



# TE AWAMUTU RSA

*Monthly Newsletter*

*January 2026*

**HAPPY  
NEW YEAR  
2026**

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*Please note: we are closed Waitangi day 6<sup>th</sup> February*



## Te Awamutu & District Memorial RSA Incorporated

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## Live Entertainment



**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb John & Nicole**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb Ruff Copy**

**Last post:**

**Alexander George "Sandy" Kelman service Number 23858873 UK  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2025, age 89, Rest in peace Sandy**

### **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](mailto:tarsa@xtra.co.nz) about a sponsorship pack.

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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 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
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### From the Office

I am very pleased to say we have started out as we mean to go on. Comprehensive work has been undertaken in the background to ensure that we are working efficiently and striving for what is best for our club, whilst this has rattled a few cages, most appreciate that we needed to do something to move forward.

On the whole it has been a positive experience, with new member numbers up and old members deciding to return and once again support us -welcome back.

The whole vibe or atmosphere in the club has lifted, is more relaxing and conducive to what I think a social club should be. And aligns beautifully with the RSA ethos.

This in part is due to the hard work of the staff, both bar and kitchen and the unwavering level of support from Daniel, Don and the Executive committee.

We are all working in the same direction for a positive future for our club.

From: **RSA Fishing club**

Hope you all had a Merry Xmas and a happy new year, looking forward to new adventures in 2026 to be advised.

All the best.

Jim Perkins - Phone 021 2784389

From: **the Women's Section**

The first Thursday of the month - 5<sup>th</sup> February is the next ladies' morning tea from 10 am on, come along for a cuppa and a chat.

February 12<sup>th</sup> is the women's section members monthly meeting come along and see what we are all about -all ladies are welcome.

## **8 Ball TA FIREBALLS**

I hope you have all enjoyed the festive season and are ready to get back to the amazing game of 8 Ball.

We start the new year with the sad news of the passing of one of our players -Joseph Kato, a wonderful man with great skills and who was always keen on a game. RIP Joseph -you will be sadly missed.

On a positive note, we officially start back to games on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January.  
We have our first competitors coming over from Matamata on the 14<sup>th</sup> of February and we will be playing our inhouse pairs competition on the 21<sup>st</sup> of February.

We are always looking to add players to our numbers, so if you are keen to play, come down and have a chat to one of us.

Our practice days are Wednesdays from 5:30 and Sundays from 1pm.

## **RSA DARTS**

Welcome back to another year of throwing small spears at a target on the wall.

We will be starting up again in March with two teams -ALLSORTS and FLYBYES.  
We are looking forward to some great games and competitions.

If you would like to join us, please give me a call or text or ask at the bar and they will pass the information on for you.

Lyn Watson 022 122 8440

# **BINGO:**

Every Thursday at 1pm starting February

AND

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 3pm

## Weekly Club Activities

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>
Bar Opens 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
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
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	Bar Open 11am-9pm <b>Happy Hour 4.30-6.30pm</b> Restaurant Lunch 12-2pm, Dinner from 5pm \$10 Lunch 1pm BINGO
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
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
<b>Sunday</b> Bar Open 11am-9pm BINGO from 3pm every 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 loose it ,

# RSA Remembrance Calendar

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## January

1	New Year's message - National President	Annually
1	Bosnia mission begins.	1992
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5	1st Echelon, 2nd NZEF Departs NZ. Includes 18 NZ Army Nursing Service (NZANS) Sisters.	1940
8	1st Battalion, Fiji Infantry Regiment deploys to Malaya (with NZ Officers and NCOs attached).	1952
15	Action at New Zealand Hill (Slingsfontein), South Africa	1900
15	Worst RNZAF losses in a single mission during the Pacific War. Seven NZ fighter pilots lost at sea after an unsuccessful rescue attempt of a downed pilot off Rabaul, SW Pacific.	1945
23	28th (Māori) Battalion returns to NZ	1946
23	National Service: First National Service Ballot drawn.	1962
28	William Hardham awarded first NZ Victoria Cross in South Africa	1901
29	HMNZS Kiwi and Moa sink Japanese submarine of the Solomon Islands with ramming and shellfire.	1943
30	Green Islands, Solomon Islands. 30 (NZ) Battalion conducts 'Commando Raid' to gather intelligence on Japanese forces and other information for the building of an airfield.	1944
6	Waitangi Day Message	From National President
17	First attack on Monte Cassino by 2nd (NZ) Division	1944

## 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**

*Fish & Chips \$20*

**Tuesday**

*Pizzas \$15*

**Wednesday**

*Schnitzel, coleslaw & wedges \$18*

**Thursday**

*Pinot & Pasta \$25*

**Friday**

*Surprise Special!*

**Saturday**

*Seafood Platter for two \$45*

**Sunday**

*Roast \$20 +  
½ price desserts*



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**Special event**

Irene Wardlaw being presented with gold star award

By RNZRSA National

Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at Te Awamutu RSA

**FISHING SECTION**

**BATONS UP TICKETS**

**AVAILABLE**

**See any member of the Fishing Club**

Any adjuncts or members wishing to contribute to February newsletter

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