

RICHMOND-WAIMEA
RETURNED AND SERVICES
ASSOCIATION (INC)

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NEWSLETTER
JULY 2018

Welcome Fellow Members.

President's Message: Ross Norgate

Greetings to you all

Winter is upon us, but spring is definitely in the year.

We had a busy month in April:

Poppy Day, Anzac Day and RSA raffles at Club Waimea.

Without you all volunteering your skills and time a lot of these activities wouldn't happen.

The communities of Tapawera, Wakefield and Brightwater organised their ANZAC Day Services. A big thank you! To all our members who attended and supported these activities, well done.

Our Richmond service was a great success with large numbers attending. Thank you to our choir, Piper's, their band, Scouts, St. John and the students from Waimea College. Thank you to Club Waimea for hosting our after-function.

From time to time families request a RSA tribute at a comrade's funeral. Honouring past members and supporting their family is a rewarding experience. We can always have more members attending so next time a funeral is notified don't hesitate to ring me if you feel you would like to attend. Transport will be arranged.

Once again thank you all for your support and I'm looking forward to meeting you all at our gatherings, at Club Waimea, on the second Wednesday of the month 1600hr.

Ross Norgate

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UP-COMING EVENTS

ARMISTICE DAY CELEBRATIONS – TAPAWERA 9TH - 11TH NOVEMBER 2018.

Tapawera is hosting this event and your committee is very excited to be asked to support this. The Tapawera Armistice committee has requested we lead the service which is on the Sunday, 11th November 2018 at 11am.

We will be organising transport to this event, details will be in the October newsletter.

There will be no service in Richmond at this stage.

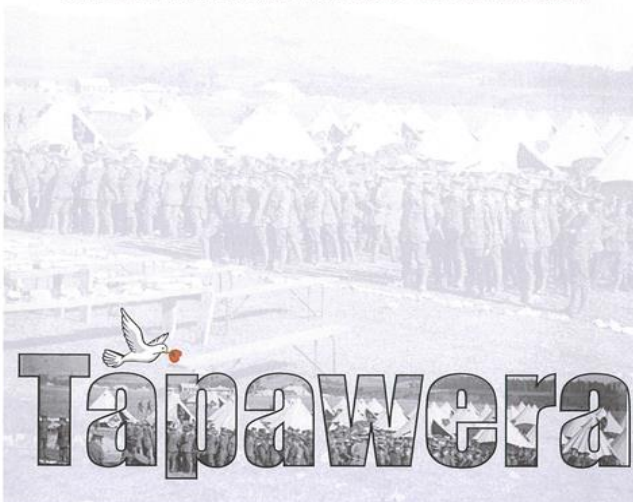
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FIND US ON FACEBOOK
AND REGISTER YOUR
INTEREST AT:
TAPAWERA ARMISTICE
WEEKEND 2018

9TH - 11TH NOVEMBER 2018

AN EVENT BEING HELD IN AND AROUND THE HISTORIC
TAPAWERA MILITARY TRAINING CAMP, CELEBRATING THE
CENTENARY OF THE 1918 SIGNING OF THE ARMISTICE IN
EUROPE SIGNALLING THE END OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR,
JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL WEEKEND OF WW1 THEMED
ACTIVITIES AND DISPLAYS HERALDING THE RETURN HOME



Tapawera Armistice Weekend Programme to be confirmed

Friday 9 November

- 4.00pm onwards NZMCA, Scouts and other campers arrive
- 6.00pm onwards Historic films play on loop in School Hall
- 8.00pm WW1 theatre show at Shedwood Hall \$20 ticket

Saturday 10 November

- 9.00am NMIT WW1 exhibition in Shedwood Hall open for viewing
First proposed heritage themed bus trip departs school
- 10 – 2.00pm Craft market at Tapawera School
- 12 – 2.00pm Music / sing along at Tapawera School
- 2.00pm – 6.00pm Displays in Military Training Camp ground open for viewing
- 2.30pm Second proposed heritage themed bus trip departs School
- 3.00pm Rugby match Tapawera Rugby Pitch, Domain
- 4.00pm WW1 theatre show at Shedwood Hall \$20 ticket
- 6.00pm onwards Historic films played on a loop at School Hall
- 8.00pm WW1 theatre show at Shedwood Hall \$20 ticket

Sunday 11 November

- 9.00am NMIT WW1 exhibition in Shedwood Hall open for viewing
- 10.00am Dedication of Tapawera Army Hut on Village green
- 11.00am Armistice Commemoration service led by RSA, Village green
- 11.30am Parade to Tapawera Military Training Camp led by WW1 era horse drawn & wheeled vehicles (via Totara Street)
- 12 noon onwards Field Kitchen / Food carts at Military Training Camp ground where displays will be open for viewing
- 3.00pm Regional Commemoration Closing Ceremony
- 4.00pm WW1 theatre show at Shedwood Hall

MATTERS OF INTEREST

**We welcome the following members to the Richmond-Waimea RSA Family.
February 2018 – July 2018.**

John D’Rose, Peter Harris, Donald Lindsay, John O’Callaghan, Norman Stringer, Colin Tasker, Diane Bell and Helen Nicholls.

