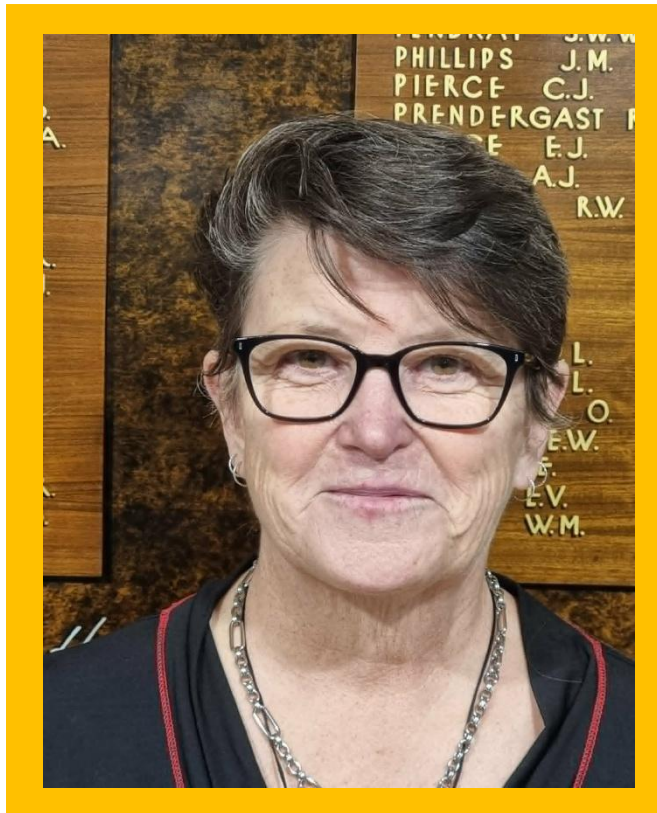




TE AWAMUTU RSA

Monthly Newsletter

May 2026



Welcome to our new manager

Heather Upston

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Introducing:

Heather Upston

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About Heather

Hi my name is Heather Upston, and I am the new Secretary / Manager for Te Awamutu RSA.

Born In Tauranga -grew up in Taumarunui.

I have been married to Kerry for 13 years and we have a blended family of 6 grown children and 9 grandchildren.

I grew up surrounded by military people; one of 5 siblings, a lot of my family and their partners were either Army, Navy or Police.

I chose a completely different path and became a qualified baker and cake finisher.

Over the course of my career, I trained as a security guard and worked the night shifts in Taupo township -perhaps this is where my "don't mess with me attitude" came from.

My interests include hunting - my first red stag was a beautiful 15 pointer of which I am very proud, fishing and I do various hand crafts such as quilting, cross stitch hardanger and knitting.

I am very proud of the team I have on staff, the effort they have put in to support me in my role and help the club move forward is very humbling.

People have been questioning how I got the Managers role -what are my qualifications?

Who do I think I am? I am a people person -I put people before all else -without our members we don't have a club. I am passionate and caring but nobody's puppet. I'm the person to get in and get things done and move forward. I have no hidden agenda or thought of personal gain -I just want our club to succeed.

My qualifications include National Cert in Business Administration and Computing, Small Business Management, Accounting Foundations, Personnel Management and Human Resources.

I am approachable -if you have a problem with me or something in the club please don't hesitate to come and see me.

Heather

Alan Livingston: A life of Service



Former Waipa Mayor and Waikato Regional Council Chair Alan Livingston passed away aged 74 leaving a regional legacy and very personal imprint on those who knew him

He served four terms as Mayor of Waipa from 2001 to 2013 and later chaired the Waikato Regional Council from 2016 to 2019.

In 2014 he was appointed Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to Sport and the community. Alan was a past member of the Te Awamutu RSA, he was a man of integrity.

In 2023 he was appointed chair of the Queen

Elizabeth II National Trust.

Rest in Piece Alan and condolences to your family and friends.

