

RICHMOND-WAIMEA
RETURNED AND SERVICES
ASSOCIATION (INC)

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NEWSLETTER
Winter 2020

Welcome Fellow Members.



ANZAC Day definitely looked a little different this year with no march or service. But all across the country at dawn thousands of people stood at their gates to remember the fallen. The posters and signs put up by families were a credit to their communities.

President's Message: John Llewelin

Hi All,

Things are starting to return to normal after the Country's Lockdown level alerts. It's a pity it happened over the Poppy and ANZAC Day's period. The 'Stand at Dawn' theme was a solution under the circumstances with lots of families participating. Also wonderful to see families putting poppy's, flags and messages at their gates.

Due to the cancellation of Poppy Day (our Welfare Income) the 6monthly medical chit pay-out is on hold until the RNZRSA receives funding from the Government.

I would like to make thanks to Bev Harris for organising a wreath for the Richmond Cenotaph on ANZAC Day; Alastair and Emma Heberd (Shone & Shirley) for their donation of the wreath; Sandra Rogan (Tadmor) who placed a wreath at the Tapawera Memorial Gates; John D'Rose & Ross Norgate for placing Poppy's on the Serviceperson's Headstones in Richmond Lawn Cemetery and the RSA Section. Thanks again to Ross Norgate for continuing to keep an eye on the RSA Section of the Richmond Cemetery.

We had our 3 weeks of raffle selling at Club Waimea in Feb/March. Many thanks to everyone who volunteered. This is one form of our fundraising.

Some of you might have heard about the "Remembrance Army" (rsa.org.nz/nz-remembrance-army) (and on Facebook) Their goal is to restore Serviceperson's Headstones to the same standards as the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. We have been and researched the Richmond Cemetery (lawn section) and identified all Service Headstones. We have sprayed all these with a moss/lichen cleaner which was kindly donated by our local Wet & Forget Store. When the weather improves we will look at giving them a scrub and the ones that require it a repaint. Have also walked around and noted the headstones at Waimea West, Russ's Corner Church Graveyard, Brightwater and Spring Grove Cemeteries. These are next on the list to attend to.

The AGM is now scheduled for 25th July; 11.00 hours at Club Waimea.

Some upcoming events later in the year: Remembrance Sunday – November.

Annual Christmas Luncheon – late November

Regards

John Llewelin

President. RWRSA

COMMEMORATIVE TREE OTTERSON WOODLOT, RICHMOND SHOW GROUNDS



The oak tree commemorating the centenary of Armistice day was unveiled on Armistice Day last year.

SOCIAL GATHERING

DON'T FORGET We have get together on the second Wednesday of every month at the Waimea Club, Richmond, starting from 1600 (4 pm). After the lock-down it would be great to see more of you come along for a chat and a drink. Mark the next few on your calendar so you don't forget.
July 8th August 12th September 9th

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 25th July; 11.00 hours Club Waimea.

WEBSITE: We have our own website. 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 John D'Rose Secretary.

VETERAN'S INDEPENDENCE PROGRAMME

This is for Veterans needing help to stay independent in your home.
This programme may be able to help you with gardening and housework

The contact person for this service is: Robin Godbaz; Phone 544 7351.
He has an assessment form that needs to be completed.

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 relatives' 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

WELFARE

IMPORTANT NOTICE

As most of you will be aware poppy day is where all our welfare money is collected. This money is used to assist with medical expenses for members twice a year in May and November. As there was no poppy day this year, we currently do not have any welfare funds to pay those chits submitted last April. As the President has said there may be funds coming from the government, how much and when is still unclear, so in the meantime all chits have been processed but are on hold till funds are forthcoming.

NB. With regard to future medical chit pay-outs. Kiwi bank will no longer except cheques and it is believed several others are about to follow suit very soon, so for future claims we will need you to supply us with a bank account number so funds can be paid directly.

I would like to thank those people who did not submit their medical chits as a form of donation to the welfare fund over this co-vid period. this gesture is much appreciated.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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

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!!**

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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.

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We Will Remember Them
Ka maumahara tonu tatou ki a ratou

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