



TE AWAMUTU RSA

Monthly Newsletter

July 2025



KEEP WARM ON OUR DECK THIS WINTER

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Live Entertainment

Saturday 5th, 7pm All Blacks v France

Sat 12th, 7pm All Blacks v France

Friday 18th, Line Dancing with Nin Duggan

Saturday 19th 7pm All Blacks v France

Friday 25th SWAT

We have had a band pull out due to sickness and we are working on a replacement awaiting confirmation. We will advertise as soon as we have confirmation.

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.



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From The President:

The words below are the speech that I gave at the recent planting of new Peace roses within the sunken cross. Opportunities like this are our chance to get the RSA story and purpose out in our community and keep remembrance of those who have served in the forefront of people's minds. I want to thank everyone from the RSA who was involved with this project over the years as well as Lou for organizing and Lyn Dickie for personally funding the refreshments at the club afterwards.

“The names on this memorial were once members of our community, they contributed to society and helped establish the town we call home. They left the lives that they knew and joined the war effort, answering the call of our nation to serve. They paid the ultimate price and would not return to the homes they had left when they joined, and instead, remain buried a world away in the fields where they had fallen

In Te Awamutu, this memorial and the garden that surround it, are our way of connecting those who have their names engraved on the plaques, to 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

The work done by the rose society and the council staff to keep the roses blooming and to maintain the gardens must be acknowledged. Even in winter, there is signs of life and the park is a welcoming place for the community to use

The roses planted within the cross form a living memorial and contrast the somber brass panels of names. Their blooms appear every year, showing that the cycle of life continues and that the community they fought for remains, not the same as they left it, but one that has grown and developed into the vibrant community we know today.

The world did not find peace after the 2nd world war ended, there continued to be unrest and conflict that continues to this day. Some of these later conflicts are captured on the additional panels to continue the link between those who served and this community. As time continues to pass and the memories of the fallen become more and more distant, we need these living memorials to remind ourselves of those who have made the sacrifices that allowed our community to grow and flourish.

These memorials will continue to evolve, and we need to continue to build on these links between service and community. We need to use these facilities for their intended purpose, to gather and celebrate together, to keep the memories and sacrifices of all who have served alive for future generations.”

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 Lyn Dickie 021 233 7909
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 Bev Johnson 027 291 3162
Wine Club Ann Lincoln 022 300 5362	Welfare Paddy Shannon 027 346 6588 welfareteawamutursa@gmail.com
Bingo Hiedi 07 871 3707	Knitting Group Karen Morgan 027 606 0113
Pool Competition Hiedi 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.

Fishing Club News:

Fishing club meeting Monday 21st July at 5:30

Dinner and Trophy night Saturday 26th from 5 onwards. Raffles, prizes, dinner , drinks and a lot of fun. Put your names on the board please.

From the Office

We are changing our phone platform as Panasonic no longer support our system. We believe this should be seamless.

Our Phone App is being deleted this month due to poor uptake

Our Web page is under redevelopment with an aim to have it implemented by August.

Introducing our New Accountant, Aaron Cornelisson from Elevate 360 Chartered Accountants Ltd.

Farewell to Graham Harvey Sunday 6th. Hiedi will be replacing Graham as Bar Manager. Welcome to Racheal Fleming and Rayden Taite as new Duty Managers.

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YOUR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Daniel van der Hulst (President), Don Ramsay (VP), Lou Brown, Graham Smith, John Wood, Alan Patterson, Andrew Mitchell, Jared Wright St Clair, Graham Jull, Adan Te Huia, John Knowles, Patrick Bishop

