



TE AWAMUTU RSA

Monthly Newsletter

April 2025





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VTNZ MEMBER DEAL

As a member of Te Awamutu & District Memorial RSA, you're entitled to member-only discounts through Clubs New Zealand. You can get 20% off your next Warrant of Fitness or Pre-Purchase Assessment and 10% off your next Maintenance Check with VTNZ. It's easy – just present your Te Awamutu RSA membership card in branch to receive these exclusive discounts!



Live Entertainment

Country Roads

April 11th, 7pm

ANZAC DAY KIDS COLOURING COMPETITION

Collect from Clubrooms and place completed entries in box outside office.
Judged and prize drawn ANZAC Day. Prizes for 1st and 2nd.

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WAR MEMORIAL PARK - Bridge Unveiling Speech by Dan van der Hulst.

"...The names on this, and all other memorials around the district all had families, mothers, fathers, aunts and uncles, brothers and sisters, the families stayed home while a huge percentage of the community went off to fight the war being waged on the other side of the world.

The families they left behind had only letters with the occasional photo enclosed to keep them informed of what their loved ones were up to, while they picked up the extra work needed to keep farms and communities going in their absence

Sadly, many of these men would not return to the homes they had left, or, if they did return, they were not the same person they were when they left.

The notifications to the families of loss of life may have occurred weeks after their passing and in many cases, soldiers or sailors were listed as missing in action and no formal identification was possible.

With the graves of their loved ones on the other side of the world and an opportunity to travel to see them extremely limited, a way of memorializing the fallen and the sacrifice of many was needed and our ANZAC day memorial service was born

But what good is a memorial to a family if it only occurs on one day a year? A more permanent way of keeping alive the memories of the fallen was needed.

Across the county, many different ideas were put forward and constructed and, in our district, they include a church, Halls and Cenotaphs.

These memorials gave a sense of permanence, a chance for those families who lost loved ones to connect with them every time they visited

As time went on, the world was plunged into war once again, and, once again, this district sent its sons and daughters to fight around the globe

Once again, families were left to continue their lives without loved ones.

And sadly, a new group of soldiers, sailors and airmen joining the ranks of their fallen comrades

The world had changed, and memorials were now expected to serve a dual purpose – giving a place of remembrance both to those who fell and those who served, as well as provide a wider community function.

In Te Awamutu, this garden and the memorial within it are our way of connecting those who have their names engraved on the plaques, those who served, while also providing a place for families to play, for community groups to gather and provide a link between past and present

Further conflicts came to pass, men and women from the district continued to serve and although the numbers were smaller, the impact on their families was not.

Time continues to pass and the memories of the fallen become more and more distant. The need to continue to educate those who come after us on what this garden and the memorials mean to our community remain. These bridges we have opened today, and the information panels on them, keep this knowledge out there in the community and will hopefully drive discussion and a thirst for knowledge with those who use them on why we have this asset to our community

As our town and district has grown and developed into the vibrant community we see before us today, we continue to need these living memorials to remind ourselves of those who have made the sacrifices that shaped our community.

We need to use them for their intended purpose, to gather and celebrate together, to keep the memories and sacrifices of all who have served alive for future generations.”

Corporate Sponsorship

Thank you to our sponsors and contributors to Te Awamutu RSA. Without their support we would not be able to do things to benefit our members. If your business is interested in reaching our members, please contact the office or email tarsa@xtra.co.nz. Please support those that support us.



Ph: 027 561 4811 www.warmflames.co.nz



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Members Draw

Monday, Wednesday and Friday around 6.30pm

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Directory

Want to know more? Here is our contact list:

Motor Sport Andrew Ross 027 496 5613	Women's Section Judith Steel 021 155 9217
Fishing Jim Perkins 021 278 4389	Indoor Bowls Linda King 021 238 7329
8 Ball Lyn Watson 022 122 8440	Darts Lyn Watson 022 122 8440
500 Card Club Jenny Magon 021 042 9945	Travel Club Loma Sattler 027 4905849
Outdoor Bowls Judith Cato 07 871 5388	Mahjong Robin Jackways 027 266 2259
Wine Club Ann Lincoln 022 300 5362	Welfare Paddy Shannon 027 346 6588 welfareteawamutursa@gmail.com
Bingo Graham Harvey 07 871 3707	Knitting Group Karen Morgan 027 606 0113
Pool Competition Graham Harvey 07 871 3707	Health Shuttle 07 870 3258 www.tahs.org.nz

Adjunct & Interest Groups are the backbone of TA RSA. Members are encouraged to contact those on the directory list and to get involved. Likewise, adjuncts and interest groups are encouraged to contribute to this newsletter letting people know what your group is doing and encourage new membership. Email your news to tarsa@xtra.co.nz for inclusion.

DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS this Saturday.

Don't forget to move your clocks BACK an hour.

Book Launch

Join Mid wives & Men of War author Marie-ann Quin 9/4/25 at 11am

Te Awamutu Genealogists Display

A history of a selected few members of our Honours Board displayed throughout April

Weekly Club Activities

Monday Bar Opens 11am-9pm Restaurant Lunch 12-2pm, Dinner from 5pm Monday Swindle Members Draw from 6.30pm	Tuesday Bar Open 11am-9pm Restaurant Lunch 12-2pm, Dinner from 5pm 500 Card Club 1pm
Wednesday Bar Open 11am-9pm Restaurant Lunch 12-2pm, Dinner from 5pm Knitting Club 10.30am Raffles from 4.30pm Members Draw from 6.30pm Indoor Bowls from 7pm	Thursday Bar Open 11am-9pm Happy Hour 4.30-6.30pm Restaurant Lunch 12-2pm, Dinner from 5pm \$10 Lunch 1pm BINGO
Friday Bar Open 11am-11pm Restaurant Lunch 12-2pm, Dinner from 5pm Mahjong 1pm Raffles from 4.30pm Jokers Wild Members Draw from 6.30pm	Saturday Bar Open 11am-10pm Restaurant Lunch 12-2pm, Dinner from 5pm
Sunday Bar Open 11am-9pm Restaurant Lunch 12-2pm, Dinner from 5pm Sunday Night Roast	

COURTESY VAN AVAILABLE FROM 4PM DAILY.

We pick up from home and/or drop you off at your home –
 within 12km radius of club rooms.

Talk to Bar Staff or phone 07 871 3707 extn 4
Alternative Transport Taxi TA A2B ph: 07 392 8808

BINGO: Every Thursday at 1pm

BE IN TO WIN \$20,000 OE

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SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS

Its time to renew your subscription which is due 31 March 2025.

- Members \$50
- Member Partner \$40
- Returned Service \$35
- Service \$ 40
- 75 plus \$20
- 90 Plus Free – please advise renewal

Our preference is for you to pay direct to Te Awamutu & District Memorial RSA bank account **03 0442 0100594 00** using your membership number as reference. Alternatively, please pay at bar when they are not busy using cash or eftpos. Once payment is received, we will provide a tax invoice if requested and new cards will be available at the club for pickup two weeks later (depending upon RNZRSA performance)

REMEMBRANCE - April		
1	RNZAF Day - Commemorate all who have served in the RNZAF. RNZAF established in 1937.	Annually
2	Malayan Emergency: NZSAS begins its first operational patrol as part of OP GABES SOUTH.	1956
9	Senio River crossing in Italy by 2 (NZ) Division. Beginning of NZ's final land campaign of WW2	1945
23	Battle of Kapyong, South Korea	1951
TBD	Poppy Day. Date changes annually, normally the Fri before Anzac Day	Annually
25	Anzac Day - commemorates all operational service in war and conflict by the NZDF from the Boer War onwards.	Annually
25	Multinational Force and Observers (MFO) Sinai established. NZ is one of the original troop contributing nations.	1982.
30	Lt Comd William Edward Sanders, VC, DSO, awarded VC. He is the only NZ naval VC	1917.

HAPPY HOUR

Thursday 4.30pm – 6.30pm

Discounted Tap Beer and Wine

‘Come in and catch up with your mates’



Introducing NEW Kids Menu

Keep your kids entertained with colouring in and word puzzles Ask at Bar or Kitchen

POPPY DAY STREET COLLECTION

Friday 11th & Saturday 12th

All funds collected go direct to Te Awamutu Poppy Trust to support our veterans.

Donations can be made direct to Te Awamutu Poppy Trust Bank Account
38 9025 0673632 01

Volunteers required. Contact Elaine 027 615 8396

VOLUNTEER SUPPORT WORKERS REQUIRED

Please Contact our LSA Paddy Shannon direct 027 346 6588 if you have a few hours to help with this important service Te Awamutu RSA provides to veterans and members.

