

RICHMOND-WAIMEA
RETURNED AND SERVICES
ASSOCIATION (INC)

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NEWSLETTER
Spring 2020

Welcome Fellow Members.



Just when we thought spring was here with blossoms of every colour on the trees and daffodils appearing this happened, its been a few years since we had snow this close.

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President's Message: John Liewellin

Welcome to spring and Level 1

We held your AGM on the 25th July postponed from March due to Covid 19. We welcome Geoff Mead to the committee and say thanks to Ian Blackmore for his time on the Committee. The Office Holders remain unchanged.

The Long service and Good Conduct Medal criteria has recently changed. Regular Force only need to complete 14 Years' Service for an award and 7 Years for each Clasp. Ex Service Person's will also qualify. To apply use the application form on the NZDEF Medals Website <https://medals.nzdf.mil.nz>

The Secretary and I attended the District AGM in Westport in August. The Bi-annual AGM is due to be held in Murchison 7th March 2021.

John D'Rose Rocky Roxburgh and I attended the unveiling of the Memorial Wall (at Founders Heritage Park). It lists the names of the more than 3,700 personnel who signed up for the WW1 from the Nelson Province. It also contains the names of an additional 3,500 men who were called up as Reservists but didn't end up going away. The names of the 684 who died as a direct result of their service have been marked with a cross. It's well worth a visit.

The Christmas Dinner is booked for the 21st November, 2020. Details will be advised shortly.

The Remembrance Sunday Service will be held at the Church on the Hill in Richmond on the 8th November, 2020. Possibly at 10.30 a.m. Details to be finalized. This will be followed by laying a wreath at the Richmond Memorial Gardens, Oxford Street. We will also re dedicate the 75th Anniversary Plaque for Armistice Day. It has been repositioned due to the tree that was planted died due to the drought. This was discussed with the TDC.

Regards
John Llewellyn
President

President.RWRSA

Wall of Remembrance Unveiling

The unveiling of the Wall of Remembrance was conducted during covid level two which meant limited numbers were able to attend. Members of your committee attended the unveiling ceremony. The wall contains nearly 3,000 names of soldiers from the Nelson and Tasman area who died in WW1. This is the culmination of 3 years work by a very dedicated team searching archives and old newspapers.

If you have a spare couple of hours it's well worth a look and you can have a cuppa and a look around Founders Park and see all the stuff that was around when you were a kid



Upcoming Events:

Sunday 8th November - Remembrance Sunday Church on the Hill

Sunday 8th November - Re-dedication of 75th Anniversary Plaque for Armistice Day.

Wednesday 11th November - 1600hrs Social Gathering Waimea Club

Saturday 21st November - Christmas luncheon Waimea Club

SOCIAL GATHERING

Reminder we have get together on the second Wednesday of every month at the Waimea Club, Richmond, starting from 1600 (4 pm). Now we are in level one it would be great to see more of you come along for a chat and a drink. Mark the these on your calender so you don't forget.
November 11th December 9th.

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

REMINDER 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.

There is now funds in the form of a government grant and a give-a-little page.

These funds are being administrated by RNZRSA National office and we have been invited to apply for enough to cover our Medical Chits. **This process will take time so please be patient as the wheels are in motion.**

All medical receipts are due in by the end of October so get them in now.

NB. ALL RECEIPTS MUST HAVE A BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER WITH THEN AS ALL FUNDS WILL BE DIRECT CREDITED TO YOUR ACCOUNT FROM NOW ON.

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

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.

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RICHMOND WAIMEA RSA

CHRISTMAS

LUNCH

Saturday 21st November 2020

11.30 AM

COST \$30 Per Head

CLUB WAIMEA

RICHMOND

R.S.V.P. By 11TH Nov 2020

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Last Post:

Alf Richardson

We Will Remember Them

Ka maumahara tonu tatou ki a ratou



Membership in the Flat Earth society is growing quickly, they report that they now have members from all around the Planet :-)

Cheers Ed

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