas: 969514 Gnr, 16 Fd Regt Korea. Died Wednesday, March 27, 2019, aged 96.

BYRNE Kelly Francis, L30976, Wing Commander (Retd) RNZAF, and RNZA NZ Army. Died on 16th March 2019 at Parapara.



RNZAA Presidents Report, March 2019 (cont)

Op Ubique keeps going from strength to strength, with the input from a very enthusiastic group of gun restorers all around the North Island. I have received a formal thank you from Maj John MacGuire, the Comdt of Trentham Camp, for the work that the Wellington team have done down there.

As next summer approaches the team will be looking forward to approaches from RSAs/community groups for any assistance they may need in maintaining their display guns. Great work Colin Jansen and the Op Ubique team.

Please note the dates for the reunion, 8-10 November in Taupo. The event will be based at the Suncourt Motel and Peter Miles is looking forward to great attendance from a wide group of gunners. Show `you remember them`.

Ubique

Tony McLeod

President RNZAA

LAST POST



MILLAR, Kenneth Harvey. 204483, RNZA. Died peacefully at Hawke's Bay Hospital, Hastings on February 20, 2019 in his 88th year.

MACKAY, Brian Leslie: Former Drum Major, Royal NZ Artillery Band. Died 25 January 2019 at Eldon Lodge, Paraparaumu. In his 83rd year.

O'CARROLL, John Joseph: 260609 Gnr, 53 Anti-Tank Bty, 3rd Division, Pacific, WW2. Died on January 15, 2019, at Waikari Hospital in his 99th year.

HUTCHESON, Graeme Albert (Hutch): 66299, 5th Field Regiment, 2nd NZEF WW2. Died on January 8, 2019 in Christchurch in his 100th year.

GOULD, Edward Francis (Jim): 61449, Gnr., 44 BtY, 2 NZEF, WW2. Died on November 10, 2018, at Coldstream Care Centre Ashburton; aged 96 years.



Unit Gallantry Citation Presentation, Wellington, 26 May 19

Citations presented to veterans by Christine Clarke, CSC, Captain, Royal Australian Navy, Defence Adviser and Attaché to NZ, Cook Islands and Chile, Australian High Commission

Recipients included: Owen Dance, Alex Baker, Ken Wells (DFC), and Tom Roche





Unit Gallantry Citation Presentation, Wellington, 26 May 19





ANZAC Day Photos From the Regions...



Rotorua Dawn Service at Ohinemutu

Horowhenua Artillery Assn 59th Annual Gunners Lunch...

The Horowhenua Artillery Assn held their 59th Annual Gunners Lunch at Levin RSA on Wed 22nd May. There were 24 attendees with 7 members of 16 Fd Regt in attendance and the Guest Speaker was Lt Kirsten Wickham the current GPO of 163 Battery.

Next year will be the 60th Anniversary and looking to celebrate this milestone.

Assn President; Roger Newth. Assn Secretary; Adam Gibson





Gunners Day Photos From the Regions...

Christchurch

A small but loyal crowd gathered at the Christchurch Memorial RSA.

The instruction for the gathering were:

"Nothing formal. Dress informal. Having fun and telling a few tall tales is a must."

Instructions were followed to the letter. Along the way the decision was made that the toast to the Regiment was to be drunk in rum, the soldiers drink, rather than port, which was overly formal for our occasion. It may be hard to believe, but Kleve Hackett initially declined a glass, but after some fatherly guidance from Dick Wilson, Kleve was persuaded to indulge.

A couple of the stories covered "rum & coffees we have had". Pete Dawson told of the Padre who offered to make it. The Padres receipt was pour the bottle of rum into a mess tin, add instant coffee and heat. Skin Frances remembered being "removed" from an O Group as his "medicinal coffee" was too pungent.





Gunners Day Photos From the Regions...

Auckland

Auckland Gunners Day dinner . We held a Gunners Day casual get together and dinner at the Pt Chevalier RSA in Auckland on the night of the 25th May. Many thanks to Craig Hewett for organising a good night out. We had a real mix of generations of gunners attending, from Malaya/Vietnam through to serving 11/4 Bty gunners, and it was great to see the gunner generations mixing and chatting.



