



TE AWAMUTU RSA

Monthly Newsletter

September 2025



Live Entertainment

Friday 5th BLACK DICE

Friday 12th Cancer Fundraiser

Friday 19th Helen Riley

**Wednesday 24th – Blue Sept Fundraiser Sponsored
by Rosetown Funeral**

Friday 26th Nina Line Dancing

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, or a business you know, is interested in reaching our members, please talk to one of your Executive or office or email tarsa@xtra.co.nz about a sponsorship pack.

Please support those that support us.



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Members Draw

Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 6pm & 7pm

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 Kelvin Trass 021 1388 138	Travel Club Loma Sattler 027 4905849
Health Shuttle 07 870 3258 www.tahs.org.nz	Mahjong Robin Jackways 027 266 2259
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

From the Office

Looking forward to September and improved weather. The daffodils are out reminding everyone about Cancer awareness.

A lot of work is happening behind the scenes focusing in on the three pillars of communications, finance and remembrance strategies set by Executive Committee.

- Website is developing – checkout www.teawamutursa.org.nz
- Sponsorship package developed and businesses being approached.
- Finance Committee meeting working on Budgets and processes.
- During August we had a frank meeting with all Adjuncts being invited. IRD and DIA requirements clarified and encouragement to promote on the new web page to help adjuncts engage with membership.
- Remembrance team have been working hard with plans and guiding documents now in place.

Like me, I am sure that you will be glad when local body elections are complete. We wish members and all three Executive Committee members who are standing for election well with their endeavours and remind everyone that TA RSA is non-political.

Membership draw is climbing, not struck last month in 12 draws. It stands at \$1,450 as at the end of August. It Must Go at the end of September! Drawn every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. You must be at the club to win.

A gentle reminder that we appreciate your donations for the Courtesy Van. These enable the van to operate. You will see that we are doing more recording as we want to know that the van is actually working for us and just not a community taxi service.

Weekly Club Activities

Monday Bar Opens 11am-9pm Restaurant Lunch 12-2pm, Dinner from 5pm Monday Swindle Members Draw from 6.00pm	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 6.00pm 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 6.00pm	Saturday Bar Open 11am-10pm Restaurant Lunch 12-2pm, Dinner from 5pm
Sunday Bar Open 11am-9pm BINGO from 3pm every 2 nd 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 7th & 21st September at 3pm

REMEMBRANCE
September

1	Berlin Airlift begins.	1948
1	Confrontation with Indonesia: First deployment of 1 RNZIR during this conflict against Indonesian paratroopers who land just north of Labis in Johore state.	1964
3	World War Two begins. The NZ 'National Military Reserve' is activated.	1939
2	End of World War Two	1945
3	Merchant Navy Day. Commemorate all who served in the Merchant Navy in times of war	Annually
5	Major Keith (Grid) Caldwell, MC, DFC & Bar, NZ WW1 Fighter Ace, unbelievably survives a mid air collision by nursing his crippled aircraft to ground level before climbing out of the cockpit and jumping clear as it crashed.	1918
15	Battle of Flers-Courcelette. NZ's first day on the Somme	1916
15	Battle of Britain Day	1940
16	National NZ Malaya, Malaysia, Borneo Commemoration. Commemorate all who served in the Malaya/Malaysia/Borneo Conflicts	Annually
20	East Timor / Timor Leste. Deployment of NZ Troops begins on 20 Sep 1999. Commemorate all who have served in Timor Leste from 1999.	
25	Capture of Amman by NZMR.	1918

HAPPY HOUR

Thursday 4.30pm – 6.30pm

Discounted Tap Beer and Wine

‘Come in and catch up with your mates’

