



TE AWAMUTU RSA

Monthly Newsletter *April 2026*



Club will be closed Easter Friday 3rd, Saturday 4th, Sunday 5th, Monday 6th,
Thursday will run Friday program, draw, raffles and ODE. Have a Happy Easter

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Special thanks to Adan

For leading the team to arrange all Anzac commemorations within the district, many thanks to the team of RSA members and volunteers that have given their time and expertise to ensure Anzac 2026 will be a successful event



TE AWAMUTU & DISTRICT MEMORIAL RSA ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE 2026 ORDER OF SERVICE

5.45am Assemble outside RSA, 381 Alexandra Street. 5.50am Silent march (side drummer) to Memorial Park MEMORIAL PARK- parade halts, and turns to face the Sunken Cross.

Emcee— Lou Brown
Padre— Rev Murray Olson
Kaikōrero—Adan Te Huia
Parade Marshall—A.J.Quinn
Side Drummer—Damian Baker
Lament—Bag Piper Graham Little Bugler—Stuart Lindsey

REVEILLE— Bugler Stuart Lindsey

CLOSING PRAYER—padre Rev Murray Olson
MARCH PAST AND SALUTE- March back to RSA Clubrooms.
Hot Drinks and Breakfast at the Clubrooms — (own cost)
Veterans spouses and caregivers Welcome.



Waipa
DISTRICT COUNCIL

TE AWAMUTU ANZAC DAY CIVIC SERVICE PROGRAMME

25th April 2026

Order of Ceremony of Commemoration

1. THE PARADE

Assemble at RSA Club at 10.40am. Parade leaves for the Cenotaph at Anzac Green at 10.50am headed by Band, Guard of Honour, Returned and Service personnel.

Emcee—Lou Brown
Padre—Rev Murray Olson
Kaikōrero—Adan re Huia
Parade Marshall—A.J. Quinn
Bag pipes—Graham Little
Flag Marshall—Andrew Mitchel/ and the Te Awamutu Community Cadet Unit

Closing Of Service and Parade

Following the last post, the Emcee will thank attendees and hand over to the Parade Marshal_ The parade will retire, reform, and march past dignitaries before proceeding to the Te Awamutu RSA Clubrooms _

At the RSA

A haka pōwhiri by Te Kura Waenganui o Te Awamutu Kapa Haka Group Will welcome service personnel. The Te Awamutu RSA invites the community to the clubrooms for lunch, refreshments, (own cost) and entertainment. The Parade Marshal Will conclude with formal acknowledgements



TE AWAMUTU & DISTRICT MEMORIAL RSA TE AWAMUTU & ANZAC DAY KIHIKIHI SERVICE 2026 ANZAC DAY KIHIKIHI SERVICE ORDER OF SERVICE ORDER OF SERVICE

8.50am Assemble outside Kihikihi Town Hall 8.50am Assemble Service begins at 9.00am Service begins at 9.00am

26 Lyon Street Kihikihi 26 Lyon Street Kihikihi

Contingency Venue in case of inclement weather: Assemble inside Kihikihi Town Hall |

Emcee - Adan Te Huia

Fall in the Parade - Parade Marshall AJ Quinn (Parade to face the cenotaph)

REVEILLE

Stuart Lindsey

Mihi Whakakapi—Adan Te Huia

Closing Prayer—Padre Rev Murray Olson

Fall out the Parade—Parade Marshall AJ Quinn



You are warmly invited to join us at the Kihikihi Town Hall for refreshments, generously sponsored by Peter Emery and the Waipa District Council, and hosted by the Te Awamutu Women's Welfare League. This will be followed by a presentation from the New Zealand Society of Genealogists - Te Awamutu Branch. We also wish to thank Warren Shaw of the New Zealand Police for providing traffic and pedestrian management for this event, and the Waipa District Council for their continued support.

Pirongia, Ohaupo, Tokanui, Pukeatua & Kawhia, Programs to be advised.