Here ex- members of 11A battery at Gunners day gathering Pt Chevalier RSA, Sat 24th May 2019. Mainly from the late 80's to mid 90's era

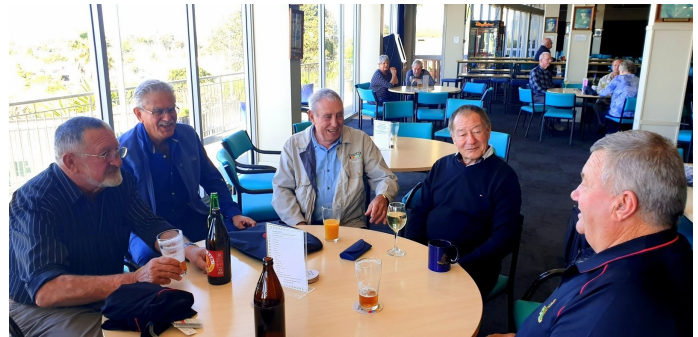




Gunners Day Photos From the Regions...

Bay of Plenty

Bay of Plenty/Coromandel Gunners Day lunch. We held our usual Bay of Plenty/Coromandel Gunners Day casual lunch on 26th May at our normal venue, the Waihi Beach RSA's 'Gunners View' Restaurant which has a wonderful panoramic view out over the Pacific Ocean. We had a good mix of 30 plus former RF and TF gunners and their wives/partners who attended, and plenty of tales were told, both tall and true.



Rarotanga

The trip to Rarotonga...at the RSA cemetery. Poppies laid on the graves of the Gunners buried there. Taking the service is Bob Kimi alongside Denis Dwane





Gunners Day Photos From the Regions...

Wellington

Here is an extract from the unit history as retold by Martin Coomber on the night...

The most enduring memorial to the efforts of D. Battery in Wellington is undoubtedly the 24 Pdr Signal gun now at the top of Mount Victoria. It is understood that the gun was acquired from Auckland, and the Wellington City Council arranged for a contractor to deliver it from the wharf side to the top of Mount Victoria, its final resting place. However, the contractor, having taken the gun, which according to a stamp on the carriage itself, weighs over 21 cwt, as far as the top of Majoribanks Street, was unable or unwilling to take it any further. D. Battery then stepped in and offered to take the gun on the remainder of its journey. The City Council gratefully accepted the offer. Over the following few days, the Battery, led by Lieutenant Mathew M. M'Credie (in civilian life the proprietor of an ironmonger's shop) worked furiously to drag the gun up the steep hill. They had the use only of anchors and blocks and tackle, and manpower. The only time that they had available was before and after work. After two or three days, when the gun had risen perhaps two or three hundred yards up the side of Mount Victoria, the work was allowed to lapse for a short time, perhaps because of Battery parades, or perhaps because the edge of keenness needed whetting. However, after a further two days, the Battery recommenced its task, and by the seventh day, had raised the gun to the very top of Mount Victoria.

And finally on the 1st December 1877, one week after the commencement of it, the Battery achieved its object, and mounted the gun successfully on its present site. In honour of the occasion the Battery fired a salute of seven guns at sunset. "A large crowd of spectators assembled to witness the conclusion of the work, and the Artillery Corps, especially those members who suggested the means by which the enterprise was carried out so well and successfully, were cheered vociferously. The Bank of the Corps was in attendance and played jubilant strains, as victorious company descended the Mountain". It is understood

that the City Council, without having to drastically increase the Rates that year, voted the Battery a gratuity of £25.

For many years after the noon time gun was fired by a member of D Battery each day, until the practice finally petered out shortly before the turn of the century.



Wellington gunners meet at the Southern Cross following the Unit Gallantry Citation Presentation, Wellington, 26 May 19



Operation Ubique Update....

By Colin Jensen.
Good day all,

Well we are nearly halfway through the year already and up and down the Island the various teams and individual members have been beavering away at various projects or TOD. It's amazing how fast the time fly's so I thought I'd give a quick rundown on what everyone has been up to since the beginning of the year and what's coming up at this point.

With Op Ubique activity being curtailed in Waiouru for the first few months of the year due to NZDF activity levels in camp being such that Grant could not accommodate TOD there and then the ANZAC and Gunners Day activities in home locations taking precedence for most there has been no Op Ubique activity in that locality so far this year. Additionally, I am advised that Grant has been dealing with medical issues so has more important things on his mind, but I am sure that when he is ready, he will advise me of when he requires a team in Waiouru and of what size. I am sure we all wish him well in recovery and will share a beer with him in the Waiouru Mess soon.

In the meantime, the Auckland, Wellington and Waikato teams have been concentrating on more local TOD augmented when able by pers from further afield and with great results and the projects covered right across the branches of artillery from Field to Coastal and Anti-Aircraft.

Firstly, the Auckland team has completed the work on the 8 Inch Armstrong Disappearing Coastal Artillery Gun at Fort Victoria in Devonport which was one mean undertaking with its share size and complexity. We have been asked to also assist with another Disappearing Gun and other ordinances of the Victorian era on the Adjacent North Head batteries in due course.