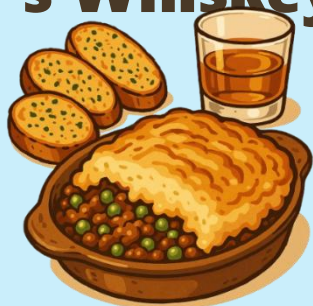
VOLUNTEER SUPPORT WORKERS REQUIRED

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

Weekly Specials

MONDAY

**Shepherd's Pie,
Garlic Bread &
Shepherd's Whiskey
\$20**



TUESDAY

**Half priced main with
every full priced main
purchased
(cheapest meal is half price)**

WEDNESDAY



**Schnitzel
\$18**

THURSDAY

**Pasta & Pinot
\$25**



FRIDAY

**See the specials board
for awesome deals**

SATURDAY

**Seafood Spectacular
entrée & main • \$30**



SUNDAY

**Roast • \$20
& ½ price desserts**

• A la carte menu also available every day •

**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 15 July 2025, COMMENCING AT 7.00PM**

PRESENT: D. van der Hulst (Chair), D. Ramsay, J. Wood, G. Smith, P. Bishop, J. Knowles, A. Paterson, A. Mitchell, L Brown, G. Jull, J. Wright-StClair, A. Te Huia

IN ATTENDANCE: G. Ambler (Secretary), T. Wood, A. Cornelissen (Accountant), P. Shannon, Raewyn Adams, H. Upston, Ann Lincoln.

1. WELCOME:

The Chair welcomed everybody along to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES:

Nil

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Explanation of conflict-of-interest register provided. Members reminded to update the register

4. MINUTES OF MEETING

RESOLVED that meetings of 17 June 2025 minutes are a true and correct record of the meetings.

A Mitchell/ G Smith

CARRIED

Matters Arising

- a) Question raised over description of Donation to Poppy Trust of \$51,927 in Finance Committee Report. It was confirmed as deemed a donation by Auditors within Annual Accounts.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

Monthly Management Report tabled with summary provided by A. Cornelissen.

RESOLVED that the Financial Management Report tabled be accepted.

J Wood/ L Brown

CARRIED

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT LETTER COMMENTDS

The audit process went reasonably well, and an unqualified audit was issued. The auditor has made various comments in his management letter, the main points of concern being:

- (i) daily reconciliation process – the difficulties here have been going on for many months and was one of the ongoing problems with PKF. Work is continuing and positive progress has been made. Aaron will help to ensure the procedure is more robust and streamlined.
- (ii) Financial position/Going Concern status – the auditor confirmed that without significant change, Club “reserves will be used up within 12 - 18 months, probably less”.
- (iii) Holiday pay – the main issue here is that Graeme has over 13 weeks of leave owing. This must be addressed.
- (iv) Payments processing – the auditor's recommendations will be followed up.

2. MONITORING OF CLUB'S POSITION

While Aaron will provide comment on the management report each month, the Finance Committee will continue to monitor the financial position and will undertake a more detailed review on a quarterly basis.

3. 2026 OPERATIONING BUDGET

Work on the budget for 2025/2026 must now be a priority and Aaron can assist with this.

4. CAPITAL BUDGET

As mentioned some months ago, there has previously been little provision for asset replacement/upgrade. A policy regarding gaming assets was developed some years ago but has not been followed in recent years because of the lack of funds. No provision has been made for bar and kitchen asset replacement/upgrade. An asset replacement policy needs to be developed for all areas of the Club.

COMMENT GENERAL

It is apparent and confirmed by the auditor, that without significant change the Club operations are not sustainable. Changes will continue to be made but the Executive must look at the bigger picture and look at other income streams or a restructure.

RESOLVED that Financial Committee Report is received

A Mitchell/ J Wood

CARRIED

RESOLVED Accounts for payment of \$90,838.86 be approved for payment as funds available.

G Smith/ A Mitchell

CARRIED

6. MANAGERS' REPORT

Managers' report tabled.

- Lamb Draw discussed. It was agreed that 21 legs be purchased instead of 30 and that we approach Hamilton based suppliers such as Mad Butcher to see if we can get better rates.
- A formal quote is required to cover pool tables.
- A formal quote required from two or three suppliers regarding mains board upgrading.
- Agreement that ATM be decommissioned due to new agreement costs.