Additional TA News article, click on this link

<https://www.teawamutunews.nz/2026/03/vets-welfare-top-priority/>

Te Awamutu RSA Funeral Protocols,

The recent survey held by the Te Awamutu RSA opened some discussion about the format at veterans' funerals. The core values committee discussed options and prepared a standard selection of poems suitable for Navy, Army, and Airforce. Family and whanau will be able to confirm the chosen poem with funeral director before the funeral. The RSA can then create a suitable memorial card for the veteran's service using the chosen poem. The funeral director should contact the RSA to confirm the veteran's eligibility for interment in the RSA cemetery and inform the RSA of any specific requirements for the veteran's service. The restaurant staff also need notification and approximate numbers to ensure that mourners are suitably catered for in advance of the service. Family and whanau are invited to attend the Friday evening remembrance at the RSA when the veteran's name will be recognized and recited.

Lou Brown,

RSA executive member.

ANZAC Day 2026 – Honoring Service and Sacrifice

ANZAC Day, observed on 25 April, is New Zealand's National Day of Remembrance. It honours the members of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) who served and died in wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations.

A Glimpse of History

ANZAC Day began after World War I, following the 1915 Gallipoli campaign where New Zealand and Australian soldiers fought together. Though tragic, the campaign became a symbol of courage, endurance, and mateship.

New Zealand's first ANZAC service was held on 25 April 1916 at Tinui, Wairapa, led by Rev. Basil Ashcroft. Names of the fallen were read, the *Dead March* played, and the *Last Post* sounded. Scouts took part, and the service featured New Zealand's first memorial cross, a lasting tribute to those who served at Gallipoli.

Why We Observe ANZAC Day

- To remember and honour those who served and sacrificed.
- To reflect on courage, commitment, and comradeship.
- To acknowledge the ongoing service of military personnel in later conflicts and peacekeeping roles.

Typical Observances

- Dawn services, reflecting the timing of the original Gallipoli landing.
- Parades with veterans, military personnel, and community groups.
- Wreath-laying at memorials and cenotaphs.
- Poems, hymns, and moments of silence.
- Community ceremonies, school events, and public speeches.

Symbols and Meaning

The red poppy, inspired by *In Flanders Fields*, is a symbol of remembrance.

In the Waipa, and Otorohanga districts, ANZAC Day is commemorated in Te Awamutu, Kihikihi, Pirongia, Ohaupo, Kawhia, Pukeatua, and Tokanui, blending traditional observances with Māori cultural expressions to make the day meaningful for the whole community.

ANZAC Day is both a solemn tribute to sacrifice and a celebration of shared values and national identity.

From the President

Welcome to our busy time at the RSA!

April is the month where our profile is raised throughout the country with ANZAC day and the multitude of events that are held to remember those who have served and those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice

Our RSA is involved in 12 different events across the district and the dedicated team from within our RSA and beyond are working hard to ensure that each service or event runs smoothly and is conducted appropriately

This year marks 110 years since the first ANZAC service was held, and our commitment to those who have served is continuing.

That commitment includes the 65,000 New Zealanders who have served in our armed forces since the 1990's, many of whom do not consider themselves veterans. Our mission this year is to touch base with as many of those veterans as possible and let them know how we can help with the impacts of their service

Poppy day this year is on Friday April 17. The Woman's section is continuing the tradition of carrying out the organizing of this event and I ask that all members give them the time and support they need to have a successful day. The money raised is the main income for our Poppy trust to administer support to veterans and their whanau in our community. The list of times to assist with collections will go up this week, please remember to include your phone number so you can be contacted if needed

Closer to home, I want to discuss the financial situation of our club. We have had a steady increase in patronage in the last few months, but it is not enough to keep going as we have been

We need to make changes to how we operate, when we open and how we interact with our community. We need to adjust our opening hours to align with our patronage while working to attract new members and look for opportunities

Subscriptions are a big income source, and I want to thank everyone who has already paid. A reminder to those who haven't yet paid, you must be a financial member to be eligible to win the members draw!

