



# TE AWAMUTU RSA

## *Monthly Newsletter* *March 2026*



*Purple Poppy Day, February 24, is a day to remember the brave animals who served without hesitation and sacrificed without question.*

## ***Special thanks***

To the women's section for the wonderful display in the foyer for purple poppy day in remembrance of the sacrifice animals played in wartime activities

## ***From the President***

Hello everyone

Is it nearly March already? Wow, the year is flying by!

I hope that everyone managed to have a relaxing Christmas and New Year and enjoy family and friends. I managed to get away with the family to the South Island and relax and unwind after a busy year.

With the recent weather events in our region, we are reminded how fast things can change. What looked like a damp Friday evening turned into a destructive storm that has changed many lives and will remain in the memory banks of everyone for a long time to come

Our core values of Support, Advocacy and Remembrance come to the front in times like this. The rain hadn't stopped falling and our Local Support Advisors (LSA's) were calling members who might have been affected and checking that they were alright.

Members have put their hands up and worked in many community groups to help with the clean up and others have helped by donating food, goods or funds to assist our community

If there are any members that have been affected and haven't been in contact, please let us know by contacting the office. We are here to help!

In the club, the recent survey has given the executive some good insights into our members and how they currently use our club.

Some highlights include

- 229 people responded
- 45% of respondents visit the RSA weekly
- 74% of respondents came to the RSA to meet friends or family
- 35% of respondents came to meet new people or for companionship
- More people purchase food than Alcohol when they visit
- Live bands preference was split evenly between country music and rock/pop
- Our average rating on "How are we doing?" was 6.8

This shows that changes we have made are working, but more work is still to be done. We will continue to work to ensure the long-term viability of our RSA to ensure it is here for members for years to come

I am pleased to say that our new Constitution and Rules that was passed at the SGM last year has been approved by RNZRSA and lodged with Incorporated Societies.

This means that we are legally able to continue to operate and ensures that we are not rushing to get submitted prior to the April deadline.

Thank you to everyone who assisted over the last 2 years, it has been a massive undertaking and has taken a lot of effort by a lot of people

ANZAC day planning is well underway and this year marks 110 years of ANZAC day commemorations. The message this year will focus on veterans of all ages and the impacts of their service – more details to come in the lead up to Poppy day on April 17

Cheers

Daniel

**Welcome back** to the committee Anne Lincoln and Murray Hancock and new van driver Craig Chandler

### **Message from the office:**

During these trying times of school holidays, unprecedented weather patterns and natural disasters, it is great to see the club members pooling together to help each other out and look out for their neighbours and colleagues -this is the spirit of our RSA and we should be very proud of the culture we are nurturing.

### **Friendly reminder:** FEES ARE DUE IN MARCH

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

### **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.

Daphne Reynolds

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**

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### **RSA Health Shuttle**

The 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:
<b>MARCH</b>	10	TUESDAY	Legionnaire	
	15	SUNDAY		Wild Goose
<b>April</b>	7	TUESDAY	Legionnaire	
	19	SUNDAY		Wild Goose
<b>May:</b>	5	TUESDAY	Legionnaire	
	19	TUESDAY		Wild Goose

On the 10<sup>th</sup> of Feb Some very good Snapper were caught at Whangamata 8kg+

Please note fishing club meetings are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday each month 7pm. We would like to see more members at the meetings please,

For more information: contact Jim Perkins, 021 278 4389



## Te Awamutu & District Memorial RSA Incorporated

Trading Name	Te Awamutu RSA	Incorp # NZBN	Established: 24 May 1919: 214078 9429042863366
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Exec. Committee	Daniel van der Hulst President) Don Ramsay (vice) Lou Brown Graham Jull Andrew Mitchell Adan Te Huia John Knowles Patrick Bishop Murray Hancock Ann Lincoln	027 559 8796 027 760 0789 027 3918620 027 2768181 021 1642649 027 518 2180 027 5713 150 027 281 1868 020 411 78479 022 300 5362	tasrc@xtra.co.nz (attention Daniel) donaldr@stewcav.co.nz louandelsb@gmail.com Jullg@gmail.com mitchellandrew943@gmail.com adantehuia@gmail.com j.w.knowles@xtra.co.nz p.bishop@xtra.co.nz murraylindah@hotmail.com annlincoln59@gmail.com

