

**RICHMOND-WAIMEA**  
**RETURNED AND SERVICES**  
**ASSOCIATION (INC)**

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**NEWSLETTER**  
**Winter 2021**

**Welcome Fellow Members.**

Hi I hope you are keeping warm with winter arriving. We have been very lucky that we have been able to get back to some semblance of normality unlike many countries around the world. Covid has been mainly kept at bay (touch wood). Once again we were able to run a successful Poppy day and we were all able to attend ANZAC day services.



**President's Message: John Llewellyn**



Greetings to you all.

Winter is slowly descending upon us. Less than a month to the shortest day!!! Lawns have stopped growing but the weeds still seem to survive.

We had our AGM in March (the attendance was down) and I wish to inform you that Stuart Mirfin has resigned as Treasurer after nine years. Thank-you Stuart for your work over those years. Stuart is remaining on the committee. The Treasurer task has been taken over by John D'Rose. Geoff Trow has joined our committee; otherwise everything is still the same.

We had a successful Poppy Day Collection with the amount collected very similar to other years. Thanks to all that were involved with the Day. Thanks also to the Eden's who looked after Wakefield; Graham Burrows, Terry Hill and Don Lindsay who looked after the collection in Brightwater. Collection Boxes were at businesses in Richmond, Brightwater, Wakefield, Tapawera and St Arnaud.

The ANZAC Services in our Area (Richmond, Brightwater, Wakefield and Tapawera) were well attended. All went well. Thanks to Michael Flanagan, Aaron Kennaway and Geoff Trow who were our representatives at the outlying areas.

Finally don't forget our monthly Happy Hour – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 4pm. Next one will be Wed 9<sup>th</sup> June. Hope to see you there.

Regards,  
John Llewellyn  
President Richmond/Waimea RSA



## ANZAC DAY

Once again we were able to March on ANZAC Day, We were lucky with the weather and a great turnout from public. Also pleasing to see were the number of younger people attending wearing relatives medals.



A big thankyou to the scouts and cubs who help us place poppies on veterans grave stones prior to ANZAC Day each year





A good crowd turned out  
at Richmond to hear  
Guest speaker  
Waimea College Old Boy  
Captain Brendon Oakley





## 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). We have a small core group but it would be great to see more of you come along for a catch up, a drink, and tell a few lies. Next one will be June 9<sup>th</sup>.

## VETERAN'S INDEPENDENCE PROGRAMME

This is for Ex-Service personal which includes

- Air force
- Navy
- Regular Force
- CMT
- Territorial Force

who may need assistance to stay independent in their 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 personally recommend Brian's services. He does a great 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](mailto:medalsreunitednz@gmail.com) or go their website at [www.medalsreunitednz.co.nz](http://www.medalsreunitednz.co.nz)

**WEBSITE:** We have our own website. [www.richmondwaimearsa.co.nz](http://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



## WELFARE

I have recently had some questions with regard the reimbursement for Medical Invoices. The system that has been used for some years now has not changed. Each year the income received from poppy day is paid out Bi-annually in May and November. The same calculations that have been used from when this system first started, are still being used. This has been proven to be the fairest way to share the finances to our members as obviously we do not receive enough to fully cover all the invoices we receive.

### MEDICAL INVOICES:

Invoices we DO accept:

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

Invoices we **DO NOT** accept:

- (A) Prescriptions
- (B) Physiotherapy
- (C) Acupuncture
- (D) Chiropractors.

Invoices for the November - April period into the welfare officer by the 30<sup>th</sup> April

Invoices for the May - October period into the welfare officer by the 31<sup>st</sup> October

Invoices can be sent to me 16 Ridings grove or dropped into Adrian's Barber Shop 267 Queen St Richmond any time during the 6 month period.

**AN INVOICE MUST BE SENT, EFTPOS RECEIPTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!!**

As we have now moved into the electronic age the old Cheque Book has been given the heave-ho. For all future claims **You will need you to supply us with a bank account number** so funds can be paid directly into your account.

Rocky Roxburgh

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Last Post:

**Terry Richardson**

**Carl Filmer**

**Denis Blanche**

*We Will Remember Them*

*Ka maumahara tonu tatou ki a ratou*

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I try to get a news letter out three or four times a year, if you have anything that you wish to go in the letter let any of the commitee know.

Stay warm and safe out there,

**ED**