Above: The 8 Inch Disappearing Gun on Mt Vic as it was nearing completion



Operation Ubique Update....

The Auckland Team also have nearly completed the reconfiguration and restoration of the Swanson RSA's L5 Pack Howitzer which presented a multitude of unexpected issues but was done just in time for its first official outing at that RSA's ANZAC Day activity. The Gun has been marked to represent the very Gun that team member Fred Russell manned during his deployment to South Vietnam and the RSA is to soon commence creation of a sandbag style concrete wall around the Gun with Cart cases affixed in a stack to recreate the famous photo where the No4 seems to be throwing the carts to land perfectly in a stack atop the sandbags. Just a little bit of welding and resulting touch-ups to be done otherwise.

A big thank-you goes out to Kermie and Mike Bowen for enabling the work to get done in the first place and to Gunner for allowing us to take up half of his workshop for about 5 months while carrying out the work.



The Swanson RSA L5 all painted up and in Two Leg Crank



Fred H, Wayne, Danny and Jack with the 5.5 they had just completed and liveried to represent 4th



Like the good soldier he is, Fred performs an EMU by the 25Pdr just completed. The thought is to have the three 25Pr in Camp depict the three Gun Bty who served in Korea 161, 162 and 163



Operation Ubique Update....



Work on the Abbot SP Gun is progressing slowly due to various factors not least being the complexity of the machine requiring presence of those with the right technical knowledge and work-related commitments precluding availability of various members.

We also had an advisory role in the refurbishment and relocation at the Browns Bay War Memorial Cairn of a 20mm Orlikon AA Gun which was also completed in time for ANZAC Day.

But thank you to all Op Ubique pers and facilitators both locally domiciled Donny, Mike B, Rob McC, Fred R, Tony McC, Frenchie, Goose, Tim, Ian P, John H, Rus G and from further afield like Don Don, Chris M and Po no matter which project or projects you assisted on and in what capacity

The Wellington team has been doing sterling work in Trentham Camp under the leadership of Paul Weldrand and has completed restoration of about 11 or so guns including muzzle loaders of the mid 1800s, an Armstrong Gun barrel and WW2 era 25Pdrs and a 5.5 Medium gun.

Thanks to all who have attended the Wellington TODs, Paul W, Molesy, Tuki, James S, Allan, Jon, Willie J, Chris C, Fred H, Danny McC, Jack M, Reg G and Wayne.

Although all team members both locally domiciled and the more northern and Waikato based pers who have gone down to the Wellington TODs have done themselves and the Op Ubique initiative proud, special mention needs to go to Willy Jensen. Without his painting application knowledge and equipment, the results could not have been quite as good as they are nor achieved in such good time, so thank-you Willy.

I would also like to thank Maj James Maguire and the PAE staff who have gone above and beyond to enable and assist in the maintenance of our Colours even though you are not Gunners. Your approach is to be commended and is an example to follow for all in the position of being responsible for such Guns.

In addition, we have had the Waikato Lads under Jack Mills leadership maintaining the two 5.5 in Hamilton and surrounding region making sure they are spick and span for ANZAC day



Operation Ubique Update....



Maj Maguire contemplating a Corps change with 12Pdr on traveling carriage



The 5.5 Memorial Gun and position in Hamilton being prepped for ANZAC Day.

Looking forward to the remainder of the year we have the following in the works or as a possibility and are waiting for confirmation or further communication on.

- I. Work on the 25Pdrs at Point Jerningham Saluting Battery Wellington. The initial TOD to maintain the first two Guns is organized to take place over 5-7 July with a follow up TOD to complete the second two Guns.
- II. Resume TOD to Waiouru. These may be of a more limited nature in regards frequency and numbers attending due to work able to be carried out. Grant to advise.
- III. Related to the Waiouru TOD we have the resumption of work on the Two School of Artillery L5 pack Howitzer. One of which is presently in Waiouru and fully disassembled and primed, just requiring spray painting in NZ Army Deep Bronze Green.
- IV. Related to the work on the two School of Artillery L5 is the resumption of TOD to Linton Camp as the second Gun is still located at the school in Linton and my suggestion is that the lower North island pers work on this Gun there as well as carry out any checks on the Guns previously worked on in Camp.
- V. More work at North Head on another 8 Inch Disappearing Gun, 64Pdr relocation, 18Pdr QF 4 Gun saluting battery at some point. John Hyde to advise.
- VI. I have had approaches from, and contact with, the Gisborne, New Lynn and Grey Lynn RSA re their 40mm Bofors and L5 Pack Howitzers respectively. We await further developments in all cases.
- VII. Continued work on the Abbott SP Gun
- VIII. A possibility of access to the Titahi Bay RSA L5 (Echo Gun ex 22Bty).
- IX. Follow through on the Burnham Camp Guns.