### 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](mailto: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 <a href="http://www.tahs.org.nz">www.tahs.org.nz</a>	Mahjong Robin Jackways 027 266 2259
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Bingo Cathrine James 021 217 1111	Knitting Group Karen Morgan 027 606 0113

## MOTORSPORT



Hi everyone

The New Year is here and we are gearing up for another great year. We will be adding our own TARSA Motorsport Club table in the Clubrooms with memorabilia and welcome other members to contribute if they want to. Anything to do with an engine such as Go Karts, Racing Lawnmowers, Warbirds (yes Planes), Cars, Motorcycles, Rally Cars and Sports Boats etc is what we are into.

Don't forget that the Motorsports Club has an awesome BBQ on site and that other members of the TARSA are welcome to use it subject to the food being purchased through the Restaurant and that it remains on site.

Confirmed future events –

8/3 – Dirt Drags at the Parakao Store Whangarei – Andrew will be there with the Pontiac Dirt Drag Car.

15/3 – Afternoon 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration for Sapphire (from the Kitchen) on the Deck – Please let Andrew know on 0274 965613 if you want to attend as all are welcome.

We are also looking at a visit to Horopito Motors (Smash Palace) which is owned by relations of Charlie and Huggie and welcome anyone that wants to come to let us know.

- **Keep your Pedal to the Metal**

- **Andrew Ross**



March 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.

We ventured out to *Irresistablue Cafe in Monavale* for a Morning Tea on 17<sup>th</sup> February at 10am. Approximately 15 ladies attended and had a most enjoyable time.

Next month we are going to Pirongia to support those that have been so badly affected by the bad weather last month. This is planned for 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February was Purple Poppy Day. We assembled a raffle to raise funds which will be donated to the Purple Poppy Trust in due course along with any other donations received.

We are already in the planning stages for the annual Poppy Day Collections. The next 2 months will fly by. Our first task of counting the poppies has been completed, thanks to the help received from the Heather, Secretary/Manager.

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.

In association with that, may I ask that any previous winners of our raffles to please return any baskets that might be hiding in your cupboards. It would be greatly appreciated.

## Te Awamutu RSA Indoor Bowling Adjunct

Just a reminder to everyone, that our Indoor Bowling season starts on Wednesday night 8th April.

Everyone is welcome young or old. Those who have played before and those who haven't played at all.

You must be a current member of the RSA. The indoor Bowling Subscription is \$20.00 for approx. 26 weeks of bowling.

You must be here by 6.45 to have your disc in. Play starts approx. 7pm.

Any queries, please contact me on the following number:



Linda King

Indoor Bowling President  
021 2387329

### *Live Entertainment*



6<sup>th</sup> March Jeramie?

20<sup>th</sup> March Country Road

## **8 Ball TA FIREBALLS**

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

## **RSA DARTS**

Lyn Watson 022 122 8440

# **BINGO:**

Every Thursday at 1pm starting March 5th

AND

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 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