ANZAC DAY

Friday 25th April

Te Awamutu & District Memorial RSA supports a large district and we encourage our wider area to commemorate ANZAC Day. In addition to Te Awamutu, we are also supporting Kawhia, Ohaupo, Kihikihi, Pirongia, Pukeatua and Tokanui. We encourage all veterans and families to participate either locally or join us at Te Awamutu. Veterans and families are welcome to Te Awamutu Clubrooms in the morning. From 1pm our clubrooms are open to all members, guests and visitors from other clubs and we encourage everyone to join us commemorating this important Remembrance Day.

Te Awamutu:

6am Dawn Service – Parade leaves RSA at 5.45am to War Memorial Park

Followed by Breakfast at Clubrooms at \$10 (Tickets are available from Bar)

9am Cemetery Flag Raising

11am Civic Service ANZAC Green. Parade leaves RSA at 10.45am to ANZAC Green

Followed by Lunch at Clubrooms \$15 (Tickets available at Bar)

Kihikihi:

8.30am Wreath laying, Main Road War Memorial, Kihikihi followed by finger food in Town Hall.

Pirongia:

6am Dawn Service. Assemble at Pub Carpark 5.45am to march to Memorial Hall.

Ohaupo:

10am Service, Ohaupo Memorial Hall, 98 Great South Road

Kawhia:

Civic Ceremony assembly point Kawhia Community Centre, Jervois St at 12.45pm. Parade march to Cenotaph at 1pm Service

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Special Message from Te Awamutu Community Health Transport Trust

Te Awamutu Community Health Transport Trust welcome RSA members on their shuttles. Recently they have asked our volunteers to check that those claiming to be RSA members can provide proof of membership. Please ensure that you take your current membership card showing that you are a current financial member, otherwise you will be asked to contribute towards funding.

ANZAC SONG

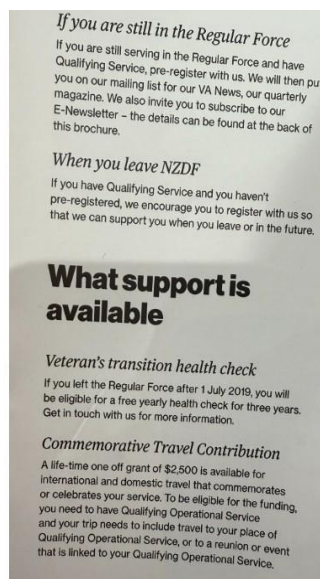
Hi there/Kia ora,

I wrote this song years ago as a tribute to my Grandad George who fought during WW2. I performed it several times during Anzac services which included WW2 veterans in the audience. I was encouraged to record it so it would play on Anzac day at RSA,s or on the telly. But I never did.

So a week ago I decided damn it better late than never. I recorded it and made a video and it sounds great and it's getting a lot of positive feedback. If you like it, you have my permission to distribute it to the villages. My gift to our elderly people who were the sons and daughters of the soldiers. Please have a listen I think you will like it.

Video link: <https://youtu.be/NLIGN5WihLs>

AN IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR OUR VETERANS



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**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
TE AWAMUTU AND DISTRICT MEMORIAL RSA (Inc.),
HELD AT THE RSA CLUBROOMS, 381 ALEXANDRA STREET, TE AWAMUTU,
ON TUESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2025, COMMENCING AT 7.00PM**

PRESENT: D. van der Hulst (Chair), J. Wood, M. Peterson, G. Smith, A. Mitchell, L. Brown, T. Findlay, P. Watson, A. Paterson

IN ATTENDANCE: G. Ambler (Secretary), T. Wood, P. Shannon

1. WELCOME:

The Chair welcomed everybody to February meeting. Confirmation that we have a quorum. Aim to make improvements to timing of meeting by working through business-as-usual items quicker so to spend more time on general business and working on actionable change items.

2. APOLOGIES:

RESOLVED that the apologies from A. Lincoln, A. Ross, K. Wright, be received and sustained.

J Wood/ A Mitchell

CARRIED

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Members reminded to update the register

4. MINUTES OF MEETING

RESOLVED that meetings of 21 January 2025 minutes are a true and correct record of the meetings.

T Findlay/ L Brown

CARRIED

Matters Arising

- a) Brick wall to be addressed at next meeting
- b) Bomber Command information to be provided.
- c) TA Sport payment paid and TARSA should have received payment.
- d) Disabled Carpark progress being made with Council.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

Summary of January Financial Report tabled

RESOLVED that the Financial Management Report tabled be received.

L Brown/ P Watson

CARRIED

RESOLVED Accounts for payment of \$70,839 be approved for payment.