In this current climate of rising costs, every part of our business will be impacted. One of the first things impacted is our curtesy van. If you are using the van, please donate appropriately for your journey

Over the next few months, we will be making changes to our bar and gaming opening hours. These changes will NOT affect the hours that our clubrooms or kitchen are open and are designed to reduce costs or overheads while still providing a place for our community to gather

The survey highlighted area where we could improve and ideas for some changes and the Executive has discussed these with the staff and some changes have already been made with more adjustments to come

The survey results are broken down further below but I want to thank everyone for their participation, the level of engagement was better than we had hoped for, and the results are helping shape our direction in the future

SURVEY RESULTS

The survey results and overview here are a mixture of the raw data and common themes summarized to make it easily readable for members

229 People responded - This is a nearly 20% response rate from our members – we were told to expect as low as a 5% return on “cold” surveys, so this shows that our membership is passionate about our club and what happens in it and means the results are a true reflection of our members
79% vs 83% - This is the percentage of people who purchase alcohol vs purchasing food when they visit our club. A further 41% purchased non-alcoholic drinks.

This was a statistic that we were not expecting. It has led to us carrying out further investigation into the purchasing habits of patrons and the time when different types of drinks are purchased
It has also reinforced that our kitchen is an important part of our business and is a draw card within our community.

25% of respondents visit our club to participate in adjunct activities. This statistic was a great reinforcement of the executive’s belief that strong adjuncts make for a strong club. We will look to further enhance this by working with the adjuncts to assist with marketing and promoting the tournaments or activities being organized by adjuncts

13% of our members only visit our club on special events such as ANZAC day. While it is great that they are financial members, we would love to get them in more often and show them what we have to offer on our regular weekday events

Entertainment in the club is popular across all members with only a small number not interested in entertainment. Members were divided on their music choices with live bands being the most popular choices. Country music narrowly beating out rock/pop bands for most preferred music type. This information will be used by Heather when she is organizing entertainment to deliver what patrons are wanting

6.8 - This was how you rated “how are we doing?” This was a positive reflection and we believe that this number is rising following recent changes in the club and the appointment of Heather as manager. We are not going to sit back and relax though, when we redo this survey in a few months’ time, our aim is to continue to improve this number

The comments received were broken down into a number of “themes” and have been used to make changes

One theme was the kitchen and the sizing and pricing of meals. This feedback has been taken onboard, and you will see changes in the menu coming up to reflect this. We are trying to cater to a wide range of patrons and many comments were that the meal sizing was great so the team is trying to balance wants of all!

The layout of the club and changes had a large number of comments. The club layout is constantly being tweaked and adjusted to try and give the best experience for everyone. The sound system has now been fixed, and we are changing/mounting additional TV’s to ensure that people can watch live sport from where ever they are in the club. The changes that have been made have had a positive affect on how we interact with visitors and how the flow in the club works

Staffing levels was another theme where many people commented on. We are working within a number of regulatory guidelines where it comes to staff levels, especially around gaming. Our staff are awesome at their job’s and do a lot of things behind the scenes that go un-noticed by members that keep the club operating, they do not “stand around”!

Opening on public holidays was a hot topic in the comments with many people stating that we should not be closed, that we should operate limited hours or just “suck up” the additional costs and open. To be clear, if we open on a public holiday, for 1 hour or all day, we have to pay our staff double time plus a day in lieu – effectively tripling our costs to be open. With most public holidays falling on a Monday (which is not a great day financially anyway) we would be further hurting the financial position of the club if we opened.

All of these points as well as others have been discussed at length within the executive and with the club management. We look forward to continuing to use this data to make positive changes to our club

If you have further questions, please ask me when you see me in the club

Thanks
Daniel

From the office

Things have been very busy gearing up for the end of the financial year and the yearly audit. A special word of thanks goes to Louise and her staff -we have just had our annual food safety audit -a daunting task, and the kitchen passed with flying colours. To have your work, daily routines, processes and your integrity challenged and come out smiling is a credit to the hard work put in by the team -I am very proud of you all.