As you can see, we do still have a reasonably full dance card or the possibility of one, but even when a project is completed that's not the end of the matter. Remember we want to ensure the Guns do not return to the state we found them so surveys at least 6-month intervals should be carried out and any failures in the paint systems, rust etc rectified as soon as possible so as to limit decline in the ordinance condition.

Colin Jansen
Operation Ubique Co-Ord
Royal NZ Artillery Assn



Tony McLeod in Italy....



Who was the Artist?..... Villa Archi.....

In May/June this year I took part in a tour of Italy which followed the footsteps of 2nd NZ Division during WW2. Mr Renee Wilson, ex NZ Ambassador to Egypt, was our brilliant tour guide, but even he was surprised when our local tour guide for the Faenza part of the tour indicated that she had discovered something pretty special which no other group had ever seen before. She took us to the Villa Archi, a fine two storey villa about 5km down Route 9 from Faenza, which the new owners had totally renovated 5 years ago. The villa had not been touched since WW2 and was in a derelict state. During the renovation they discovered some wall art which had evidently been done by some unknown NZ artist sometime during WW2. The medal depicts the sun rising over the pyramids with a falu-ka sailing down the Nile and `1942 I was there` inscribed below.

The ribbon has a number 8 on it presumably referring to the Eighth Army, and there is a further inscription (?) Field Regiment, 2NZE. In addition, there were three `pin-ups` named Gloria (Swanson?), Jane (Mansfield?), Dawn (?). The drawings have all been framed and look like works of art in the newly restored villa. I told the owners I would try to identify who the artist was. My first port of call was the Official History of the 2nd NZ Divisional Artillery;

Background; By November 1944, 2nd NZ Division, as a part of the British 8th Army, had reached and engaged the enemy on the Gothic line. The Division was deployed in the vicinity of Faenza, having already taken the town but with winter closing in they were not yet ready for the next stage of advance through northern Italy.

Official War History. 2nd NZ Divisional Artillery; `A white Christmas on the Senio`

P678 The weather was now bitterly cold, snow was lying thinly on the ground, and an attack by flanking formations on the left had to be postponed. There was little likelihood of a major move until early January and the gunners settled down as well as they could to enjoy the festive season. 4th Field Regt spread the hours for (Xmas) dinner so that two batteries were always on call for emergencies. In the afternoon they fired two regimental tasks. It was a wasted precaution; the move kept getting postponed and a month later the guns were still in the same position.



Tony McLeod in Italy....

Who was the Artist?..... Villa Archi (...continued)

Brig Ray Queree (the CRA) engaged in earnest debate on the subject of future operations between Xmas and New Year, emphasising the ammunition requirement for any major move and the restrictions imposed by the mud on the handling of heavy guns. Gen Freyberg thought the enemy would shell Faenza with heavy guns and withdrew his HQ some miles back towards Forli. Artillery HQ conformed, to the disgust of the B Echelon of 46 Battery, which had to move out of its spacious quarters in the Villa Archi, three miles back along Route 9, when the CRA's staff returned there on the 29th December.

Therefore, the paintings were presumably done by someone serving in either 4th Field Regt, or HQ Div Arty, so my next port of call was Brig Les Wright MBE. Brig Wright was commander B Troop, 6th Field Regt in Direct Support of 21 Battalion at Faenza in December 1944-February 1945, and in March 1945 he joined HQ Div Arty as SO3 Operations (his duties included writing one of the most comprehensive fire plans ever written by Allied Artillery during the war to support the crossing of the Senio. The original of this Fire plan, Opord 15, was donated to National Army Museum). Brig Wright recalled that there was a Technical Sergeant at HQ Div Arty, a Sergeant Grippen,,who was a very competent artist, he was an architectural draftsman in civvy street.

Could Sgt Grippen be the artist?, or could it have been a doodle by Peter McIntyre?.

It is probably too late to establish the identity of the actual artist but if anyone knows a WW2 veteran who served in 46 Battery, 4th Field Regiment your assistance would be appreciated.





NOTICEBOARD

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This website is an amalgamation of all the various agencies who purport to provide assistance to veterans. It is a joint venture by Veterans Affairs, RSA, No Duff, and lots of other support agencies and was organised and launched by the `Ranfurly Veterans Home` in Auckland. It is designed to be a sort of `one stop shop` for any matters relating to veteran support. Please check it out and let others know about it.

