



## Hauraki News

“Whaka tangata kia kaha”

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### President's Report

The Hauraki News is only as good as the contributions I receive.

Thanks to all of you who have sent me photos & articles from their area.

I have received a number of articles and photos from many members, thank you for the assistance. Only a limited number of photos are in the printed version of the Hauraki News. More articles and photos in the PDF version, and then send the Newsletter out to the members. Later I place more article and photos on to the website, so you can see them at your leisure.

The Committee is intending to have small informal get together at such places like the Waihi Beach RSA, for lunch. Under this plan, if you can attend an event, please advice. It is the intention to have events in different areas. If you have a suggestion of a venue, please advice, anything will be considered.

The 3 ANR Association has invited us to join in their events. It is our intention to co ordinate with 3ANR Association when ever we can.

It has been suggested the Hauraki News places a “where are they now” article. If you would like to find some one, drop me a line.

You Committee have acquired another 50 Challenge Coins which are now on sale. Your committee has also found a new source for “Hauraki Port”. So “all is well”.

Until the November edition.

Kia Kaha

Des Anderson

## Hauraki Regiment 117<sup>th</sup> Birthday & AGM

Outside the foyer were the Hauraki Regimental Colours are “laid up” at the HOLY TRINITY CHURCH – TAURANGA.



Eric Kristiansen; OC Hauraki Company Capt Vince Copland; RSM. 3/6 RNZIR WO1.M Hata; Mrs Whetu Te Ua; CO 3/6 RNZIR. Lt Col Olly Te Ua; Lt Col W J Banks MNZM.ED. Mrs Robyn Coster & Des Anderson, President.

**MINUTES OF THE 17<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE**  
**6<sup>TH</sup> HAURAKI REGIMENT ASSOCIATION INC**  
**HELD AT GARRISON CLUB**  
**@ 1100hr SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2015**

**PRESENT:**

Des Anderson, Erik Kristensen, Trevor Archer, Bob Mankelow, Hutch Hutchieson, Steve Davis, Karen Carmichael, Janet Crafts, Ray Crafts, Kevin Hayden and Marion Kareko

**APOLOGIES:**

Ken Brown, Katherine Brown, Tony Fraser, Patti Burt, Kim Webster, Karen Cross, David Cross, Penny Burgess, Richard Burgess, Jill Conder, Mike Meyers-Kaye, Diane Myers-Kaye,

Debbie Davis, Warren Banks, Julie Banks, Paul Couch, Dave Greaves, Dave Galvin, Te Rei Merito, Vince Copeland, Robin Coster, Russell Skeet; Joselyn Mankelow, Olly Te Ua, Whetu Te Ua.

Moved Marion Kareko  
Carried

Seconded: Des Anderson

## MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

**Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed**

**Moved: Bob Mankelow**

**Seconded: Erik Kristensen**

## MATTERS ARISING

Nil

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

See attached:

The report presented by the President, Des Anderson, who moved that the report be accepted.

Seconded: Steve Davis  
Carried

## **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

See attached

Financial Report presented by the Treasurer, Marion Kareko, who moved that the report be accepted.

Seconded: Ray Crafts  
Carried.

Profit/Loss Account of the Garrison Club presented.

Read by Des Anderson who then moved that the Profit/loss Account be accepted.

Seconded: Trevor Archer  
Carried.

## **ELECTION OF PATRON**

Des Anderson moved that Graham Vercoe, as the Honorary Colonel become the patron of the Association. Graham Vercoe accepts the position.

Moved: Des Anderson  
Carried

Seconded: Trevor Archer

## ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

<u>President:</u>	Des Anderson	Ken Brown/Marion Kareko
<u>Vice President:</u>	Ken Brown	Marion Kareko/Des Anderson
<u>Secretary/Treasurer:</u>	Marion Kareko	Karen Cross/Kenneth Brown
<u>Committee:</u>		

Ray Crafts	Janet Crafts/Karen Cross
Bob Mankelow	Marion Kareko/Karen Cross
Erik Kristensen	Kevin Hayden/Des Anderson
Kevin Hayden	Bob Mankelow/Marion Kareko
Dave Cross	Karen Cross/Janet Crafts
Janet Crafts	Karen Cross/Dave Cross
Karen Cross	Dave Cross/Janet Crafts
Mike Myers-Kaye	Debbie Davis/Karen Cross
Debbie Davis	Karen Cross/Penny Burgess
Stephen Davis	Karen Cross/Richard Burgess
Diane Myers-Kaye	Karen Cross/Richard Burgess
Charlie Harrison	Des Anderson/Bob Mankelow
Lee Morgan	Des Anderson/Bob Mankelow
Rueben Kelly	Des Anderson/Bob Mankelow
Mike Halliday	Des Anderson/Bob Mankelow
Boof Richardson	Des Anderson/Bob Mankelow
Mike Purcell	Des Anderson/Bob Mankelow
Tony Brooke	Des Anderson /Erik Kristensen

Dave Cross,	Curator of the Museum
Penny Burgess,	Welfare representative.
Dave Greaves,	Area representative of Gisborne.
Barry Ngaheu,	Area representative of Hamilton.
Dave Galvin,	Area representative of Rotorua.
Te Rei Merito,	Area representative of Rotorua.
Russell Skeet,	Area representative of Coromandel.
Paul Couch,	Area representative of Auckland.