Helen has kindly offered her services as our Minutes Secretary. She has an Air Force background and is known to some of our committee and members. Thank you Helen. We are very blessed to have you on board.

WEBSITE: We have our own website. Please take a look and let us know what you think.

Go to: www.richmondwaimearsa.co.nz

If you have any items of interest or notices that you would like published on this website, please email or phone Bev Harris. bsmharris@xtra.co.nz or

Home Ph: 544 7960 Mobile: 027 693 6039.

VETERAN’S INDEPENDENCE PROGRAMME

This is for Veterans needing help to stay independent in your home. This programme may be able to help.

The contact person for this service is: Robin Godbaz; Phone 544 7351.

He has an assessment form that needs to be completed.

BOOK ABOUT PTSD

Ex-Soldier and ex-Police Officer Dion Jensen has written a book about coping with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD); "The Good News About PTSD". This book is written in plain language and is freely available. <http://www.thegoodnewsaboutptsd.com/>

NO DUFF CHARITABLE TRUST

The No Duff charitable Trust is a soldier-to-soldier support network made up of volunteers. No Duff is to provide immediate welfare support to members of the NZDF past and present, particularly veterans in order to ensure that the mental, physical, and social health of all members is maintained at the highest possible level. <https://www.noduff.org/>

REVIEW PAPER

This is available at Club Waimea. If any members cannot get down to the club, please contact Robyn Godbaz, Ph: 544 7351 to arrange for a delivery.

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MATTERS OF INTEREST

BURIAL OR ASHES INTERMENT IN A SERVICES CEMETERY

I thought it appropriate to bring this to your attention. There have been a couple of incidences in the past month at my work place, Shone and Shirley Funeral Directors. In one case this has caused unnecessary stress on one of our families after their loved one had passed away and was a RSA member for many years. This member did CMT service.

To be eligible to be buried or have your Ashes interred in a Services Cemetery, you must have served as a member of Her Majesty's Forces on certain deployments, or be the spouse or partner of someone who has. This includes New Zealand, Australian and British Service Men/Women. These persons should hold, or been awarded, a Service or Operational Service under the Burial and Cremation Act or your spouse or partner have Operational Service under the Burial and Cremation Act.

This needs to be approved by your local authority. Some local authorities may allow burial of a spouse or partner after the member of Her Majesty's forces Burial/Ash interment and not before.

These plots are at no cost to the family or deceased estate.

The memorial plaques are no cost to the family or deceased estate of a New Zealand Forces operational service man/woman.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you are unsure on this matter.

Bev Harris, Phone: 03 5447960 or 027 693 6039.

MEDAL MOUNTING

Brian Ramsay, a member of the Nelson RSA, is in the business of mounting medals. If you would like to have your medals or relative's medals mounted it is a way that displays and preserve them, I can fully recommend Brian's services. He does a fabulous job. Contact Brian for prices.

Brian and Ian Martyn also work on relocating lost medals and returning them to family members. If you know someone who is interested in finding long lost medals then contact Brian or Ian at medalsreunitednz@gmail.com or go their website at www.medalsreunitednz.co.nz or phone Bev Harris 03 5447960 or 027 693 6039 for a contact phone number.

SOCIAL GATHERING

Held on the second Wednesday of every month, the next gathering is on Wednesday 8th August 2018 at Club Waimea, Richmond, starting from 4pm.

These gatherings are going really well. It would be nice to see more members attending. "The more the merrier", as they say.

I was approached by the manager of Club Waimea, Wayne, at our last meeting and he would like to have their members involved in upstanding while the ODE is being recited. That is great progress.

POPPY DAY

This year's Poppy donations were slightly down, with Queen Street being closed off in places not helping. We raised \$14,000.00 however which was still a good effort.

A huge thank you to all our volunteers who helped that day.

The committee would like to make a special mention and thanks to

Rick Williams for once again organising this special day on our calendar and to **Dorothy and Peter Eden** for their relentless years of collecting in the Wakefield area.

ANZAC DAY

Another successful ANZAC Day. To those involved, thank you so very much, This event is getting larger each year. 500 service sheets were handed out and we could have printed more.