Sub committees:	Purpose:	Who:
Finance	Checking and identifying issues with monthly accounts, explaining accounts to Exec members so that the financial understanding of the group is improved, advice on capital purchases, forecasting of issues. Assist with the audit process. Goal is to transfer this to Aaron once systems are up and running and then re evaluate this committee ad its purpose.	Teresa Wood Alan Patterson Jared Wright St Clair
Core Values:	Tasked with ensuring the Ethos of the RSA is maintained via public displays and ceremonies. Carries out the planning and execution for ANZAC Day, Armistice Day, reading of the Ode at funerals	Lou Brown Andrew Mitchell Graham Jull John Wood
R&M	Oversee and assist with general maintenance around the club, assist with pricing of Capital Expenditure or obtaining quotes for works. Assisted by members of the club when required	Graham Smith
PR now Communication	Managing the FB page and assisting with the monthly newsletters. This is one of the areas where we need to make changes as this group will assist and oversee the implementation of the Encontra Website / portal. Also need to take the communication goals and assist the operations team in delivering to the members.	Pat Bishop Graham Jull Jared Wright St Clair
Special projects: Constitution	This work has been started by Peter W and Daniel by identifying any differences between the model constitution sent through by the RNZRSA and our current rules.	Daniel van der Hulst John Wood Graham Jull
Risk register & policies	We need to do an annual review of our current policies and the risk register.	Don Ramsay
Working group: Fundraising:	Look for grants or other areas where the club can tap into funds to carry out projects	Pat Bishop Jared Wright ST Clair
Net Proceeds Committee:	We need to ensure that we are compliant with DIA and approve the authorised expenditure for the Gaming	Don Ramsay Adan Te Huia Alan Patterson
Welfare:	Assist and work with Paddy (LSA) to ensure that members and Veterans get the help they need where possible and look for new ways to engage with the community.	Andrew Mitchell J Knowles John Wood

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 BINGO from 3pm every 2nd Sunday Restaurant Lunch 12-2pm, Dinner from 5pm	

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

AND

Sunday 13th & 27th at 3pm

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REMEMBRANCE July		
1	Angola. NZ deployments begin	1991.
1	United Nations Observation Group in Lebanon begins.	1954
1	The NZDF Medical Team arrives in Papua New Guinea to assist in tsunami recovery efforts.	1998
2	Willie Apiata awarded first and only Victoria Cross of New Zealand	2007
3	HMNZS Tutira and Pukaki leave Auckland for Korea. The ships arrived in Korean waters on 27 Jul 50	1950
9	South Sudan. NZ deployments begin	2011
10	First departure of a NZ Hospital Ship from NZ - the NZHS MAHENO	1915
13	Battle of Kolombangara, Solomon Islands. HMNZS LEANDER severely damaged.	1943
14	Battle of Ruweisat Ridge, North Africa	1942
22	Mururoa: Observed French nuclear tests at Mururoa Atoll	1973
24	Solomon Islands. Arrival of NZ Troops with the Regional Assistance Missions Solomon Islands (RAMSI)	2003
25	HMNZS Royalist fires 86 rounds in shore bombardment of Malayan Communist Party guerrillas at Kota Tinggi, Malaya	1957
27	Armistice in Korea	1953
29	Battle of San Michele, Italy. NZ troops cut off and surrounded in the village but hold out against heavy German counter attacks, seeking to prevent allied capture of Florence.	1944

HAPPY HOUR

Thursday 4.30pm – 6.30pm

Discounted Tap Beer and Wine

‘Come in and catch up with your mates’



Introducing NEW Evening Meal Specials from 7th July

Monday Evening

Shepherd's Pie & a Shepherd Whisky \$20

Tuesday Evening

Purchase 1x Main Meal and get the second main at half price

Wednesday Evening

Schitzel Special \$18

Thursday Evening

Pasta & Pino \$25

Saturday Evening

Set Seafood Entrée & Main \$30

Sunday Evening

\$20 Roast & Half Price Desserts

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

Contact Louise or Brad for all your Function/ Catering requirements

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.



A poster for a legal planning event. At the top right, a red diagonal banner reads "FREE TO ATTEND!". On the left, the title "Legal Planning for Life" is written in a large, dark blue script font. Below it, the text "TE AWAMUTU RSA" is in a small, dark blue sans-serif font, followed by "7:00 PM WEDNESDAY" and "23 JULY 2025" in a larger, bold, dark blue sans-serif font. Below this, a paragraph in a smaller dark blue sans-serif font states: "Key legal topics including Wills and Enduring Powers of Attorney to help you plan for the future with confidence." On the right side of the poster is an illustration of a diverse group of seven people of various ages and ethnicities huddled together in a supportive group hug. At the bottom left are two logos: the Te Awamutu RSA logo (a red heart with a white cross and the text "TE AWAMUTU RSA") and the Gallie Miles Lawyers logo (a blue and red geometric shape followed by the text "Gallie Miles LAWYERS").