Moved by Bob Mankelow that all nominated committee members be elected as a whole and have the right for any other members who wish to join the committee in the future.

Seconded: Ray Crafts  
Carried

## ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBER

President of Paeroa RSA

Moved: Des Anderson  
Carried

Seconded: Janet Crafts

### **ELECTION OF HONORARY AUDITOR**

Ken Brown, auditor, for the Association and the Garrison Club.

Moved: Des Anderson  
Carried

Seconded: Trevor Archer

### **SUBSCRIPTIONS:**

The subscriptions to members are to remain the same and be reviewed again at the next AGM. Members cost is \$15.00 and Serving soldiers \$10.00

Moved: Des Anderson  
Carried

Seconded: Ray Crafts

### **PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP**

It was moved by Des Anderson that the perpetual membership remain in place for another year.

Seconded: Bob Mankelow  
Carried

### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Nil

There being no further business the meeting finished @ 1120hrs.

**Next AGM Meeting: Sunday 10th July 2016 @ 1100hrs at the Garrison Club.**

Des Anderson  
President

Marion Kareko  
Secretary

**URGENT-**

**Is there anyone present who can certify the minutes of the First COMMITTEE MEETING?**

**Bob ?**





## 1st Committee Meeting

Held at the Victoria Hotel August 1897

Members present

Capt J.D. Ferguson O.C. Chairman Lieut C. Colclough Lieut R. Harding  
 Colar Lieut G. R. Bradford, Lieut Jenkins, Lieut W.D. Smith  
 Capt W. Dyer, Capt Gifford, Capt Graydon, Capt Smith  
 Canon Capt A. H. H. H.

Motion 1st

Proposed by Lieut C. Colclough

Seconded by Lieut R. Harding

That members subscriptions be one shilling per month

Due on the first day of each month

The first subscription being due on the first day of July 1897

Carried unanimously

Motion 2nd

Proposed by Colar Lieut Bradford

Seconded by Capt Graydon

That the subscriptions be collected by Lieut W.D. Smith

And handed over by him to the Colar Lieut who will

Keep the subscription book and pay in the money to the Treasurer

Carried unanimously

Motion 3rd

Resolved on the motion of Captain Smith that the next

Committee meeting be held on Friday the 27th inst

Time and place of meeting to be given out as before on

Wednesday the 25th inst

Chairman

## 2nd Committee Meeting

Held at Grandy Room August 27th 1897

Members present

Capt J.D. Ferguson O.C. Chairman

Colar Lieut G. R. Bradford

Lieut Jenkins, Lieut W.D. Smith, Captain Graydon &amp; Smith

Capt H. H. H. H.

Motion 1st

Proposed by Capt Smith

Seconded by Col Lieut Bradford

That any new member wishing to join the Corps

must hand his name to the Col Lieut who will cause

his name to be posted on the Notice board as in

collected for by the Committee at least seven days after notice. These black balls to expire  
Carried unanimously

Motion 11 Proposed by Colm Capt Bradford  
seconded C. Cpl Kenyon

That the C. O. be empowered to have a list of the Rifle Range by Mr. O'Leary to the Company drawn up.  
Carried unanimously

Motion 12 Proposed by Capt Jenkins  
seconded by Capt Holt

That the C. O. be empowered to get Post notices taken and parade notices printed.  
Carried unanimously

Motion 13 Proposed Colm Capt Bradford  
seconded C. Cpl Kenyon

That the Hall Carababel be given a bonus of furniture and car shipping per month right from the date.  
Carried unanimously

Motion 14 Proposed by Colm Capt Bradford  
seconded by C. Cpl Holt

That the C. O. open a banking account at the Bank of New Zealand. That all expenses be signed by Capt. Ingram and countersigned by Capt. & Kenyon.  
Carried unanimously

Motion 15 Proposed on the motion of Colm Capt Bradford that the next meeting be held this day fortnight

Resolved



## A Book Review

A Book Review.

**“Tarrant – Prisoner of War”** - A Son of Lower Moutere and Coromandel and New Zealand Prisoner of War in South Africa by Gwyn Rees.