T Findlay/ A Mitchell

CARRIED

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT – 31st JANUARY 2025

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING – 18TH FEBRUARY 2025

1. Application of Funds Received from the Repayment of Loan by the Ivor Walter Stickley Charitable Trust

Balance Online Saver 31.0125: \$3,842

\$40,777 was transferred from the Online Saver account to the operating account as there were insufficient funds to pay December's accounts payable (\$95,931) and the GST for the period ended 30th November 2024 (\$17,257). The amount withdrawn included the \$25,690 that had been set aside for capital expenditure.

2. CASH FLOW MANAGEMENT

As proposed last month, \$50,000 will be transferred from the term deposit account when it matures in early April. Planning for audit and DIA costs will be carried out at that time.

3. 2025 AUDIT

Graeme will contact the auditor and discuss expectations and timeframe withing the next week. The Finance Committee will support Graeme with audit preparation.

4. FINANCE COMMITTEE

With the resignation of Murray Hancock, the committee has had only 2 members and as the main restructuring work had been completed this has not been an issue but with the 2025 audit coming up and the pressing need for significant strategic planning, a further member is needed.

5. STRATEGIC PLANNING

The Club operations are uneconomic. While there has been improvement on the 2024 position and there has been positive progress, the outlook is not favorable, and the Club will return to crisis point in 12 - 18 months if changes are not made.

The development of strategies to ensure the viability of the Club is vital. The current work on increasing turnover continues but significant change is necessary. It is suggested that the Executive hold a strategic planning meeting where ideas can be put forward. Major development is required – how have other Clubs revitalized their operations? What actions have others taken to ensure they survive – amalgamation, expansion, sell/lease back, other investment. Look at all the options. Decide which are worth further investigation.

If we keep doing what we're doing, we will keep getting the same result

Insanity – doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.

RESOLVED that A Paterson join the Financial Committee

D van der Hulst/ J Wood

CARRIED

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6. MANAGERS' REPORT

Managers' report tabled.

Letter to be drafted to N Rendle responding to correspondence received.

Poppy Stock used on Poppy Day to be confirmed prior to making any orders with RNZRSA.

Poppy Day lunch to be provided at Poppy Trust expense. ANZAC Day Breakfast and Lunch are to be user pays to a set menu.

RESOLVED to accept Insurance proposal as tabled in report.

L Brown/ A Paterson

CARRIED

Letter to be sent to Women's Section expressing disappointment in regard to payment of Honours Board. The Board was built when they instigated the request. Whilst it may have been paid for by TARSA in the past, they are fully aware of TARSA financial situation. Payment of the invoice would be of great help to TARSA.

RESOLVED to send the Manager to Club NZ Conference in Christchurch as the conference agenda is perceived to potentially benefit Club operations.

T Findlay/ J Wood

CARRIED

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- D Bowler Correspondence
- Submission requesting Mobility Parking Space

RESOLVED to approve correspondence in and Out

L Brown/ J Wood

CARRIED

8. SUPPORT SERVICES

Local Support Advisor Report – February 2025

Activity

- Working with veterans regarding V A benefits. We dealt with/are dealing with 7 veterans on matters relating to obtaining benefits or upgrading the range of benefits they currently access.
- Regular monthly visits to Rest Homes by both the LSA and Volunteer Support Workers. There are currently 26 (24 Veterans and 2 Associate members) people who we try to visit monthly to make sure the Club stays in touch with them, and to check if there are any issues that we can help with.
- The Health Shuttle (which the Club financially supports) reports that they assisted 22 of our members with health visits to the Waikato Base Hospital in December.

Days Traveled	14
No of Clients	79
No of Wheelchair Clients	1
No of RSA Members	22
Vehicle Mileage	3435
Volunteer Hours	199
No of Volunteers	28

Volunteers needed.

We need new people to take on the roles of:

- Volunteer Support Worker: people who, after completing an introductory course run by the District Manager, covering Privacy (handling confidential information), the RSA Code of Ethics and a Police Check, can visit Rest Homes as a representative of the Club and assist the LSA where needed.
 - o The proposed training has been postponed. Watch this space for future updates.
- Local Support Advisor: to replicate my role so that the individual workload doesn't get too large, and that there is always cover when one or the other is away on business or holiday.

Paddy Shannon, Local Support Advisor, Te Awamutu RSA

RESOLVED receipt of report

A Mitchell/ P Watson

CARRIED

9. GRANTS

TA COMMUNITY CADET UNIT. To upgrade laptop to the amount of \$1,101.21.

T Findlay volunteered to coordinate directly with Cadet Unit and donate his personal laptop instead of having to decline the application due to insufficient funds.

