



# RSA

## Devonport RSA

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## APRIL NEWSLETTER



### REMEMBRANCE ARMY 2020

Our remembrance army has started the pre clean of service personnel graves at O'Neill's Point Cemetery. A huge thank you to TS Leander who helped survey the cemetery and document all the information. We also had the assistance of Royal New Zealand Navy and Army personnel who came down to help prepare the headstones for the pre clean.

**Photo** – Here lies Officer S J Espinett, this is definitely one of the more unique examples, he was buried back in 1893 and since then a beautiful Pohutukawa Tree has grown in the plot and the head stone is now fully intertwined.

We are really looking forward to getting back there to finish the job we started.

### Anzac Day

Anzac Day is one of the most important national occasions for both Australians and New Zealanders. In 2020, for the first time in history, Anzac Day Services across New Zealand have been cancelled due to COVID-19. Even though public Anzac Services are unable to go ahead, it does not mean that the tradition of remembering and commemorating our veterans and service personnel should be cancelled too.

The RNZRSA and NZDF have been working together along with other government agencies to provide an alternative way to commemorate Anzac Day while still staying safe in our bubbles. Stand at Dawn invites New Zealanders to stand at their letterbox, at the front door, lounge rooms, balconies, driveway or wherever they are in the world, to stand with us and take a moment to remember our fallen. An Anzac Day service will be broadcast on Radio NZ National starting at 6am. For more information [www.standatdawn.com](http://www.standatdawn.com)



# #StandAtDawn



# MEET YOUR 2020 DEVONPORT RSA COMMITTEE



## President Howard Mace

Howard served in the New Zealand Army as Territorial Force volunteer and as a National Serviceman while at University. Upon graduation he joined the Regular Force as a Dental Officer and served for over 32 years with all three services, New Zealand Police and also with the Indonesian Armed Forces.

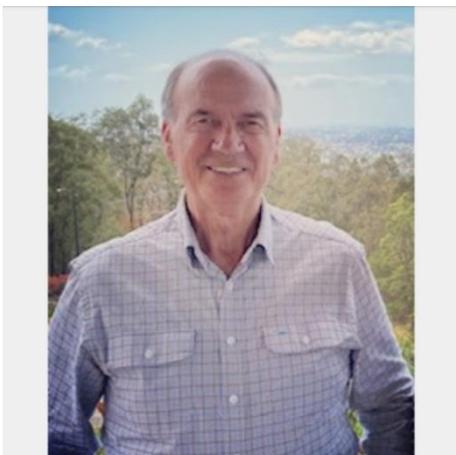
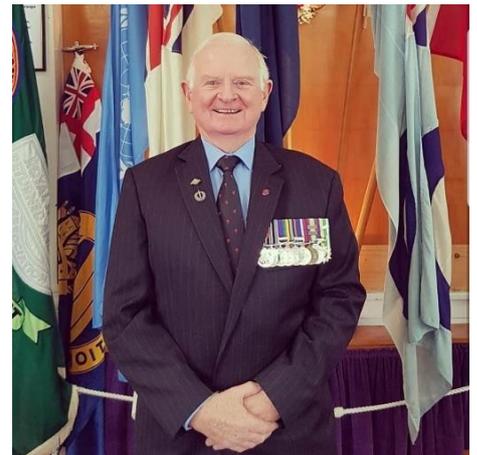
He joined the Devonport RSA to renew some of the comradeship he found in all the services and to continue to serve his fellow service personnel as their needs change. He has served as Secretary and Acting Secretary for three years and his wife Joy is an active member of the kitchen team. Howard is looking forward to the future of the Devonport RSA with all the positive changes being made.

## Vice President Red Beatson

In 1960, while still at school, he was attested into the Northland Regiment as a private soldier. He enlisted in the Regular Force in 1962. After serving in both the regular and territorial force he retired in 2002. During his career he served on operations in Malaysia, Borneo, and Vietnam.

He joined an RSA in 1967. In 2015 he was co-opted onto the Devonport RSA Executive Committee and was elected Vice President in 2016.

Red believes the RSA's objectives are welfare, representation, and commemoration. He says that the RSA should provide a focal point for veterans, serving personnel, their families, and the community.



## Secretary Peter Skogstad

Please welcome our new secretary – Peter Skogstad

After graduating from RMC Duntroon, Peter moved to the army where this included two years as an engineer in Thailand. Two years as Aide-de-Camp to the Governor General Sir Arthur Porritt and finally retiring as a Major in 1972, following command of the last NZ Training Team in Vietnam.