This small soft cover booklet, of 101 pages in A5 size, may appeal to anyone with an interest in the Boer War. The author, Gwyn Rees, has researched and written about Leonard Tarrant who served in the Anglo – Boer War of 1899 –1902. Tarrant left New Zealand with the ‘Firsts’ and saw his share of action, being present at the battle for New Zealand Hill in January 1900. Tarrant was captured at Koornspruit in March 1900 and died of enteric fever in a prisoner of war camp (The Racecourse) in Pretoria. Rees, offers up in his introduction, that the book is neither scholarly nor diligently researched and serves only to draw awareness to the story of Tarrant and to a memorial in his honour on Motueka Quay, objectives which he has competently achieved. The text is readable, cohesive and well organised, so that readers ought to be satisfied with time spent reading. Rees makes a pertinent point when he argues that the New Zealand’s participation in the Boer War was more significant than Gallipoli for New Zealand in terms of setting New Zealand’s identity and its course as a nation. He also offers a timely point about the establishment of the New Zealand flag in March 1902 as an icon for our identity, in relation to the impact of the Boer War upon citizens of New Zealand. The book is a useful addition to any library of volumes on military matters as they relate to New Zealand.

The book is illustrated, has a ‘roll of honour’ and a bibliography and was published by Tainui. Press Design and Print in February 2015, My purchase price for the book was \$33.00

Russell Skeet

## Letters to the Editor

Tena koutou katoa. Rau Rangatira ma tena koutou.

Happy Birthday to all the HAURAKI out there, serving, former, cadets, families, and associated. I hope it is a great day for you all and the celebrations are fitting the glory of a grand old regiment such as ours. All the best to you and yours. Perth remains well with lots of the regimental family residing here.

Kua mutu aku paipa mo tene wa. No reira, kia tau te rangimarie kia koutou.

John Dick  
HAURAKI

Hi Des

I would be most grateful if you would let me use the Hauraki News to ask your Association members for some information.

Between 1999 and 2012, the Waikato/Wellington East Coast Squadron, RNZAC (Waikato Mounted Rifles (WMR), RNZAC from 2003) was part of the 6th (Hauraki) Battalion Group. Since 2012 the Squadron has reverted to its previous role as the reserve squadron for Queen Alexandra's Mounted Rifles. During the early years with 6 HAU, three Haurakis held appointments with the Squadron: Capt Verne Meagher as Acting OC, and WO2s Steve Wardlaw and Ini Kerapa as SSM.

At last month's AGM, the WMR Regimental Association agreed to fund a small board recording the names of previous Squadron OCs, SSMs and Cadres since 2000, and obviously those Haurakis will be included. Unfortunately we are no longer in touch with them and so we are struggling to get their details exactly right. Each entry needs their correct rank, name, initials, corps and the dates by year that the individual held the appointments. My best guess at the moment is as follows:

Capt V.Meagher, RNZIR, Acting OC 1999-2000.  
WO2 S.Wardlaw, RNZIR, SSM 1999-2000.  
WO2 I.Kerapa, RNZIR, SSM 2000-2006.

Some of that could well be wrong. If any members of the Hauraki Association are able to put me straight - particularly those I have named, of course - please could they get in touch with me at: [simon.marriott@actrix.co.nz](mailto:simon.marriott@actrix.co.nz)

Many thanks, and best regards to all your members.

Simon Marriott

OC WMR 2000-2008, and President, WMR Regimental Association.

Andrew

Per previous email.

Affiliated units are:

The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers [U.K.]  
The Rifles (formerly The Royal Green Jackets) [U.K.]  
Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry [Canada]  
5 Royal Victoria Regiment [Australia]

I have, over time, corresponded with the Regimental Associations of these units, through whom I have maintained contact with the affiliated battalions— said correspondence being mostly by email.

I will send you information from various 6 Hau newsletters produced that relate to the affiliated units and show how the Bn tried to keep the relationships alive. As the battalion newsletter editor I tried to keep the affiliation with the four overseas units in

front of the battalion's serving soldiers, so that the newsletter carried articles, where possible, taken from respective websites.

When I complete an article for Des [for the 6 Hau Regtl Assoc newsletter, I will forward it to you so that, perhaps, it could be reproduced in the 3 Bn Regtl Assoc newsletter.

Russell Skeet

Thames





Des,

Hamish and Ethan recently travelled for 3 weeks to Greece, Crete and Italy as part of their Tauranga Boys College Tama Tu young Maori Leaders group

Over the last 18 months, they had been researching the 28 Battalion campaign through those regions as part of their group requirement and in particular, all students had to research a family member's involvement

Of the group of 30 students, Hamish and Ethan were the only two with a direct family relative in 28 being my father George Rehu from Rotorua - the others had second cousins, great uncles etc...

We (Hamish and Ethan) can put together a summary of the event and have many photos of their travels

Would that be something for this forum?