Thanks also to the bar staff for doing a wonderful job in Heidi's Absence -you are troopers. We have a great group of patrons supporting this club and together we are finally moving forward -thank you for your support.

Heather From the Office

Friendly reminder:

FEES ARE DUE IN MARCH

Member	\$50	Partner	\$40
Service	\$40	Returned	\$30
Over 75 is	\$20		

internet payment,
Te Awamutu & District Memorial RSA (inc)
03-0442-0100594-00
Details = name and member number please

THE LAST POST



We record with regret, and with sympathy to their families, the names of our Returned and Service members, as well as our RSA members, who have passed since we last recorded them.

Gavin Rawson (service No 516139) Louise Doyle (member)

John Lakin (service No 345350) George Richmond (service No 15596)

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

RSA Health Shuttle

Te Awamutu Health shuttle is available for all members of the RSA on producing their RSA membership card.

The availability of transport to any Hospital or specialist in the Hamilton.

The cost is free to RSA Members but a small Koha (donation) would be appreciated.

- Phone **07 870 3258**. The booking line is open weekdays from 9.00am to 3.30pm. Bookings must be made in advance of your appointment date, and at the latest, before 3.30pm the business day prior to your medical appointment.
- wheelchair accessible van.

Raffle Roster for Adjuncts 2026

SECTION	WEEK BEGINNING						
FISHING	2 /02	16/03	4/05	15/06	3/08	21/09	2/11
WOMENS SECTION	9/02	23/03	11/05	22/06	10/08	28/09	9/11
DARTS	16/02	6/04	18/05	6/07	17/08	5/10	16/11
INDOOR BOWLS	23/02	13/04	25/05	13/07	24/08	12/10	23/11
MOTOR SPORT	2/03	20/04	1/06	20/07	7/09	19/10	
8 BALL	9/03	27/04	8/06	27/07	14/09	26/10	

Fishing Trips 2026:

Month:	Date:	Day:	Coromandel:	Kawhia:
MARCH	10	TUESDAY	Legionnaire	
	15	SUNDAY		Wild Goose
April	7	TUESDAY	Legionnaire	
	19	SUNDAY		Wild Goose
May:	5	TUESDAY	Legionnaire	
	19	TUESDAY		Wild Goose

Our recent fishing trips have been really good. The fishing crew reeled in 86 snapper on the weekend trip to Coromandel held on the 7th and 8th March.
 The 10th March trip with Bob on the Legionnaire was short and sweet, all done and dusted in just over an hour.
 Sadly, the Kawhia trip last Sunday was cancelled due to rough seas. The good news is future trips have been organised. A list of dates is currently on the notice board at the RSA for reference.

FishingTrips:

Tuesday 7th April - Legionnaire with Bob

Saturday 11th April - Quota Club Challenge. (7 people required for this trip)

Sunday 19th April - Wild Goose

The Fishing Club meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at 5.30pm

For more information: contact Jim Perkins, 021 278 4389

Thanks

Jim



April 2026

We meet on the following occasions:

First Thursday of the month for Morning Tea at RSA 10am.

Second Thursday of the month for our General Meeting followed by afternoon Tea at RSA 1:30pm

All ladies are welcome to come along to see what we do and enjoy some camaraderie and friendly banter. We are a friendly bunch and will make you feel most welcome.

Our annual subs are due as of 31st March. For the Women's Section they are \$10 per year but the ladies must already be a current member of the RSA.

This coming Thursday on March 19th we have approximately 20 ladies going out to Morning Tea at "Mountain Folk Café" in Pirongia.

Next month we are going to Mixture Café in Tamahere. This is planned for 16th April 2026.

We are in the planning stages for the annual Poppy Day Collections. The weeks are going by very quickly and some of our preparation tasks have been completed.

Permission has been received from businesses and supermarkets to have a stall outside their premises. A roster will be put up for individuals to fill in their details.

Names and Phone Numbers please as, at times, there is a need to contact people.