RESOLVED that the Managers Report is received.

J Wood/ G Jull

CARRIED

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Inwards:

Audit Management Letter

Māori Welfare League

Outwards:

Thank you letter to AGM Scrutineers

RESOLVED to accept correspondence.

8. SUPPORT SERVICES

Activity

- We (the DSA/LSA team) were approached to provide an annual report of Support activity for the Te Awamutu RSA AGM. We were very happy to do so, and it was great to see the report included in the documentation for the meeting. As an aside to this, it would be appreciated if all documentation regarding our services was referred to as Support, rather than Welfare: we Support Veterans and Members by providing advocacy and advice to help them access the welfare services they need/are entitled to.
- 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.
- 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.
 - o 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 held a meeting for Support Advisers 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. During the month I passed on details of another reference to the DSA for follow-up.
 - o Note: The needed training looks like it is going to go ahead in the near future.
- The Health Shuttle reports that they assisted 20 of our members with health visits to the Waikato Hospital and specialist appointments in June.

Days Traveled	19
No of Clients	99
No of Wheelchair Clients	4
No of RSA Members	20
Vehicle Mileage	4567
Volunteer Hours	297
No of Volunteers	44

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.
 - After the AGM we were approached by 3 people. The interview process to bring two of these people into our system is under way.
- 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.

Paddy Shannon, Local Support Advisor, Te Awamutu RSA, 14/07/2025

RESOLVED that the Support Services report is received.

A Te Huia/ J Wood

CARRIED

9. HEALTH & SAFETY

- Smoking door incident discussed and considered. Confirmation received that door air curtain and door is operational. No further action.

10. GRANTS

- Nil

11. New Members

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

L Brown/ A Patterson

CARRIED

12. Sub Committees

Core Values:

- Peace Rose Planting a success.
- Armistice Day planning underway.
- Volunteers within Executive called upon to do the ODE. Training on format, which can also be done at funerals, be undertaken Thursday evening.
- Remembrance Day commemorations to be held more regularly so to attract more members to the club.

Communications:

- Website updated
- Free advertising secured in Pirongia local newsletter
- New Website upgrade underway
- Facebook access to be obtained and action plan created.

R&M:

- Sister Ready TV mounted on wall and Te Mawhai Honours Board moved.
- 13 x tubes and starters replaced and front light in foyer checked out.
- Urinal grill fixed
- Roofing rescrewing due on 11/8. After that is done painting will require to be programmed to waterproof the roof.

Women's Section Report:

On the 24 May Lois Knight, Pam Collins and myself, represented the Women's Section by attending a "Rose Planting" ceremony at the Sunken Cross. There were three "Peace Roses" planted which were flanked by a "Lest We Forget" rose at each end people who represented The Rose Society, RSA, Members of the Council Parks Team and Ange Holt who stood in for the Mayor O'Regan by reading the speech that Susan had prepared for the The RSA Pastor conducted the religious side of the Lou Brown was Emcee and spoke of when the area was established and opened in Our own Daniel van der Hulst spoke of how the roses will hold significantly in many people's minds as a reminder of the conflicts past, the ones that are happening today and those which are still to It was really good to see quite a few Members of our Executive Committee in attendance.



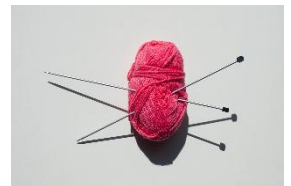
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On 29 August we are participating in a Street Stall for Daffodil Day. We have several ladies already who have volunteered their time for this.

This Thursday we are being shown through the Old St John's Church. It was built in 1853 and opened on Easter day 1854 making it the oldest building in the greater Waikato. We are all looking forward to it.

An email has been forwarded to me regarding "Wrapped Around Remembrance" where they are asking for scarves to be knitted for veterans. We can already hear the clicking of knitting needles as we have some ladies who have already started. They can be dropped at the RSA where they will be distributed to our local veterans accordingly. For any of you who would like to participate in this venture, the pattern is 30 stitches with the style of stitch and length of the scarf being your choice.