Legal Planning for Life

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7:00 PM WEDNESDAY
23 JULY 2025

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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 20 May 2025, COMMENCING AT 7.00PM**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: G. Ambler (Secretary), T. Wood, P. Shannon, Raewyn Adams, J. Knowles, P. Bishop, H. Upston.

1. WELCOME:

The Chair welcomed everybody to meeting.

2. APOLOGIES:

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

J Wood/ L Brown

CARRIED

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Members reminded to update the register

4. MINUTES OF MEETING

RESOLVED that meetings of 15 April 2025 minutes are a true and correct record of the meetings.

A Mitchell/ G Smith

CARRIED

Matters Arising

- a) G Smith name appears twice.
- b) T Findlay to undertake delivery of Books to schools.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

Monthly Management Report tabled with summary provided by T Wood.

RESOLVED that the Financial Management Report tabled be accepted.

A Mitchell/ L Brown

CARRIED

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT –20TH MAY 2025

1. 2025 FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS/AUDIT

Draft accounts have been prepared by PKF. Some queries were raised with PKF regarding the accounts, and these are being dealt with. The accounts should be with the auditor shortly – about a week behind schedule but within a reasonable timeframe. The daily sales analysis continues to be an issue with the auditor looking into this.

2. CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

The need for a capital expenditure budget has been highlighted previously and the requirement for major capital items to be funded from outside sources discussed. The Finance Committee recently reviewed a proposal for capital expenditure and the options will be presented to the Executive later in the meeting. The Finance Committee looked into funding options and would support the proposal provided outside funding was obtained and there was little or no financial cost to the Club.

3. 2026 BUDGET

PKF has provided a draft budget for 2026, but it still needs work as the Finance Committee believes the goals set by PKF are too unrealistic given the 2025 results.

4. GAMING MACHINES

Graeme presented a proposal for replacing 3 gaming machines at last month's meeting and there was some discussion with the general feeling being that the Club didn't have the financial resources to undertake this. A policy of replacing 2 machines per year had been set some years ago but has not been followed in the last 2 years. Some Executive Committee members felt that investment in gaming is not a good option given that gaming proceeds are declining. The Finance Committee has reviewed the last two years' results and while gaming proceeds have declined over the last 2 years (16% in 2025), Gaming is still the main income earner for the Club. Reliance on the bar and kitchen will not be enough to keep the Club viable.

The Finance Committee looked at finance options for funding for 2 machines. Application for a loan of \$50,000 from the Ivor Walter Stickley Charitable Trust could be made. The interest rate could be .5 percent above that which the Trust is currently earning on bank term deposit investment. This would benefit the Trust, and interest could be paid monthly providing regular cash flow for the Trust. Any such loan would be repayable on demand. The Stickley Trust deed allows it to enter into commercial arrangements.

SUMMARY

The 2025 financial results while showing a substantial improvement on those for the 2024 financial year, indicate that the Club could struggle through for another 12 – 18 months but without significant change, survival in the intermediate term is unlikely. Serious strategic planning for the future is critical. Incremental change may reduce immediate financial pressure but without major restructuring, investment outside the current operations or substantial outside funding, survival of the current Club operation is unlikely.

RESOLVED that Te Awamutu & District Memorial RSA Inc will change Accountants from PKF Hamilton to Evaluate 360 Chartered Accountants Limited.

T Findlay/ G Smith

CARRIED

RESOLVED that Financial Committee Report is received

T Findlay/ G Smith

CARRIED

RESOLVED Accounts for payment of \$98,965 be approved for payment.

T Findlay/ A Mitchell

CARRIED

6. MANAGERS' REPORT

Managers' report tabled.

- An hourly analysis of sales is required to be presented to next meeting.
- Kitchen service was discussed and need for quality improvement.

RESOLVED that the Managers Report is received.