This is for a donation of 2 hours of your time every year for such a good cause.

As I write this, we have four ladies attending the National Women's Assn AGM Conference 14 - 17 March 2026 in Levin.

We also have 9 ladies going to the District AGM Conference being held in Mt Maunganui 12 April 2026.

We are in the midst of arranging an Easter Raffle which will be drawn as close to Easter as possible.

The Women's Section raffle is happening the week of 23 March. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Te Awamutu Community Cadet Unit – Proud to Serve



Hi There

The Te Awamutu Community Cadet Unit is a youth development organisation for 13–18-year-olds, focused on building confidence, leadership, and practical skills. Our cadets take part in a wide range of activities, from bushcraft and drill to community service and ceremonial duties.

We're proud of our strong relationship with the local RSA. Each year our cadets support ANZAC commemorations in the Te Awamutu district, including Pukeatua and Tokanui services, assist with ceremony duties, and help with Poppy Day collections. These events give our young people a meaningful connection to our veterans and the history they represent.

As we continue to grow, we welcome new cadets and supporters from across the community. If you know a young person looking for challenge, teamwork, and a sense of purpose or if you're an adult keen to support youth development, we'd love to have you involved.

Come see what we do. TACCU is active, committed, and proud to serve our community.

Ngā mihi,

**Acting Lieutenant Nicole van der Drift, NZCF (she/her)
Cadet Unit Commander**

Te Awamutu Community Cadet Unit - TACCU

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RSA Support Services

Irene Wardlaw DSA: District Support Officer: 027 4444 374 Email:dsa.waikato@rsa.org.nz

Sue White has taken on the roll of :Local Support Adviser Assisting Irene with applications

Sue White, LSA 07 8713707 opt 5 Email:Teawamutu.assist.rsa@gmail.com

If any member needs any support through the RSA give these good ladies a call, they will know how and where to get the help you need

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.

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 Lois Knight 07 870 1431
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 Discontinued
Health Shuttle 07 870 3258 www.tahs.org.nz	Mahjong Robin Jackways 027 266 2259
Wine Club TBA	Support Services Irene Wardlaw 027 444 4374 dsa.waikato@rsa.org.nz Sue White, LSA 07 8713707 opt 5 Email: Teawamutu.assist.rsa@gmail.com
Bingo Cathrine James 021 217 1111	Knitting Group Karen Morgan 027 606 0113

MOTORSPORT



Thank you to those that have contributed Emblems for our Motorsport Club Table that is currently being constructed.

I took the Pontiac Dirt Drag Car up North to compete in an event at The Old Parakao Store Café/Bar but when doing a warm up on the Strip developed an engine miss which put us out for the day. A long way to go but worth it and will be back as soon as things are sorted.

Te Awamutu has a number of Car Events during the year and late February saw the influx of over 100 Vintage Cars and their owners filling up our local Motels etc and the picture below shows a couple of blokes all the way from the Hutt Valley that I got to meet and have a chat with. They had just finished a cross country rally over farm land in our area and were very happy.

Up coming events –

18-4 Old Car Day at a property a property in Kihikihi – See me for more details or give me a call on 027 965613

20-4 Motorsport Club Raffle week

That's it for now and remember to Keep Your Pedal to the Metal.

Thanks
Andrew Ross

Te Awamutu RSA Indoor Bowling Adjunct

We have Teams going to the RSA Nationals on Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th of June .We are hoping to take 3 or 4 Teams to the Nationals and have asked the Executive Committee could the Club help with some of the expenses.

The Executive has agreed to assist ,Good Luck to the Teams and trust that you do well, look forward to hearing the results.



Linda King

Indoor Bowling President

021 2387329

Live Entertainment



10th April, Barry Batley

17th April, Swat

8 BALL "TA FIREBALLS.

This is a fun sport with lots of friendly barter between players. We have practice days on Wednesday evenings and Sunday afternoons, If you would like to come and join us, you will be more than welcome to,

We have players of all skill levels and are always keen to help/learn from others.