We had some constructive ideas for improvement and will implement these in next years' service.

THANKS

The Committee would also like to acknowledge our sincere thanks to our Welfare officers – **Noel Woolf, Robin Godbaz and Brian Moore**. Brian has just resigned from this position, thank you Brian for your services over the past few years.

If any members need help, even a visit, please get in touch with the above or

Ross Norgate: 021 070 0582.

Stuart Mirfin: 03 544 0111.

Bev Harris: 03 544 7960, 027 693 6039.

We will forward your name to the relevant person/s who will help in any way they can.

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MEDICAL CHITS

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT YOUR MEDICAL CHITS ARE TO BE RECEIVED BY THE WELFARE OFFICER NO LATER THAN THE FOLLOWING DATES: APRIL 30TH AND OCTOBER 31ST

(PLEASE MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR)

MEDICAL CHITS CAN BE SENT TO THE WELFARE OFFICER ANYTIME DURING THESE 6 MONTHLY PERIODS. **INVOICES RECEIVED AFTER THE CLOSING DATES CANNOT BE ACCEPTED!!**

AN INVOICE FROM YOUR DOCTOR OR SPECIALIST MUST BE SENT.

EFTPOS RECEIPTS BY THEMSELVES, WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!!

The Richmond Waimea Returned Services Association DO NOT Accept Medical Chits for Prescriptions, Physiotherapy, Acupuncture or Chiropractors. As from 1st May 2015 the Richmond Waimea RSA has only accepted Medical Chits on an individual invoice not on a full six month period print out.

An advantage of being a Richmond Waimea RSA Member, every six months Returned and Service personnel can submit medical chits for the following:

- (A) Doctors' visits
- (B) Minor Doctors' Surgery
- (C) Medical Specialists
- (D) Orthodontists/Dentist
- (E) Opticians
- (F) X-Rays
- (G) Podiatry
- (H) Pharmacy Blister Packaging

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MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO MADE THE HEADLINES

'I wanted to be involved'

CHERIE SIVIGNON

World War II navy man Stanley Daubney (right) raises and digresses with helping him survive these difficult years.

As about 60 per cent of his colleagues succumbed to malaria, Daubney was told the ink in his blood from three tattoos he received at Bombay - now Mumbai - in India had given him protection.

"That's what the doctor said," the menagerie pointed out from his home at Richmond.

As part of a convoy of 12 ships taking much needed supplies from Gibraltar to Malta in 1941, Daubney was steering HMS Highway in the starboard position, at the back of the group.

The convoy travelled in darkness, hoping to avoid detection by patrolling German U-boats.

"When you were on the watch, which were my job, you couldn't have any lights on," Daubney said in his distinctive Yorkshire dialect. "There were a little red light on the ship ahead on the stern and you had to look at that red light through the periscope, there were only one portlight left open."

Daubney completed a four-hour shift, dutifully following the red light of the ship as from a well a chain smoking colleague took over. That colleague would bend down to light a cigarette and then stand up with it already glowing in his mouth.

No one realised anything was amiss until the officer, who'd been asleep on the bridge, awoke and shouted: "Hard to port. We've lost the convoy."

It turned out the smoke had unwittingly been turning HMS Highway off course.

"Instead of following the red light on the other ship, he was following the reflection of his cigarette in the periscope," Daubney said with a grin.

HMS Highway eventually made it to Malta where its occupants discovered the ship that had been in front of them was torpedoed en route. No one survived. It should have been HMS Highway in the firing line. Daubney said the rear ship in each convoy was the first target for German submarine crews.

Born at Sheffield on September 14, 1925, Daubney was just 16



Stanley Daubney, left, says he had never really been to sea before he joined the navy.



HMS Highway, of which Stanley Daubney was an original crew member.



Stanley Daubney, right, during his days in the Royal Navy.

Navy. At 17, he was accepted and served aboard the American-made landing ship HMS Highway, which ferried troops to battle spots in Italy and around the Mediterranean until the war in Europe ended. HMS Highway was then sent to Burma.

For Daubney, the war was personal. As a teenager, he experienced the constant bombing that industrial Sheffield suffered as a target for the German Luftwaffe.



on the smaller landing boats and guided the gangway when the ship wasn't at sea.

Daily, the crew of HMS Highway would take Allied troops on smaller landing boats to and from the shore. Daubney said he never came under fire during those trips, which were carried out at night.

On the coast of Burma, Daubney took 29 Gorkhas to shore with their curved knives, called kukris, where they fought Japanese soldiers. The Gorkhas, of Nepal, had a reputation for being fearless and fierce.

"They used to sneak up on the Japanese, surprise them and kill them with the kukris," Daubney said. "They always came back smiling. They were very good troops."