J Wood/ L Brown

CARRIED

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

8. SUPPORT SERVICES

Activity

- We are still working with veterans regarding VA benefits. At times the response to requests has been slow, due to either the workload of the VA Case Managers, or to local contractors being unable to respond because of heavy current commitments. We have dealt with/are dealing with several veterans on matters relating to obtaining benefits or upgrading the range of benefits they currently access.
- ANZAC Day. The Support Advisors (District and Local) are grateful for the effort put in by RSA members to organize and carry out the collections for Poppy Day, as this is the main source of funding for the Poppy Trust. In addition, the District Support Advisor (DSA) conducted an ANZAC service at the CMT Home on the 24th, as well as using the gathering after the Anzac Day services to keep in contact with returned veterans. The LSA was not present in Te Awamutu, as he was fulfilling the last of his commitments as a uniformed member of the NZ Cadet Forces in Hamilton.
- Regular monthly visits to Rest Homes by the DSA, LSA and Volunteer Support Workers (VSW). There are currently 32 people of whom 3 are associate members, 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.

- Currently the DSA now visits one home, the LSA, three and our remaining 2 VSW's, two, rest homes, for a total of six rest homes being covered.
- We have "found" some rest home residents who probably should be on our lists – for example, women who served as land girls between 1940 and 1945 – and we will include them once we have details confirmed. Expect the numbers on our lists to increase accordingly.
- We held a meeting for Support Advisers and Volunteer Support Workers during the month.
- I am currently only trained to handle basic enquiries. To extend my competencies and allow me to process the more complex cases, I need further training, which can only be provided at a national level; this can only be finalized once the national RSA constitution issues are finalized allowing other details, including liaison with Veterans Affairs, to also be clarified. Until this can be organized, the DSA will continue to work with these cases for members of the Te Awamutu RSA.
 - To this end the DSA has: talked to a group about Land Girls (the group made a donation to the Poppy Trust); completed an application for support to the Poppy Trust; is working on a support application for a scheme 1 veteran; did follow-up visits to 3 complex needs clients, and passed on the LSA's contact details to five others.
- The Health Shuttle reports that they assisted 13 of our members with health visits to the Waikato Hospital and specialist appointments in April.

Days Travelled	19
No of Clients	92
No of Wheelchair Clients	3
No of RSA Members	13
Vehicle Mileage	3992
Volunteer Hours	310
No of Volunteers	38

Volunteers Needed

We need new people to take on the roles of:

- Volunteer Support Worker: people who, after completing an introductory course covering Privacy (handling confidential information), the RSA Code of Conduct and a Police Check, can visit Rest Homes as a representative of the Club.

- Local Support Advisor: so that the individual workload doesn't get too large, and that there is always cover when one or the other is away.

RESOLVED that the Support Services report is received.

A Mitchell/ A Patterson

CARRIED

9. HEALTH & SAFETY

- No incidents to report.

P Shannon leaves Meeting

10. GRANTS

- Nil

11. New Members

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

L Brown/ G Smith

CARRIED

Bob Wadmore, Joan Wadmore, Nikora Davis, Deborah Bryan, Shane Bryan, Sandy Te Rito, Keri-Lyn Rangi, Wilson Hamilton, Marise Hamilton, Rudy Gouws, John Dickson, Louise Tauhini-Leonard, Philip Burton, Peter Canty, Frazer Canti, Amy Fuller, Kathleen Claypole, Barry Claypole, Malcolm Falconer, Leila Thompson, Robert Shirley, Tracy Raerino, John Davidson, Robyn Morgan, Ellie Harper, Alley Te Rito-Tane, John Gunn, Kim Bloxham, Shelly Blair, Bruce Blair, Timothy Ball, Doreen Schumacher, Shane Walsh, Thomas Onehi, Heather Diack, Kait Buisson-Bailey, Martha Hoogeveen, Bizzo.

12. Sub Committees

Core Values:

- ANZAC Meeting debriefs have been done. Thank you to all the teams and Womens Section for their assistance in delivering a successful ANZAC Day.
- Ohaupo is a separate entity and not run by TARSA,
- Thursday July 9th at 11am ceremony at Sunken Cross
- This Thursday 9am, Council meeting at TARSA explaining three waters and District LTP

PR:

RESOLVED to purchase new ENCOUNTRA website.