Regards  
Josh

ED: Hamish & Ethan are cadets in the WBOPCU, based in Tauranga

Tama Tu Maori Battalion trip 2015

As an introduction, Tauranga Boys College run an initiative called Tama Tu which identifies Years 9 – 13 Maori students as potential leaders and provides them with opportunities to learn skills associated with being positive and influential

The group uses the 28 Maori Battalion as its' "ground zero" where the founding reference is of young Maori taking up the challenge of leadership, camaraderie and the retention of their cultural values despite what at times can be overwhelming odds

Over the last 2 years, Tama Tu students have been researching not only the 28 Battalion campaign through Greece, Italy and North Africa but in particular, they have researched their own family connections, all entirely outside of school class time

At the end of all their research, in July 2015, a group of eventually 29 students aged 13 – 17 years and associated support staff travelled for 17 days through Greece, Crete and Italy, retracing the campaign trail of 28 Battalion

Amongst the cohort were brothers and WBOP Cadet Unit Members Sergeant Hamish Hahunga and Lance Corporal Ethan Hahunga who both also had the distinction of being the only persons with a direct relative to 28 being their Koro George Rehu ONZM MNZM 811679, a B Coy member from Rotorua

Amongst the more solemn venues visited were Phaleron War Cemetery in Athens, Suda Bay War Cemetery in Crete and Cassino War Cemetery in Italy. At these various memorials, the boys paid homage to fallen relatives they had researched including a Tauranga Boys College old boy Patu Andy Williams. It is worth noting that this was likely the first time that some family representatives had ever visited the graves of their fallen family

The group also visited memorials acknowledging the bayonet charge on 42<sup>nd</sup> Street in Crete, a civic function in Tavernelle where they paid their respects at a memorial to New Zealanders who died there and to La Romola, where they unveiled a plaque honouring 12 New Zealanders who were killed in a mined building

For Hamish and Ethan, the highlight and probably the most emotional moment occurred when they were hosted by the village of Calenzano. Here in the middle of the village square amidst posters advertising their pending arrival, alongside long tables of prepared local foods and illuminated by an array of street and coloured lighting, the group entertained the villagers with stories, songs and haka before meeting village elders who tearfully recounted their own personal stories to the boys of being young people themselves and meeting members of the 28 Battalion who had liberated their village

For Hamish and Ethan, this was the soul of the trip and this was the acknowledgement of the effort their Koro and his comrades had given all those years ago

The group managed to stamp their mark wherever they travelled. Instances such as performing both their school haka and Ka Mate inside Panathenaic Stadium (the host of the first modern Olympics), performing another haka while on an outcrop of rocks in a bay in La Spezia and singing "Buona Notte" to their Italian hosts endeared them and created a permanent connection for future students who will follow

A final flurry of tourist activities through Rome and, while on their flight home, in Dubai, meant the group were able to be "boys". In essence this described an assortment of activities such as a quick trip up the Burj Khalifa, crashing a Formula 1 race car at Ferrari



World and swimming at Yas Waterworld along with other tourist styled opportunities in order to bring home mementos to family

It was a couple of travel weary young men who arrived home 17 days after departing but upon being asked, Hamish concluded “I reflected on all that the 28 Battalion had helped to accomplish. Sweat, blood, resilience and courage had all helped to end oppression and usher in freedom. We left Europe behind, but kept the experience of history remembered and memories made“

Ethan offered “When we were in Italy I had never felt any better. We (our group, New Zealanders in general and the Maori Battalion specifically) were truly loved by the people, we were seen as heroes, their saviours. When we left the towns where we performed, the people we met literally ran with the bus waving us off. I am truly thankful for what our ancestors did to change the world and I will never forget the memories we made”

A final comment was provided to all the boys from their lead teacher Pere Durie on fallout from the Tour. They were the same final comments given by Lieutenant Colonel James Henare to the 28 Maori Battalion when he dismissed those warriors from active service “Hoki atu ki o tatou Iwi, hoki atu ki o tatou Maunga, hoki atu ki o tatou Marae, engari kia mau ki tenei korero - tu Maori mai, tu Maori mai, tu Maori mai – Go back to our People, go back to our Mountains, go back to our Marae, but cling to this command - stand as Maori, stand as Maori, stand as Maori.”



Elham & Hamish Hahunga - Cadets from WBOPCU



TamTu Group 2015



Cap of 28 Maori Bn Assn



Suda Bay Cemetery



Overlooking Crete



## News from the Regiment



. The scenario was based around conventional operations against a peer threat. The Live Field Firing (LFF) component of Ex Cassino 15 consisted of LFF battle runs, and included NZLAV from QAMR, infantry and anti-armoured elements from 1RNZIR, engineer elements from 2ER, artillery from 16 Field Regiment and logistics support from QAMR Support Squadron. The key blank-firing activities included building clearance drills, urban sweep, urban defence, and combined arms close country skills rehearsals.

The Combat Team trained at the Moving Target Range (MTR) for the LFF, in Karioi Forest for Troop level close country training, and in the Urban Container Village (UCV) for Troop level defensive training. The MTR was predominantly controlled by Regimental Head Quarters (RHQ), while Squadron Head Quarters (SHQ) controlled the Karioi and UCV training.

QAMR is ready

For the troops, the biggest highlight was to fire live in a combined-arms environment. With such a focus on training prior to this exercise it was good to finally see indirect and direct fires going down range at the same time. Training together in a combined-arms environment allowed everyone to experience and refine their respective roles in the field.

From battle prep through to H-Hour all call-signs learnt something new, and as a result developed greater coherence and interoperability throughout the combat team.