We recently ventured to Hamilton to play against Frankton Railway Club and managed a good win against this strong Club , whilst making good friends along the way.

We have our club AGM happening on Sunday 29/3 / 26 at 1pm if you would like to come along.

RSA DARTS

Hello to our RSA Members

We have two Dart Teams playing in the RSA that is in TADA Competition Games this season.

We have just started a seven week subsidiary round played on Tuesday nights, to work out where / who each team should be playing against.

Then the Teams will be divided into A,B or C section depending on their skills ability.

We look forward to some exciting games and players.

If you would like to come and watch / join us please feel free to do so,

Please contact Lyn Watson 0221228440

BINGO:

Every Thursday at 1pm starting March 5th

AND

Sunday 5th March at 2pm.(please note : new time)

Backup bingo callers needed as regular callers are not always available, so have a go learn how to do it for the benefit of your group, why not even take turns, learn a new skill

If you are willing to give it a go, contact Cathrine James 0212171111

Support Services

By Irene Wardlaw

- Remember if you require transport to the Hospital or a specialist appointment in Hamilton please contact the community Health Shuttle. The cost is free to RSA Members but a small Koha (donation) would be appreciated. Phone 07 870 3258. The booking line is open weekdays from 9.00am to 3.30pm. Bookings must be made in advance of your appointment date, and at the latest, before 3.30pm the business day prior to your medical appointment. A wheelchair accessible van is available. Booking Line: 07 870 3258 (9am-3.30pm Mon to Fri)
Website: <https://teawamutursa.org.nz>
- If we are not informed that some-one requires assistance, we are unable to help, can you please ask their permission to contact us or hand out the contact cards at the office.

Latest message from Veteran Affairs

- From 1 July 2026 there will be a new company providing lawn and gardening services under the Veterans' Independence Programme.
- Following a standard government procurement process a new provider has been selected for lawn and garden maintenance.
- We are currently finalising the contract with the new provider, and we will be in touch again once that has been completed and to let you know who the new provider is.
- The current provider, Crew Cut has been informed that we have opted to change providers, but until 30 June 2026 they will continue to maintain your lawn and garden.
- Please contact if you require help from Veteran Affairs.

Contact for Support Services for the Te Awamutu Area is
07 8713707 extension 5 or
Sue White 0273466588
Irene Wardlaw 0274444374

Weekly Club Activities

Monday	Tuesday
Bar Open 11am-9pm Restaurant Lunch 12-2pm, Dinner from 5pm Monday Swindle Members Draw from 6.00pm	Bar Open 11am-9pm Restaurant Lunch 12-2pm, Dinner from 5pm 500 Card Club 1pm
Wednesday	Thursday
Bar Open 11am-9pm Restaurant Lunch 12-2pm, Dinner from 5pm Knitting Club 10.30am Raffles from 4.30pm Members Draw and 8 Ball from 6.00pm Indoor Bowls from 7pm	Bar Open 11am-9pm Happy Hour 4.30-6.30pm Restaurant Lunch 12-2pm, Dinner from 5pm \$10 Lunch 1pm BINGO
Friday	Saturday
Bar Open 11am-11pm Restaurant Lunch 12-2pm, Dinner from 5pm Mahjong 1pm Raffles from 4.30pm Jokers Wild Members Draw from 6.00pm	Bar Open 11am-10pm Restaurant Lunch 12-2pm, Dinner from 5pm
Sunday	
Bar Open 11am-9pm BINGO from 2pm 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



**Please use the honesty box in the Van
(Gold coin donation) The club cannot
afford to run this service for FREE**

, you don't want to lose it ,

Please respect the driver, he is here

To get you home safely

RSA Remembrance Calendar

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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.