T Findlay/ J Wood

CARRIED

L Brown Against

R&M:

- Preparation for ANZAC Day

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- Driveway water blasted and windows cleaned
- Cemetery Crosses cleaned
- Brick wall Donee nameplates on two boards are now mounted on wall
- Large Poppy painting moved
- Gas fire on deck fixed – the stones where covering air vents.
- Indoor Bowls hooks for wall discussed

Women's Section Report:

- Our Morning Tea get-togethers on the First Thursday of the month have seen our numbers dwindling in recent months so we have reactivated our ringing list. This task has paid off with 20 Ladies present this month. Everyone enjoyed a couple of hours chatting and friendship with a lot of laughter thrown in.
- On the third Thursday in April we had a group of approximately 15 ladies travel to Lily Pad Café in Cambridge. It was an extremely enjoyable day and the food was delicious.
- Fee and Catherine attended the VSW training day at Tauranga RSA last week. From all accounts it was a very informative day.
- I mentioned last month that Bev Mason will be turning 100 years old on 25th June. We will be having a small celebration at our AGM meeting two weeks prior to her actual birthday. We have approached Graeme Ambler who has given permission for us to have a cake made and iced and brought into the RSA. We will also arrange for a bouquet of flowers and hopefully have some of her family attend on the day. After over 40 years with the Te Awamutu RSA plus the 20 years previously associated with the Waitara RSA she has certainly given a lot of time and loyalty to the organization.
- Amy Fuller is a prospective new member and came to our General Meeting as an Observer. She spoke briefly about the RSA Cadets of which she is the Chairperson.
- We invited Representatives from the Waipa District Council to come to our meeting and speak to us about Rates Rebates. Kirsten and Marie arrived early so they spoke before our meeting got underway to save them sitting through it. They spoke about the Rates Rebate Scheme. This is set up by Internal Affairs allowing us to receive rebates on our property, water and Waikato Regional Rates. This year there is the facility to receive up to \$790 off which equates to one and a little bit of a quarterly instalment. The rebate for the year 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 will be \$805 giving an increase of \$15. Once you have filled out a Rebate Form and it has been accepted, you are in the system unless your details change. Forms are mailed out in September every year and if your form is at the Council Offices by mid-October your rebate will be attributed to your rates over the Christmas New Year period when funds are tighter for a lot of people. The information supplied by Kirsten and Marie was extremely informative and our ladies were abuzz with excitement.
- Our next General Meeting is on the same day as the Women's Section AGM 11th June 2025 at 1.30pm.
- 25th June Beve Mason will be 100. Flowers to be arranged from TARSA.

RESOLVED Sub section reports be received

A Mitchell/ A Patterson

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

M Peterson states younger members are excited by purchasing raffles/swindle. Executive members are encouraged to introduce younger members to raffle table.

A Ross thanked everyone, this being his last Executive Meeting. The club is in a better position than two years ago and he encourages members to focus on what is happening within the club. He considers that the club needs to develop by attracting outside public to understand the RSA.

R Adams comments that Pirongia Lions have moved to WWMC. She returned a cross found at cemetery.

L Brown tabled proposal from District that I Wardlaw awarded Gold Star.

RESOLVED that I Wardlaw be put forward for a Gold Star Award.

L Brown. A Mitchell

CARRIED

A Mitchell comments that AJ Quinn did a great job on ANZAC Day and a thank you should be passed onto him for his efforts.

J Wood presented quotes to re-screw roof.

RESOLVED to put forward a grant application to IWSCT for \$2077 to get roof watertight.

J Wood/ G Smith

CARRIED

T Findlay questioned about District Meeting. No members available to attend. Advised that IWSCT had granted funding towards Health Shuttle. As this is his last meeting, he farewelled everyone.

Discussion over Gaming machines to be held over for incoming Executive Committee.

AGM will be held 15 June.

D van der Hulst thanked everyone for participating on Executive Committee. There have been some ups and downs coming out stronger as a club and as a member. He wished all those standing the best of luck and thanked everyone for their service.

G Smith thanked D. van der Hulst for stepping up as Acting President.

There being no further Business, the Meeting was **closed** at 9.03 pm

The **Next Meeting** is scheduled **Tuesday 17 June 2025 at 7pm.**

CONFIRMED

ACTING PRESIDENT

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the Te Awamutu & District Memorial RSA team*

Andrew Priest, Executive Director