EARLY WARNING

**RNZAA 85th Annual Gathering and AGM is planned for 8-10
November 2019 In Taupo**

Further details will be promulgated as they come to hand

Auckland—Vietnam Veterans Health and Well-being Expo....

Auckland Vietnam Veterans Health and Well-being Expo organised by Veteran's affairs and the Ranfurly veterans trust. Saturday 25th May at the AUT South campus in Manukau. The RNZA Association had a stall at the well attended expo, manned by Vice President Greg Thwaite, Bernie McCort, Chris Morriss, and Andrew Donellan. We had a lot of gunners call in, for a chat, to update their email addresses/details on the Association's database, or to buy items from the Association Q-Store, and we also had interesting visits to the stall from Infantry and SAS Vietnam veterans, from senior serving Army personnel, and from other veterans' associations who wanted to make contact and discuss issues we have in common.

Paste this link if you would like more info <https://www.veteransaffairs.mil.nz/>



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The Royal NZ Artillery Association Inc 85th Annual Gathering & AGM

7th November - 10th November 2019

TAUPO

Programme Outline:

Friday: 1600hrs – Registration, relax, mix and mingle at Suncourt Hotel - Tauhara Room

Saturday: 0930hrs- time for a tea or coffee in the Tauhara Room

1000hrs – Association AGM in the Tauhara Room

(Please Note: Lunch own arrangements).

1230 – 1730hrs - Boat departs from the marina for a three hour trip on Lake Taupo - this will depend on numbers. If a boat trip is not your thing, Taupo has many other attractions:

Shopping – Taupo has an interesting range of shops

Huka Falls

Huka Honey Hive – free homey and mead tasting

Saturday riverside market 1000 - 1300

Craters of the Moon geothermal park

Lava Glass workshop

Geothermal Hot Pools

1800 – 1900hrs Semi-formal dinner. Suncourt Hotel.

Dress: Gents – Tie, jacket with medals /miniatures. Ladies, semi-formal.

Sunday: 1000hrs - A brief service at the RSA section of the Taupo Cemetery.

Accommodation Options

Suncourt Hotel & Conference Centre

Alternative options which you could google which are another couple of blocks away



Behind the Lines: The Editor's Page

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Email Addresses: Are you connected to the Internet? The Secretary may not be aware of your address. If you are not getting messages from the RNZA Association and wish to do so, please forward your address

Death of a Member: If you know of the passing of someone who was a Gunner or a member of the Association, please advise the Secretary. Where possible a representative of the Association will attend the funeral.



Behind the Lines: The Editor's Page

Input into Gunner News: Short stories, especially with accompanying photographs, are always welcome for inclusion. The Editor's email address is: **rnza.association@gmail.com**. Please send contributions as an attachment in MS Word format.

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Quartermaster: [Andrew Donellan](#)

Orders and enquiries to: rnzaaQstore@gmail.com or go to our [website](#) for the latest items.

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2. Fleece Beanie \$30.00
3. Name Tag: \$35.00
4. Beret Cloth Patch: \$5.00
5. Lapel Pin: \$10.00
6. Once a Gunner Always a Gunner Badge: \$20.00
7. RNZAA Baseball Cap: \$35.00
8. RNZAA Coffee Mug: \$25.00 each
9. RNZA bumper sticker. 70mm X 70mm UV resistant. \$5.00
10. 13 Tac Sign bumper sticker. 90mm X 90mm UV resistant. \$5.00
11. RNZAA Blazer Pocket Patch - edged & ready for adding to jacket. \$20
12. "Gunners" Tee Shirt. quick-dry, breathable sports fabric. \$45.00
13. RNZAA Port - Torlesse Reserve Old Tawny. Matured in barrels for an average of 10 years. \$26.00 per bottle, ordered direct from Winery





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- ☐ Please include all relevant details when placing an order, including correct name, size where relevant and delivery address. Purchasers will have 14 days from placement of order to complete payment. If payment is not received within that time, the order will be deemed void. When making payment, remember to include your name and the item being purchased: in the reference fields of the RNZAA account, so that the treasurer can identify who and what the payment refers to.
- ☐ Some items are made to order, and requests for items such as name tags or special sized articles will not be placed with our suppliers, nor items dispatched to prospective purchasers until payment has been identified as received from the purchaser.
- ☐ We are working on additional items as well as future promotion of items available from the 16th Field Regt UPF, to create a central point of purchase. Keep an eye on this and the website Q-Store pages for future developments.