## Weekly Club Activities

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday</b></p> <p>Bar Open 11am-9pm          Restaurant Lunch 12-2pm, Dinner from 5pm          Monday Swindle          Members Draw from 6.00pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tuesday</b></p> <p>Bar Open 11am-9pm          Restaurant Lunch 12-2pm, Dinner from 5pm          500 Card Club 1pm</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday</b></p> <p>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</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thursday</b></p> <p>Bar Open 11am-9pm  <b>Happy Hour 4.30-6.30pm</b>          Restaurant Lunch 12-2pm, Dinner from 5pm          \$10 Lunch          1pm BINGO</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Friday</b></p> <p>Bar Open 11am-11pm          Restaurant Lunch 12-2pm, Dinner from 5pm          Mahjong 1pm Raffles from 4.30pm          Jokers Wild          Members Draw from 6.00pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturday</b></p> <p>Bar Open 11am-10pm          Restaurant Lunch 12-2pm, Dinner from 5pm</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday</b></p> <p>Bar Open 11am-9pm          BINGO from 2pm every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday          Restaurant Lunch 12-2pm, Dinner from 5pm</p>	

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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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## March

<b>1</b>	ANZAC Battalion formed in Vietnam	1968
1	Ain es Sir. 2nd (Queen Alexandra's) Wellington West Coast Squadron, Wellington Mounted Rifles suffer heavy casualties in an ambush by Circassian villagers during the withdrawal from the attack on Amman.	1918
7	2nd (NZ) Division arrives in Greece	1941
15	Second attack on Monte Cassino by 2nd (NZ) Division	1944
19	Official RNZRSA commemoration of all operational service post-1945 not already nationally commemorated (i.e. excludes Korea, Malaya/Borneo & Vietnam, which already have a national day). This date is based on the arrival on 19 Mar 46 of the main body 2nd NZEF (Japan) or '1-Force'; the first post-WW2 operational deployment of NZ Armed Forces.	Annually.
25	NZ Army Day - commemorate all who have served in the NZ Army. Date linked to the first Militia Act of 1845.	Annually
26	First Battle of Gaza. NZMR are the only allied unit to break through Turkish defense's but are subsequently ordered to withdraw due to the failure of all other attacks against the Turkish lines.	1917
26	2Lt Moana-nui-a-Kiwa Ngarimu becomes the first Maori soldier to win the VC during the assault at Tebaga Gap, Tunisia,	1943
31	The Great Escape: Flying Officer Porokoru Patapu (John) Pohe, RNZAF murdered by the Gestapo for his part in the 'Great Escape' from Sta lag Luft III.	1944

# WEEKLY SPECIALS



**Monday**

*Fish & Chips \$20*

**Tuesday**

*Pizzas \$15*

**Wednesday**

*Schnitzel, coleslaw & wedges \$18*

**Thursday**

*Pinot & Pasta \$25*

**Friday**

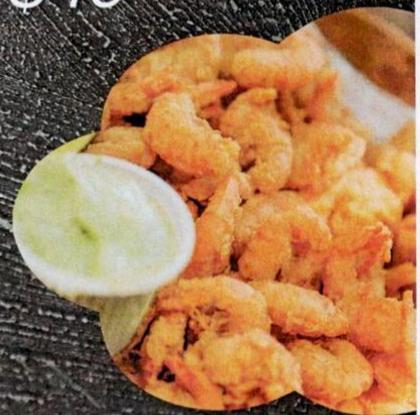
*Surprise Special!*

**Saturday**

*Seafood Platter for two \$45*

**Sunday**

*Roast \$20 +  
½ price desserts*



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# **HAPPY HOUR**

**Thursday 4.30pm – 6.30pm**  
Discounted Tap Beer and Wine  
*'Come in and catch up with your mates'*

Any adjuncts or members wishing to contribute to the next newsletter  
Please contact John Knowles 027 571 3150 or email [j.w.knowles@xtra.co.nz](mailto:j.w.knowles@xtra.co.nz)  
Pat Bishop 027 281 1868 or email [p.bishop@xtra.co.nz](mailto:p.bishop@xtra.co.nz)

Please get your article or information to us a week before the end of the month to give us time to complete and publish the newsletter in a timely manner, we want you to know what's coming as well as what's been and make it as useful and up to date as we can.

Information is as provided and is to the best of our knowledge accurate, If you discover any inaccuracies or errors please advise Pat or John so corrections can be made for the future



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