The crew members of HMS Highway were in the smaller landing boats ready to invade occupied Singapore when word came that an atomic bomb had been dropped on Japan and the Japanese were to surrender.

Daubney continued with the navy for three months after that surrender, taking evening parties of Japanese prisoners to and from a camp at Acaang.

Eventually, Daubney came close to death on board HMS Dunroarty Head while travelling to England to be demobilised. His appendix burst and the medical officer said he wasn't qualified to operate. Instead, the plan was to get Daubney to hospital at Colombo, in Sri Lanka.

"The said I had to sign next-of-kin papers because I might only have 12 hours to live."

Eleven hours later, Daubney was at St Peter's Hospital in Colombo where he stayed for three weeks. He was finally demobilised in England on September 11, 1945.

Daubney met his New Zealand born wife, Nigaire, on a ship in 1940. They have five children. He joined the Richmond Waimata RSA in 1974, served for more than 30 years on the committee and has life membership.

Daubney intends to take his place of the Anzac Day service in Richmond on Wednesday to remember the war and the people he lost to it. He believes he is the only surviving original crew member of HMS Highway.

"They're all dead now, every



Nigaire and Stanley Daubney have been married for almost 57 years.

in quick succession. His uncle, Jeffrey, went missing in November 1940 as part of the 41 stroke crew of British submarine HMS Sweetfish. Jeffrey's fate was unknown until a diver found the sub wreckage 43 years later, off the Isle of Wight. It was believed the sub had hit a mine.

In her grief after Jeffrey was declared missing, his new bride, Dolly, went to stay in Plymouth and was killed by a landmine while she waited on the beach.

"I wanted to be involved,"

more a way. Instead of being at home where you couldn't do now, it was a way I could get back at the Germans and try and do a bit towards the war effort."

It was tough at first.

"Some fellas couldn't stand it and they tried to desert," he said. "I didn't mind it, I was enjoying it in a way. I mean, I'd been brought up quite rough. I hadn't had no luxury much at all and so on, it was all right."

At 18, Daubney passed the test to be a quartermaster. He would

RIP - Mrs Daubney (Ngaire) A beautiful! Daughter, Sister, Wife, Mother, Nana and Auntie has left this world. A gracious lady.



6 WEDNESDAY 2 May 2018 News **Waimea**

Huge turnout for 'Ride for Respect'

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On Saturday, April 22, motorbikes from Nelson/Tasman and around the country descended upon the Tabunaru Bowling Club.

The carpenter was packed out with bikes and people about to embark on a 'Ride for Respect' to raise funds for local Returned Services' Associations (RSA).

Tribal Nations MC Te Tauihu Region hosted this year's Nelson Ride of Respect event. Organiser Colin Agnew was stoked with the turnout. "It was awesome for the first time that we've done it, it was a great turnout. Made it a really good day. There were 95 bikes and about a third of them were two-up, so around 150 people altogether."

The event is a national ride with different cities and different clubs organising different rides, but all with the same goal in mind, to ride in remembrance of those that have served our country and to raise funds for the local RSA and the Fallen Heroes Trust. Participants took off from

Nelson RSA, riding to Motutaka RSA via the coastal highway. After lunch they returned through the Motueka Highway, stopping to pay their respects at the Ngatimoti Cemetery, before finishing up at the Waimea RSA.

Rider Rod Barnes, who led the ANZAC dawn parade on his motorbike, says, "being a returned service person myself, I know why a lot of people are there for lost loved ones. The thing that amazes me is a lot of young ones are turning up at the services now and learning about what happened 103 years ago." This is his third 'Ride for Respect' and says there was a brilliant bunch of people at the event. "To stop off at Ngatimoti, and put a poppy there, was something special. The whole day was a very enjoyable experience."

Waimea RSA president Ross Gorgege wanted to thank Colin and the organisers for putting together such a fantastic event. "I would like to say a personal thanks to them for including us in this year's ride and for their wonderful donation to the RSA Welfare Fund. This is the first time we have been included."

Ride for Respect organiser Colin Agnew with RSA committee member Rocky Rosburgh. Funds raised from the April 22 ride were donated to the local RSA's. Inset: Rod Barnes' motorbike, which led the ANZAC Day dawn parade, and the following Stoke service. Photos: Brian McIntyre.

Last Post:

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Signals Pacific

Aged 97

DOD: 21st March 2018

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NZ Artillery & Royal Regiment of NZ Artillery

Aged 98

DOD: 28th April 2018

RONALD FOWLER

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Aged 96

DOD: 15th May 2018

We Will Remember Them

Ka maumahara tonu tatou ki a ratou

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