Concurrently a QAMR Family Day was organised by RHQ in Waiouru for the family members of our soldiers. Families bussed from Linton to Waiouru and started their day at Paradise Valley and the MTR. From Spectator Hill the families were able to watch Lt Morton's Troop conduct a LFF battle run with Offensive Support provided by mortars from 16 Fd, and culminating in a dismounted assault supported directly by NZLAV and the engineers from 2ER. This was an ideal opportunity for the families to see their loved ones operating at the sharp end of the NZ Army's capabilities. From all

accounts the families had an awesome time; from observing LFF at the MTR, firing weapons at the simulation centre to sharing common experiences unique to all NZ Army families over a hot brew on a cold day.

In conclusion, Exercise Cassino 2015 was a success in preparing for the international 'Exercise Talisman Sabre'.

Developing and refining our skills in a combined-arms setting during the build up training will put us in good stead to conduct the exercise alongside the Australian Army and other nations.

WEC integrates with 3/6 Battalion

By A/OC Captain Steffan Wuts, WEC SQN, QAMR Wellington East Coast Squadron, QAMR with 3/6

Battalion, RNZIR conducted Exercise Cassino, a tactical field exercise in May. The key aim of the exercise was to conduct Reserve Force integration with 3/6 Bn; establishing a Combined Arms Combat Team who would conduct a series of tactical manoeuvre tasks by day and by night across the Kaingaroa forest area.

It began in Tauranga with NZLAV marry up briefs at the Hauraki HQ, before a preliminary move to the Rotorua Racecourse for tactical orders and subsequent rehearsals, with the intent to conduct a cordon and search mission at dawn. A turn out of more than 40 personnel from 3/6 Bn generated the ability for the Combat Team to resource an inner cordon, dismounted cut offs and vehicle check points on the outer cordon.

The dismounted platoon achieved a tactically sound move to and securing of their form up point utilising night vision equipment, whilst the NZLAVs manoeuvred cut-offs into position and formed an outer cordon utilising dismounted infantry and NZLAV. The mission was a great success, with a number of enemy, having displayed clear hostile intent, killed or captured.

The mission was debriefed by the Reserve Force Cadre staff before the majority returned back to their civilian jobs or to continue with their university studies. We were fortunate to retain a section sized element from 3/6 Bn who continued to combine with the Armoured crews and NZLAV to conduct urban patrolling, forward operating base security and the establishment of close country observation posts, from which the servicing of named areas of interest and the answering of key information requirements led to another successful dawn strike.

WEC Squadron and the remaining personnel from 3/6 Bn then moved south to Waiouru Military Training Area to conduct joint grenade and anti-armour weapon qualifications the following weekend. The exercise and weekend culminated in a conventional combined arms assault in Waiouru.

The exercise provided a great opportunity to integrate Reserve Force elements and displayed the utility and adaptability inherent in a Cavalry organisation.

Congratulations to the personnel from 3/6 Bn for their dedication







Bob Mankelow receives his Infantry bayonet from OC Hauraki Company Vince Copland







Bob with mates Eric & Des



The Army Reserve offers a part-time job like no other.

Whether your 9-to-5 sees you accounting, brick-laying, in customer service, or you are a recent graduate – the Reserve force lets you escape your everyday. And CAPT Philip Heming, Reserve S1 at 3/6 Battalion RNZIR, is one of the team who takes the idea of a rewarding, and often unexpected second career to the upper North Island to help swell the ranks.

“As S1, my role includes helping out with recruiting to the Reserve forces,” CAPT Heming says. “My area covers Whangarei, to Whakatane, to Taupo – and pretty much everything in between.”

Working toward centrally identified recruitment targets, CAPT Heming assists the broader recruiting effort by setting up activity to help promote the idea of a secondary career with the NZ Defence Force in targeted areas of the country, and supporting recruits through the door.

Based in Auckland, recruiting becomes a little easier – with New Zealand’s biggest population and educational base at his doorstep. The challenges come when taking the Reserves to smaller areas.

“Logistically, it becomes more challenging to support potential Reservists from more remote areas,” CAPT Heming says, “but that doesn’t mean we’re not interested! If people have a passion for the role, can meet our fitness and educational requirements, and are keen to challenge themselves – we’ll do everything we can to make it work.”

“The next few years in particular are going to be busy for the Army Reserve,” CAPT Heming says. “Between the recruiting aspect of my role – we have a schedule of ceremonial support as part of WW100, are tasked with meeting outputs directed by TRADOC, and we have to be ready to round out the Force.”

“3/6 Battalion are aligned with QAMR – so we also need to support their activity. Right now we’re working alongside them as part of EX Casino, so this adds further activity to our calendar.”

“Leadership and planning are some of the core skills I have learned role as an Army Reservist that translate to my civilian career. As one of nine supervisors asking care of around 100 staff at Auckland Airport, my experience with Army has been a huge help in making me effective at my job,” says CAPT Heming.