BROTHERS IN ARMS

From Fay Bryant's Memoirs

HOR1 (George) TAUROA ROA 1924-1998

Dad (George), grew up on the family farm at Ngutuni, being 9th in a family of 17. Two brothers and one sister remained in Te Awamutu while the rest of the siblings moved further afield, but all stayed in New Zealand. In latter years many of them returned back here to be near family and the youngest sibling still lives in the area, still driving and looking after herself at the age of 93,

An article was written by our, then, local Courier for Anzac back in April 1995 about the 6 brothers who served overseas. This is that article.

BROTHERS IN ARMS REUNITED

Anzac Day gave five Roa brothers a great reason to get together, share a beer and reminisce.

Sid, Tuti, George and Dick attended the Dawn Service and were joined by elder brother Bill for the Civic Service.

Tuti reckoned there was nothing wrong with the eldest of the five, he was just too lazy to get out of bed for the 5.50am start.

It is the first time so many of the brothers have been together at once for Anzac Day for sometime, due mainly to the recent return to the area of Bill and Sid.

All but Dick, who was in the Home Service, served overseas in World War II.

Sid went to the Middle East in the First Echelon and joined the Airforce upon his return in 1943.

Bill went to the Middle East in the Second Echelon and George in the Second Echelon of the Maori Battalion.

Tuti served with the Airforce in New Zealand initially then was part of the occupational J Force in Japan following Vi Day. From 1950 to 1952 he was part of K Force in Korea.

There were in fact eight Roa brothers — six of whom served and returned from overseas.

Hina and the late Kepa served in the 5th reinforcements of the Maori Battalion. Dave was not in the armed forces due to having asthma.

George says all the brothers were pretty good athletes in their early days and the brothers credit this for them all returning basically unscathed.

"We made it home because we could run like hell," says Sid. He in fact, was the brother who almost did not make it home, and was missing for sometime.

Sid was a prisoner of war in Tobruk on the Mediterranean. He and three others escaped and earned their freedom by walking about 600Iun across the Sahara Desert to a camp at Maadi, a feat which earned a mention in official dispatches.

The Roa brothers hope Hina and Dave will be able to join them next year and complete the family reunion.

Unfortunately this did not happen.

Dad was only 17 when he signed up to serve. So many of these men were so young, so many didn't return, and some who did return where never the same. Dad never spoke to my sister and I about the war. He was a very humble man, but very proud to have served his country and to be part of the 28th Maori Battalion. As far as I can remember he never missed either parades on Anzac Day.

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DAILY RATES

Promotions, Reductions, Appointments,

Gross Rate of Pay.	DEDUCT			NET RATE FOR ISSUE.	
	Allotment.	Defer'd Pay.	Total.	Figures	Words.
7/6	4/6	-	4/6	3/6	Three Shp.
8/-	4/6	-	4/6	3/6	Three shgs + Six pence
8/-	4/6	-	4/6	3/6	Three Shgs + Six pence.
9/-	4/6	-	4/6	4/6	Four Shgs + Six pence
10/-	4/6	-	4/6	3/6	Five Shgs. + Six pence

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OF PAY.

and Alterations in Allotment.

Date from which Net Rate of Pay is issuable.	* Reason for Changes in Net Rate (e.g., Promotions, Reductions, Alterations in Allotments, Fines, Forfeits, &c.)	Officer's Signature, and Date.
1.5.42	Overseas Rate	J. Pridcaus Lt. Col.
16/2/42	Promoted T. 1/42 Pt Orders No 19 1/5/42	Robert W. H. H. 25.
16/3/42	Promoted Lt Col Pt Orders No 25 12/3/42	J. Pridcaus Lt. Col.
22.9.42	Projection 10/41	J. Pridcaus Lt. Col.
21.11.42	Promoted 2/42 21.11.42	J. Pridcaus Lt. Col.

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Part II. 8 OCT 1942

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Number: 39021

Surname: Roa

Christian Names in full: Hore
Lauroa

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Monday

Fish & Chips \$20

Tuesday

Pizzas \$15

Wednesday

Schnitzel, coleslaw & wedges \$18

Thursday

Pinot & Pasta \$25

Friday

Surprise Special!

Saturday

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Sunday

Roast \$20 +

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