

DEVONPORT RSA

Presidents Newsletter

April 2024

Kia ora all, this is quick newsletter to let all know who your committee is post AGM and update you on upcoming events.

The AGM went well with the following members elected to the committee:

President: Muzz Kennett

Vice President: Ray McLaughlin

Committee:

George McGregor

Sam Cambling

Trouty Taylor

Michael Grieg

Paul Clifford

John Talbot

Note: There is one position on the committee still not filled. I am very keen to fill this position if you are interested in volunteering please contact me.

Life Membership

I want to congratulate Johnnie Walker on the award of Life Membership to the Devonport RSA. Johnnie had a long and distinguished service with the RNZN from 1960 to 1986 attaining the rank of Warrant Officer Control Artificer. After initially joining the Takapuna RSA, he transferred his membership to the Devonport RSA in 2007. In 2012 Johnnie was appointed as Treasurer of the Devonport RSA, a position he filled with distinction for three years, during which time he restructured the Association's accounting practices to meet the financial rules for non-profit organisations prevailing at that time. This task was no mean feat. In 2015 Johnnie was elected President of the Devonport RSA a position he held until 2018. The responsibilities of the position were admirably accomplished which included being a member of the Devonport RSA Memorial Trust.

Johnnie will be awarded his Life Membership Badge at the CN Farewell Lunch on 10 April.

Upcoming Events and Activities

Wednesday 10 April at 1100: Members lunch & farewell for, the Chief of Navy, Rear Admiral David Proctor.

Thu 11 April at 0800-0900: Poppy collection Takapuna Grammar and Belmonmt Intermediate. If you can spare an hour to stand with the prefects and senior students at the school gates email the manager@devonportrsa.co.nz call the President 021458279

Friday 12 April at 1600: Club Night.

Monday 15 April at 1900: Executive committee meeting.

Sunday 14 April at 1500: Set out the Field of Remembrance in Windsor Reserve, if you can help just turn up.

Monday 22 April at 1100: Members Lunch.

Fri 19-Sun 21 April Poppy Collection: Volunteers are still need, particularly for Sat 20 and Sun 21 April to crew four locations (Supermarkets and Shore City Shopping Centre) If you can spare a few hours please email rodney.taylor@nzdf.mil.nz, or manager@devonportrsa.co.nz

Thu 25 April at 1030 Anzac Day: Muster at Fleet Street at 1030 if you are marching, or at the War Memorial 1030-1045, seating will be available.

Sunday 28 April at 1500: Recover field of remembrance, if you can help just turn up.

Thursday 2 May at 1600: Club Night & wine tasting from 1830: with Devonport local & founder of Mt Riley Wines John Buchanan. For those that want to participate in the tasting the cost is \$20, cheese board provided.



Devonport RSA 100th Anniversary 2027.

Syd Dewes has offered to lead the 100th Anniversary 2027 planning sub-committee. Volunteers are needed to join this sub-committee to work with Syd and the Executive to deliver the anniversary plan. This is an opportunity to help deliver an exciting program including an anniversary book and celebrations. More details will come out over the next few months, however, if you are keen to get involved please email myself and the manager.

Support Services

If you have any queries relating to recent announcement from Veteran Affairs on processing of applications or other welfare questions contact Gail at lsa@devonportrsa.co.nz, 021 446-011.

Get your PFT claims in to Gail as soon as you can.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Anzac Day Parade and other events over the next few months.

Muzz Kennett
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