CAPT Heming has worked at Auckland Airport as aviation Security Sergeant for close to 10 years, a good length of time for any role in the civilian world. Add to that his career as part of the Army Reserve –spanning 36years – and the core value of commitment becomes even more evident.

Highlights of CAPT Heming’s military career include a six-month deployment to East Timor in 2010 – working as the Plans Officer in Joint Task Force HQ.

“To anyone looking at joining the Reserve, I would say this challenge yourself. Look beyond your boundaries being part of the Reserve forces gives you opportunities to find out more about yourself, to experience things you would never get the chance to do in your civilian career, to meet some incredible people, and to learn skills that will stand you in good stead in your other job.”

## Museum

### Projects under construction:

The **Lecture Room** is being upgrade with the assistance of the 6 Hauraki Assoc. When complete I will place photos in the next Hauraki News.

Other projects are: upgrade the **former Commanding Officers Photos**; by digital enhancement & framed with ultra light glass.

Create & upgrade the **book/ video library**.

Create & upgrade a **digital unit history**.

Upgrade the **museum data base computer system**. This now for consideration at the next committee meeting.

All **unit photographs** (about 5,000) are now at the Hauraki Museum having being converted into the digital form, as part of the project of recording unit history by the Tauranga Public Library

### **Tauranga Memories**

Go to

**Tauranga.kete.net.nz**

Choose **remembering War**

If you have some photos we can use to record unit history, they will be returned without damage: please contact Bob Mankelow.

Without the donation of items, money & voluntary time your museum would not be the show case it is,

Thank you everyone

Des Anderson

President

<b>Tauranga WW100: Remembering WW1.</b>
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Their Mission Statement;

“Tauranga WW100 will provide a forum for networking amongst organisations that intend to mark the 100 years of World War One. It will provide an opportunity to discuss ideas, receive assistance with planning, and create opportunities to work together on ceremonies, events, projects, activities and education programmes that commemorate World War One”.



# Chunuk Bair Commemoration

## 8 August 2015

Welcome: Dick Frew, President, Tauranga RSA

Lt-Col. Warren Banks - Gallipoli 2015

Wreath Laying

One Minutes Silence

Benediction: Marie Gilpin, Chaplain, MT RSA

Last Post: Brian Geoghan, Bugler

The Ode: Alex Pluck, Executive, MT RSA

Reveille: Brian Geoghan, Bugler

Closing remarks: Dick Frew





## **CADETS in the HAURAKI REGION**

### **Hauraki Experience VXII**

On the 5th of June 2015, over 90 Cadets from Western Bay of Plenty Cadet Unit (Tauranga) Rotorua District Cadet Unit, Te Awamutu Cadet Unit, Hamilton City Cadet Unit, Opotiki Cadet Unit, Taupo Cadet Unit and Rangitikei Ruapehu Cadet Unit set out as early as 5am in the morning to Waiorou Army Camp to participate in a 7 Day Exercise, Hauraki Experience, which is an Exercise that is sponsored by the Hauraki Company. The Exercise was setup on the 100th Birthday of the Hauraki Regiment for the Cadet Core Units in the Hauraki Area in order to support and develop cadets within this area.

Cadets were exposed to the Army Cultural from day one when they arrived and welcomed home at the Army Maree. They went on to setup their barracks up to the standard similar to that they would find on a new recruit would have on basic training. Cadets woke up at 5.45am every morning and carried out barrack routine prior to breakfast and hour of drill.

Throughout the week the Cadets carried out a number of exercises under the direction of 15 Headquarters Staff and 7 Territorial Force Staff Personnel. These exercise consisted of:

- ☐ 22 Marlin shoot to practise their Marksmanship skills,
- ☐ a tour of the Museum where they also had to research small parts of the History of NZ
- ☐ Navigation Theory Lesson where they put those skills into practise in a Practical Exercise
- ☐ Leaderless Task, giving opportunity to any cadets to step forward and be a leader
- ☐ Familiarizations shoot at the Weapons Electronic Training Simulator firing the Steyer at the prone position
- ☐ PT session and Swim Test
- ☐ Drill Competition
- ☐ Barrack inspection

Throughout the week the Cadets were exposed to all environment conditions from Sun, rain, wind and snow. No matter what was thrown at the Cadets, they performed to the best of their abilities.

On the last day, the cadets performed a March out Parade and Haka in front of Lieutenant Colonel W.J. Banks MNZM. ED. former 6th Hauraki Regiment Commanding Officer and founder of Hauraki Experience. He presented each Cadet with a Certificate of Participation and a number of Trophies and award to the Cadets such as TOP Cadet of each Platoon, TOP Shooter of Each Platoon, Most Improved from each Platoon, Top Shooter overall, TOP Junior NCO, Top Senior NCO, Soldiers Choice Award, Top Platoon and Top Supreme Award.

















## Bay of Plenty RESC

### **Tasman Scheme:**

- ☐ Both BOP RESC nominations were accepted by the Directorate of Reserve Forces and Youth Development (DRFYD). LMTO Waiari and CPL Morgan have completed their ADF attachments. Below are brief notes on their feedback regarding their experiences.
- ☐ It is noted that full and detailed Post Activity Reports (PARs) will be produced and forwarded to DRFYD.