TE AWAMUTU BRASS BAND. To transport equipment to National Band Championships to the amount of \$2038.80

RESOLVED to provide a partial grant \$1,000 towards transport of equipment to National Band Championships due to lack of available funds.

T Findlay/ Lou Brown

CARRIED

Executive invite TA Brass Band to come into the club and play giving permission for them to ask members in the club at the time to donate, via a pass the bucket around collection, to support the band directly.

10. HEALTH & SAFETY

No incidents to report.

11. New Members

RESOLVED to accept the following new members to Te Awamutu & District Memorial RSA.

L Brown/ P Watson CARRIED

Maria Rauhihi, Daniel Baker, Josh Lawson, Cynthia Pitout, Mike Newton, Keri Sullivan, Mark Sullivan, Barbara Ouston, Robert Rush, Shirley Brown, Malcolm McOnie, Hamish Germann, Bailey Filmer, Trevor Holman, Hayden Brown, Grant Ogden, Grant Gillum, James Balwin, Gregory Jarvis, Kevin Pedersen, Denise Jon, David Bridle, Andrew Vincent, John Pinny, Joanne Vincent, Hiedi Broughan.

12. Sub Committees

Core Values:

- First ANZAC Meeting done
- Most costs have been underwritten by Council.
- Pukeatua War Memorial Church Service 27th April followed by Tokanui
- Poppy Day Collection with be 11 April
- Layout of Crosses 19 April 9am at Cemetery and on 21 April 9am ANZAC Green.
- Programme for ANZAC Day is planned as follows:
 - Dawn Service
 - Cemetery Flag raised
 - Kihikihi Service
 - Pirongia Dawn Service
 - Kawihia – of which \$400 is provided
 - Civic Service
 - Meals are provided on a user pay basis as other RSA's do.
- AJ Quin will be the Parade Marshall
- The unveiling of Bridge plaques is planned by Council late March which will include coming back to TARSA Clubrooms for catered refreshments.

PR:

- Not a lot to report.
- New Menu release focus group this month
- Fireplace installation on deck

R&M:

- Cleaned up after Dining room TV removed
- Water feature cleaned
- Painted wall around deck and re-stained the deck
- Gas fire installed
- To move Wool Press leaner on deck.

Women's Section Report: No report.

Special Projects: Welfare details are yet to be completed.

RESOLVED that subcommittee reports accepted

T Findlay/ A Mitchell

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

East Timor Movie release due prior to ANZAC. D van der Hult to follow-up to see if members are able to access film.

L Brown and T Findlay to swap recital of Ode dates.

Clarification over Kitchen running out of food Friday 14th February following member complaint to an Executive Member. Manager confirmed that the kitchen had indeed run out of food and that the member had been dealt with by the Manager direct.

Balloons over Waipa is happening 21 March so that will mean a slow evening for TARSA.

P Watson will attend IGT viewing with Manager on 26 February.

District Meeting held in Rotorua:

- Reasonable representation at meeting
- RNZRSA Constitution update given. There has been a lot of background work and feedback from members has been heard.
- Members have been asked to use the correct tone when discussing the constitution and not cross the line using personal attacks and public media to express thoughts or opinion.
- Mount Manganui & Tauranga RSA's combining.
- Promotion of support of the ANZAC Day rugby clash encouraged with RSA members able to obtain discount to attend.
- Next District Meeting is at Mercury Bay 18 May.
- Support Services for the District now extend to Wiaouru.
- Whakatane RSA did not renew gaming licence June last year due to Management error. RSA's reminded that such compliance is important to clubs and such personnel performance should not be tolerated.

February 24th Purple Poppy Day will have Ode and Animal Ode recited by L Brown.

D van der Hulst explained that both himself and the Manager had undertaken Strategy discussions including long term and medium-term goals, SWOT Analysis and PESTEL Analysis. He provided an explanation of the discussions seeking Executive Members feedback on the findings along with possible solutions at next months meeting. He will email out notes to members seperately.

Concern was expressed at the Kitchen deficit and that management should be offering a smorgasbord, along with Al a cart meals, which would increase profitability by reducing waste and wait time. It was cited that Les Marsden did it profitably. It was argued that costs would increase with labour and food cost; waste would increase based on past observations of members behaviour.

There being no further Business, the Meeting was **closed** at 8.56 pm

The **Next Meeting** is scheduled Tuesday 18 March 2025 at 7pm.

Te Awamutu & District Memorial RSA



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*Congrats to
the Te Awamutu & District Memorial RSA team*

Andrew Priest, Executive Director