Link here for Te Awamutu news article [Alan: a life of service | Te Awamutu News](#)

From the office

A quick word on finances -because so many of you are asking:

Last month the Kitchen, Gaming and Bar ALL made a profit, despite being a quieter month. This is great news and shows what we are doing is working and are heading in the right direction -which is a positive for the club and its members. However, we cannot be complacent, costs are up, the economy is not good and is not forecast to improve in the short term. We must therefore continue to be vigilant with our spending and try and keep costs down, without impacting on our members experience of the club.

We have a great group of patrons supporting this club and together we are finally moving forward, with your continued support things are looking up.
thank you for your support.

Heather

AGM will be held on 21st June 2026 at 1.00pm. paid up members only must check in on the day,

Election of officers will be progressed in the meantime so nominees please prepare your photos and promotional letter. nominations and all relevant documentation will be provided and requested by the office within the appropriate timeframes

Some images from Anzac Day Celebrations



RSA President at ANZAC Green Cenotaph



**[Wharepapa South School](#) is at [Te Awamutu & District Memorial RSA](#).
[Yesterday at 7:24 AM · Te Awamutu](#) ·**

Room 2 had a meaningful and reflective visit to the Te Awamutu & District Memorial RSA yesterday as part of their ANZAC Day learning. Students strengthened their understanding of the importance of remembrance, along with the purpose of ANZAC Day and the vital role the RSA plays in supporting service personnel and their communities.

A big thank you to James Baldwin and Lou Brown for your service to New Zealand. We are incredibly grateful to you for sharing your time, stories, and knowledge with our students, it was a truly valuable experience.

Thank you to our parent helpers who supported and to everyone who helped make this trip a possibility.

Acknowledgement of a hugely successful ANZAC day

To all the organizers, speakers, MC Lou Brown, Adan and Daniel, supporters, RSA participants, Heather, Special thanks to Louise in the kitchen for providing an awesome breakfast (Pac'n Save sponsored) and lunch, Jim Goddin sponsoring the programs, emergency service representatives, military personal and too many others to mention here.

Everyone performed their duties flawlessly making it a most enjoyable day, the amazing turnout from the public, everyone should be proud of the success of the day.

Support Services; People Helping People

VIP Servies Veteran Affairs New Contractor

For those who receive VIP services, from the 1st of July FBL/Green Acres will mow your lawns and maintain your garden.

A few weeks ago, VA notified you that your lawn and garden maintenance person will be changing. They can now tell you that from 1 July 2026 FBL/Green Acres will be providing with lawn and garden services as part of the Veterans' Affairs' Veterans Independence Programme.



FBL/Green Acres will contact VIP users in the next few weeks to arrange a time to visit your property. During this visit, the new operator will discuss the services that they can provide under the contract. From that discussion they will develop a lawn and garden plan which they will ask you to approve. That plan will then take effect from 1st of July.

Crewcut will continue to maintain your lawn and garden to until 30 June

What are VIP Services

1. Discretionary Veterans' Independence Programme (VIP) Services

Discretionary VIP Services are distinct from VIP Services (Case managed). Veterans who are eligible for Discretionary VIP Services meet the following criteria.

Who can get this

The Discretionary Veterans' Independence Programme (VIP) Services are available to veterans:

- that do have qualifying service
- who do not have a service-related illness
- who are 80 or over or have a terminal illness.

What you can get

These needs-assessed services aim to help a veteran live independently in their own home. They are not health or rehabilitation support services.

The services include:

- garden maintenance
- lawn mowing
- foot care
- exterior house washing
- interior house cleaning
- a personal medical alarm.



Veterans' Independence Programme

This is a non-urgent, needs-based programme for veterans with Qualifying Service who are having some difficulty managing in their own home.

2. To receive Veteran's Independence Programme (VIP) services, you must:

have a Veterans' Affairs case manager
have Qualifying Service
link your need for VIP services to a service-related condition.