### **LMTO Kevin WAIARI (HMNZS NGAPONA Tauranga Unit):**

- Seconded to HMAS PENGUIN, Sydney, Australia.
- First few days were a general introduction to various facilities on the Navy Base.

- A highlight was spending time in a Bridge Simulator. Other RNZN personnel were working in the Simulator undertaking a Bridge Watchkeeping course. This was a surprise which highlighted positive ANZAC links with regards to joint training.
- After the brief induction period, joined the first two weeks of a RAN hydrographic course.
- Although the attachment was a valuable learning opportunity, it would have been personally more productive to have joined the course at a later stage when the subject matter would have been more challenging.
- Witnessed use of, and learned about, a range of unfamiliar hydrographic survey equipment.
- Benefits of attachment:
  - o Witnessed how each country uses specific technology.
  - o Could swap methodologies in use of specialist equipment.
  - o Valuable to see how another Navy works.
  - o ANZAC mate ship alive and well.

**CPL Damien MORGAN (3/6 RNZIR):**

- 10/27 Royal South Australian Regiment – CO and Senior Officers send their greetings.
- A liaison contact had been appointed to look after the NZ contingent throughout the attachment – this was a very positive initiative.
- The attachment was 50/50 hospitality and soldiering.
- Reserve Association put on tours of the regional area.
- Excellent hosting by the ADF.
- During the first few days, the RSM took the group aside for training prior to exercise. This was an excellent way to be introduced to how the Regiment operates. It was very apparent that the ADF is very clear on doctrine.
- Attended a Brigade Exercise. Deployed as a Section Commander. Undertook patrols, ambush tasks and gave general advice to the ADF soldiers.
- Clearly able to work side by side their Australian counterparts.
- Clearly apparent that there is a 'war fighting' focus of their Australian counterparts, which is likely due to their experience in Iraq and Afghanistan.



☐ Constructive recommendations for the future Tasman Scheme (TS) process:

- Prior to the attachment, it is recommended that the applicant be permitted to get in contact directly with a host unit point of contact - to gain general induction information on the attachment, and specific information on the role, course or exercise in order to help better prepare the attendee prior to departure from NZ. This may also provide an opportunity to check the appropriateness of the specific attachment.

- That previous TS attendees be involved in the selection process of RESC nominees;

- That previous TS attendees provide general advice to personnel selected for the next round of attachments; and

- That previous TS attendees be used by Reserve Units to help advertise the Scheme to potential nominees.

☐ Overall, the Tasman Scheme is highly recommended and can be seen as a reward for long, good service in the Reserve Forces.

☐ The BOP RESC is pleased that both Reservists enjoyed the positive experience.

<b>OUR ASSOCIATED GROUPS</b>
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**Manawatu Chapter—Patriots Defence Force  
Motorcycle Club (NZ)**

**Welcome you to the**

**2015 Duggy Grant  
Memorial Ride**



**P754045 Corporal Douglas Grant  
KIA Afghanistan 19 August 2011**

**Duggies Run**

Last weekend a group of Hauraki Chapter (12) attended the Manawatu Chapter organised poker run which included a stop at the Tokomaru RSA where a service was conducted around Duggies memorial plaque. There was approximately 112 registered for this run. What happens on tour stays on tour - there is a bit of dirt on one of them. We also had Hauraki members ride (I do not have the numbers - sorry) to the Napier service which was organised by Tina. The turnout in Hastings was also good.

**Opotiki Run**

This is set for Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th Sept. Which is just under a fortnight away. Burger and Petchy have found the following accommodation venues and prices which you are to organise yourselves.

Masonic Hotel, Main Street Opotiki. Available for DFMC Sat 5/09/15. Ph 07 3156115.

4 x single rooms. 1 x double. 1 x twin. \$50 p.p. a night.

To book Quote "Graham" when booking.

Motel Eastland Motor Lodge Opotiki. 07 3155524. \$120 Studio.

There is also a camping ground in town with cabins.

The Road Captains will need to put out their area timetables (movement orders) to meet at the Opotiki RSA for a 1300hrs monthly Chapter meeting. Of course we will also socialise at JB's (life member) bar after the meeting.

On the Agenda will be the Harley Davidson Raffle, Passchendaele and next years Patriots bi-annual National Parade at Rotorua.

Have some coin with you as the Sgt @ Arms has the odd fine to sort out.

Cheers Burger VP

## **Douglas Grant Children's Memorial Trust**

### **Let's show we care about those left behind**

In 2011, A trust was established to help the children of Corporal Douglas Grant, the SAS soldier who was killed in action on 19 August 2011. We are looking for your financial support and are seeking donations from the public to help Doug's children get through life without their father.

This is a way we can all thank a very heroic soldier, a fantastic husband and a dedicated father who died while rescuing five British civilians in Kabul, Afghanistan.