Peter was a dairy farmer for two years and subsequently held Personnel/Human Relations positions in four companies. The company he finally worked with was NCR where he spent time in NZ, USA and Australia. Since retiring in 2002 he held voluntary board positions for two Service organisations: The National Army museum, Waiouru and the Ranfurly Veterans home in Auckland where he is still on the Board.

Peter has two beautiful children: Emma who currently lives in the US and Matthew who is based here in Devonport with his two children Finn and Isla.

## Treasurer Tymon Porter

Tymon joined the RSA because of his involvement in Navy Cadets, where he has been a member for 8 years. Over that time, Tymon rose to the rank of Warrant Officer Cadet recently serving as the Executive Officer. As the youngest RSA member, Tymon left Westlake Boys High School at the end of 2017. He is currently studying a Bachelor of Commerce at the University of Auckland and is a commissioning officer in the New Zealand Cadet Forces. Tymon is really excited to be involved in Devonport RSA, he has lots of ideas and enthusiasm so watch this space.



## COMMITTEE MEMBERS



**George McGregor**



**Rebecca Nelson**



**Tony McNeight**



### WELCOME BACK TO COMMITTEE MEMBER – MARVELOUS **MAX LALOLI**

Mainlander from Roxburgh Central Otago (Highlander), educated at SKC Redcastle, Oamaru as a boarder and was introduced to military life early as a school army cadet. My great uncle John Henry Laloli was an MIA at Passchendaele 17 October 1917 and my father served in the 2 Div NZEF in WWII. On leaving school I joined the RNZAF in Comms/Ops from 1967 - 72 (+4 Reserve) primarily in NZ with stints in the South Pacific - Fiji and Rarotonga. Whilst at Otago Uni in Dunedin studying for a BCom (Accg) I re-mustered to Territorial Army. In 1979 I joined a large international accounting firm and lived in Wellington and Auckland, married and not long after was seconded to the UN to work in the South Pacific. On completion of my tenure, we were transferred to UK/Europe for about 8 years. My final work years were as Operations/Project Manager for a large nationwide retail company. I am now retired living on the Auckland's North Shore and being looked after by my twin girl and boy, Sophia and Francis. I have been a member of a number of

RSA's since I left the forces and joined Devonport RSA in 2016 and did time as a Secretary in 2018. My interests are military history and travelling in my campervan (with my English Bull Terrier "Winston") around NZ as well as trips back to the old country of England and Suisse/Italy.

### **Ella Cronshaw**

YOUTH AMBASSADOR from TAKAPUNA GRAMMAR HIGH SCHOOL

My name's Ella Cronshaw and I'm a 2020 prefect at Takapuna Grammar School and this year's youth ambassador at the Devonport RSA. I was born in Takapuna and have lived my whole life in Devonport.

I wanted to become a part of the RSA because I saw it as an excellent opportunity to get more involved in the community and to learn more about my ancestors' history. Many of my family members served for New Zealand, there was a medic in the pacific, a doctor in the middle east that served with the Maori Battalion, and one that fought in Malaysia. As well as that my great-grandad served in WW1, my great-great-aunt was a nurse in WW2 and my great-great-grandad, Lieutenant Edward James O'Kinidi Corder was mentioned in dispatches for heroism and awarded the OBE in 1919 after the war



# Games Page

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## ANZAC WORD FIND

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| BATTLE  | GALLIPOLI   | REMEMBER | TRENCHES |



**I'VE BEEN "SOCIAL DISTANCING"  
ALL MY LIFE...**



**IT'S CALLED GOLF**



*Pilot & Aussie Bear on COVID-19 Patrol at Max's residence*

Have you baked any treats? Send us your pictures and recipes. We would love to hear from you and see what you have been up to during lockdown!! - [info@devonportrsa.co.nz](mailto:info@devonportrsa.co.nz)



# 2020 Poppy Day Collection



As you may be aware, the usual Poppy Collection has been postponed. However, we are promoting on various community websites and social media that there are two other ways in which donations can be made to Devonport RSA Poppy Day Trust:

## **Text-a-Poppy**

Text the letters **DVPT** to **4622** to make a \$3 donation

## **Give A Little**

Donations of any size can be made on <https://givealittle.co.nz/org/devonport-rsa-poppy-day-trust>

*Photo: Brian & Janet Haggart have been busy creating art for Poppy Day for their front fence. Great work team.*

## **THANK YOU TO EAT MY LUNCH**

A Easter Cheer parcel was sent out to our veterans and members who are over the age of 70.

For every parcel that was purchased, two lunches were donated towards Kiwi Kids in need.

The Eat My Lunch team worked very hard to make sure these were delivered in time for Easter weekend.

Thank you to all those involved in helping make this happen. Please remember if you need support the Devonport RSA are here to help.