Discretionary VIP services

In some cases, you may be eligible for Discretionary VIP services. You can receive Discretionary VIP services if you:

Do not have a case manager
have Qualifying Service
are aged 80 years or older, **or** have a terminal illness.

You do not need to link your need for VIP services to a service-related condition.



For Further information or any assistance required

Please contact;

Sue White; 0273466588

Irene Wardlaw; 0274444374

ANZAC services held around the rest homes in Te Awamutu. Great support by the RSA Support Team.



ANZAC service held at CHT Rest home and hospital on the 23rd of April, run by the Support Services team, this is the 9 years that we have assisted with the Service.



The ANZAC service, held at Windsor Court Rest home and hospital on the 24rd of April, supported by the TARSA Support Services team, Thank you Lance and Linda King for all your great work. Robert was presented with his Service medal; a lovely afternoon tea was supplied by the Rest home.

Friendly reminder:

FEES ARE DUE IN MARCH

Member	\$50	Partner	\$40	internet payment,
Service	\$40	Returned	\$30	Te Awamutu & District Memorial RSA (inc)
Over 75 is	\$20			03-0442-0100594-00
				Details = name and member number please

Poppy Trust

A special thanks to the three ladies who knitted poppies (34 in total) and donated them for poppy day Sharon Cooke, Judy Shaw and Sue Dix.

On behalf of the poppy trust a special thanks to all the members and supporters for manning the poppy sales tables around the town, the proceeds all go to the poppy trust which provides financial assistance to veterans, ex-service persons and their dependents for welfare associated costs.

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.

Alan Livingstone

Gary Boys

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

Fishing Club:

Hi everyone, the weather has not been kind to us lately so many of our trips have had to be cancelled but never mind we will carry on -as we do.

There are two trips currently on the board for my, so go and take a look.

The fishing club meets on the third Monday of every month at 5:30 in the Sister Reidy Room -so come along and be part of it and find out what's coming up. -see you there.

Fishing Subs are due -\$20 this entitles you to subsidized trips.

Be kind to each other and thank you

The fishing crew

JP Services

We have had the offer of JP services from Norris Hall on a Monday from 2-3 in the club -come along if you need anything notarised or just want a chat .

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



May 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

There were 28 ladies in attendance at our April General Meeting which included two new members who were made welcome.

Our annual subs are due as of 31st March. For the Women's Section they are \$10 per year.

On Thursday, April 16 we had approximately 20 ladies that went to Morning Tea at "Mixture Cafe" in Tamahere. This included two family members plus 4 children. It was a fabulous morning for everyone.

Poppy day was Friday and Saturday 17-18 April. Another successful couple of days although we did have a few gaps in our roster. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who volunteered their time. A huge vote of thanks must go to Elaine Wise who has led the preparations of Poppy Day. This task takes an exorbitant amount of time in the four weeks leading up to the day itself. Elaine's leadership and coordination of "everything Poppy" is carried out quietly in the background without any fuss.

We also have 9 ladies going to the District AGM Conference that was to be held in Mt Maunganui on 9 May 2026.

On Tuesday 12 May we have a Fashion Parade which is being held in conjunction with the Te Awamutu Chapter of the Red Hatterz. It will start with lunch at 12 noon and then the Fashion Parade at approx 1.15pm with clothing supplied by Caroline Eve. There will be raffles and the proceeds will be donated to the Breast Cancer Foundation.

On the 21 May we are having a Women's Section Morning Tea, also for Breast Cancer Month, to be held at Val Phillips place. There will be raffles and Spot Prizes and the takings will be donated to The Breast Cancer Foundation.