Doug was a career soldier and he spent over 21 years in the NZ Army. He was selected to join the elite SAS unit in 1998 and was with this unit on two occasions over a period of eight years. He was a very proud Kiwi who was dedicated to his country, the Army and especially his fellow soldiers in the SAS. He held a strong belief that the role he played in his Afghanistan tours would ultimately benefit the people he related to the most – the civilians of Afghanistan who have had to live through years of turmoil and poverty.

Doug was articulate, passionate, funny, vocal, opinionated and interested in many topics. He loved talking and related well to all levels of society. Doug loved his motorcycling and was the Road Captain for the Manawatu Chapter, Patriots DFMC.

Doug has left behind his wife of 12 years Tina and two lovely children. He did everything he could to be a good role model for his children and wanted them to have as good a life as he and Tina could give them.

Doug has left a huge void in their lives and this trust is a way we can all help say "thank you" for making the ultimate sacrifice he made trying to help make someone else's life a little better.

Any donations would be greatly appreciated and can be sent directly to:

Douglas Grant Children's Memorial Trust – ASB Bank, Palmerston North.

Account number 12 -3143 – 0276817 - 00

Thank you for your support.



## Our Badge:



We do NOT wear a "back patch"; we are purely an organization that loves motorcycles, and enjoys the camaraderie of other service personnel and consider ourselves a Military Social Club of interested motorcyclists.

We are not a paramilitary organization, we have no political leanings, we are the "Patriots" we have served or are currently still serving NZ Defence Force.

Our "Badge" shows the three services in our own particular style. The skull is for the members who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for their country. The colours denote; Red for the Blood spilt by members defending our country and its Flag. The Black Beret a common colour for each service and the colour of mourning for those members who have died. White for the peace members have fought for, and won.

For more information, visit our website:  
<http://patriotsmanawatu.co.nz/>



**RHODESIAN SERVICES ASSOCIATION**



The October RV has been the catalyst for the strength of the Rhodesian Services Association. It has become a part of the the Rhodesian Services Associations annual calendar taking place in October over Labour Weekend in Tauranga, New Zealand. We are now expanding this to alternate venues between Tauranga and Auckland on a year-about basis.

The first RV was intended as a one off event. It was set up as a reunion and to acknowledge and honour the soldiers who had been decorated for their services in Rhodesia.

The first RV took place in Tauranga at the 6th Battalion (Hauraki) Group's HQ in Tauranga during Labour Weekend in October 2002. The Commanding Officer of the unit, Lt. Col. John Dick ED welcomed us. During the course of the welcome Lt. Col. Dick said that he recognised us as soldiers and people who had lost our country and he invited us to form a museum display in the regiment's History Room to safeguard our history. When Lt. Col. Dick said the word "recognised" he did not realise the importance of that word to all Rhodesians. I assure you that there were very few dry eyes at the end of his speech that day.

That was the beginning which has led on to a strong association between former Rhodesian soldiers, their families and our new country, New Zealand. It must not be forgotten that the association between Rhodesia and New Zealand dates back to the late 1800's and the Anglo-Boer War and on through WWI and WWII and even into recent times where former Rhodesian soldiers work with New Zealanders in Iraq and Afghanistan

Anyone is welcome to attend the RV, irrespective of nationality or service to Rhodesia.

**The RV in 2015 will be held over the weekend starting Friday 9th October in Tauranga, NZ.**

For the RV details email Hugh Bomford on [hughbomford@xtra.co.nz](mailto:hughbomford@xtra.co.nz) or ring +64 27 545 8069



This photo above was taken in April 2003 when Lt. Gen. Walls opened the Rhodesian display at the 6th Battalion (Hauraki) Group's Garrison Club.

Left - Right Lt. Gen. Walls, Mr Des Anderson President of the 6th Battalion (Hauraki) Regimental Association and Lt. Col. Dick ED.

The Hauraki Museum and Garrison Club are open to the public every Friday from 16.00 hrs.

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Brief resume of service with 6 Hauraki  
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## ***UPCOMING EVENTS***

### **2015**

#### **August**

7th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
11th	Tuesday	1900 hrs	Garrison Club	Committee Meeting
			Hauraki	
14th	Friday	1900 hrs	Museum	Nibbles
21st	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
27th		Newsletter printed & posted		
28th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Finger Food

#### **September**

4th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
8th	Tuesday	1900 hrs	Garrison Club	Committee Meeting
11th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
			Hauraki	
18th	Friday	1900 hrs	Museum	Nibbles
25th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Finger Food
27th	Sunday	1130 hrs	MOSAC	Luncheon

#### **October**

2nd	Friday	1800 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
9th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	BBQ/Food
10th	Saturday	1500 hrs	Museum	Rhodesian Services Association
13th	Tuesday	1900 hrs	Garrison Club	Committee Meeting
16th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
23rd	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
30th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Finger Food

#### **November**

6th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
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10th	Tuesday	1900 hrs	Garrison Club	Committee Meeting
13th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	
20th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
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