Happy knitting everyone!!

There has been a lot of discussion and brainstorming of how we, as a Section, may be able to help the RSA in any way possible.

We are affiliated to the RSA as opposed to being an adjunct, so we, as a group do not think anything should sit solely on the shoulders of our Executive Committee.

The Women's Section, here in Te Awamutu, was established in 1942 mainly to provide welfare services to ex-servicewomen and men along with their dependants. In addition to the traditional functions of organising Poppy Day and fundraising. While these responsibilities remained important, by the 1990s the sections had also become more active in wider community ventures such as catering and fundraising for hospices. Some of these things have since been disallowed but we still fundraise as much as we can. We also organize and run the Poppy Day Collection.

In the main the Women's Section is here to support our Veterans and to help out our local RSA in any way possible so, in this regard, we would appreciate it if the RSA Executive Committee would keep us in mind if there were anything we can help with.

We are here to help – you only have to ask

Women's Section thanked for payment of catering. Correction received from Women's Section that payment was from Lyn Dickie at a personal level and not Women's Section.



Special Projects:

Constitution review next Sunday 27th at 3pm.

Risk Register is with D. Ramsay and is work in progress.

Fundraising pat and Jared to meet and report back.

Net Proceeds Committee: DIA Key Persons register put through to DIA.

RESOLVED Sub section reports be received

G Smith/ P Bishop

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

Proposal tabled that G Ambler purchase a temporary building to be used as office, to be located at back carpark, and Te Awamutu RSA lease back the building.

RESOLVED to proceed to have an agreement drawn up and presented back to committee.

J Wood/ L Brown

CARRIED

We have let our Gaming Machines run down. We need to upgrade our machines.

RESOLVED to apply to IWSCT for a CAPEX loan and create an investment programme for future years to upgrade our gaming machines.

P Bishop/ J Wood

CARRIED

Tabled paper

- 0.6 FTE required to undertake gaming machines at same time that bar is open.
- We have calculated \$484 turnover per hour is required. We need to review hours carefully and possibly close when we don't make this figure.
- Open door policy provides no incentive to become a member. Wide discussion undertaken that membership does provide benefit such as entry to members draw etc.
- We have had similar membership year on year. Membership is not reducing.
- Dual pricing as Waipa Workers, is considered not to work. It was explained that guests of members will get the member to buy the drinks instead of purchasing themselves in order to get the cheaper price.
- The kitchen has not failed its review through unhygienic practices. A food safety plan app has been implemented to monitor the food safety plan to provide records.
- Gloria cash recycler machine justification tabled to meeting showing labour saving alone without consideration of audit cost savings.
- Confirmed that no decisions are made outside of Executive.
- It was felt that we do operate openly, honestly, and transparently. It was discussed that Executive members need to address members rumours. Members are welcome to observe meeting.

Van step repair undertaken. Tyre replacement is required.

TAB to be looked at. Lucky Draw costs suggested to be changed to a voucher instead of cash. More thought is required and discussed further at next meeting.

A reminder that governance and management are separate. Governance and Management interface is the President. Communication with Manager and President is welcome.

Rotary Club has successfully meet. Other groups need to be encouraged to use facilities.

RESOLVED to go into Committee

D van der Hulst/ J Wood

CARRIED

RESOLVED to come out of Committee

D van der Hulst/ J Wood

CARRIED

There being no further Business, the Meeting was **closed** at 9.58 pm.

The **Next Meeting** is scheduled **Tuesday 21 August 2025 at 7pm.**

CONFIRMED

PRESIDENT

Father's Day Specials

Come on in and treat Dad to a special Father's Day
Lunch or Dinner

From \$20

ALL BLACK TEST MATCHES

Sept 6th South Africa 7.05pm

Sept 13th South Africa 7.05pm

Sept 27th Australia 5.05pm

FISHING SECTION

BATONS UP TICKETS

AVAILABLE

See any member of the Fishing Club



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