Members Draw

Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 6pm & 7pm



Mother's Day

Sunday 10 May 2026 from 5pm

Carvery Dinner \$20pp

Roast pork with potatoes, kumara, pumpkin, peas, cauli & broccoli bake served with gravy & apple sauce



Chocolate & berry cheesecake with mini Lindauer (excl prosecco) \$15

Other specials available



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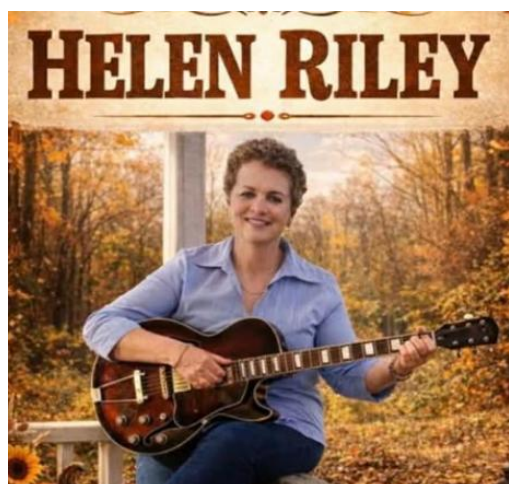




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Live Entertainment



May 1st Helen Riley

May 15th Johnie Rox

May 29th Black Dice

A huge thanks to our sponsors



- **Jim Goddin** for awesome posters and production of Anzac Day programs
- **PAK n'Save** for Bacon & Eggs for Dawn service Veterans Breakfast
- **Waipa District Council** for street closures & Traffic Management



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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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



April has been a busy month for us starting with going to the Racing at the Meremere Dirt Track on 5/4. While there I got to check out the new 21 Speedway High Bank High Speed Track being bought back to life. This is where the Legendary Barry Butterworth and others used to race in the Outlaw Series.

18/4 was the day we had the Old School Car and Motorbike Day in Kihikihi with our very own TARSA member Finney heading out to take a few passengers for the ride in his newly acquired Plymouth that he drove up from Christchurch the day before the event.

Upcoming events – 3/5 4pm -
Motorsport Section AGM 4-30pm –
BBQ on the Deck – Join our Section
(\$20) on the day or before and enjoy
free BBQ Sausages, Bread and Sauce.

We are still looking to go to Horopito Motors (Smash Palace) and will be discussing this at our next meeting.

All members from the TARSA are welcome to join us.

That is it for now and remember to
"To keep your Pedal to the Metal"

Thanks
Andrew Ross



BINGO:

Every Thursday at 1pm

AND

Sunday at 2pm.(May 24th, June 21st, July 19th)

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

COURTESY VAN AVAILABLE FROM 4 PM MONDAY to FRIDAY

We pick up from home and/or drop off at your home within 12 km radius of the club rooms.

**Talk to the Bar Staff or phone 07 871 3707 option 4
 Alternative Transport Taxi TA A2B ph: 07 392 8808 or Uber**

Please note due to the cost of running the van we have had to review operating times where the cost exceeds the benefits,

Special Weekend Event Transport by Arrangement, please call 07 871 7303



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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May

1	Vampires of 14 Sqn, RNZAF carry out first operational strike mission since WW2 in Malaya.	1955
2	Liberation of Trieste, Italy	1945
5	75 (NZ) Squadron participates in the first major bombing raid of Germany, targeting oil production facilities in the Ruhr.	1940
6	Second Battle of Krithia (The Daisy Patch), Gallipoli	1915
8	Victory in Europe (VE Day), WW2	1945
12	RNZRSA Birthday. 1st meeting of Provisional Executive Committee.	1916
15	Operation Grapple - Nuclear Bomb Testing. 15 May 1957 date of the first exposure at Malden Island.	1957
20	Battle of Crete	1941
21	Cyprus: New Zealand Police arrive in Cyprus to serve with the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus. This is the first overseas operational deployment of the New Zealand police.	1964
24	Battle of the Atlantic. Turning point of the struggle for the vital sea lanes	1943
29	International Day of UN Peacekeepers. Commemorate all who have served as UN Peacekeepers	Annually
29	United Nations Truce Supervision Organization (UNTSO) established. First and oldest UN Peacekeeping Mission. NZ first commits troops in 1954.	1948.
31	HMS New Zealand in action during the Battle of Jutland	1916

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
Pat Bishop 027 281 1868 or email 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

