

Candidate Profiles as follows

Voting is open, closes Friday the 20th June 6pm, Election papers available at the club, pick up from the bar

Staff will verify your eligibility, voting papers must not leave the club

A meet the Candidate evening will be held 4th June, 7.00pm at the Te Awamutu RSA

NOMINATIONS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2025/26

PRESIDENT (unopposed)

Daniel van der Hulst
142001366

Don Ramsay
142001004

Andrew Mitchell
142001423



I joined the Army in 1998 and deployed operationally a number of times over my 7 years in uniform. I live locally in Pirongia with my wife and 3 children.

I have served on the Executive for the last 5 years and I have filled the President role for the last 18 months. I enjoy the challenge of working alongside others to help navigate our club through the tough times that we have faced and the changing world that we live in. I have been active in assisting with the organization of Poppy Day, ANZAC day, and Armistice Day.

My strengths for the RSA are my business knowledge and organizational skills, both of which are needed to navigate the current recession we are in.

I am also a Trustee on the Poppy trust, assisting with the welfare of veterans in the district.

I want to continue to serve as the President to continue the work that we are doing to keep our club functioning and assist veterans in our community

VICE PRESIDENT (unopposed)

Don Ramsay 142001004

Lou Brown
142000045

Andrew Mitchell
142001423



Don Ramsay is a dedicated and experienced veteran, having served for 20 years in the New Zealand Army as an Artificer Weapons. His extensive military career saw him posted to various regiments and workshops, including the 16th Field Regiment, 26 Regt RA, 1st Base Workshops, 2nd Field Workshops, 3rd Field Workshops, the School of Electrical and Mechanical Engineering, and HMNZS Waikato.

Throughout his service, Don demonstrated remarkable commitment and resilience, participating in deployments overseas, notably in Bosnia and Herzegovina, as part of the United Nations Protection Force. His experiences in these challenging environments have shaped his understanding of teamwork, leadership, and the importance of service above self.

A strong advocate for the core values of the New Zealand Returned and Services Association (NZRSA), Don believes passionately in what the Organisation stands for. His time in the Army saw him take on various roles within mess committees, including Secretary, Treasurer, and Bar Manager. These positions provided him with invaluable insights into effective management and governance, enabling him to understand what good practice looks like in both military and civilian contexts.

In addition to his military accomplishments, Don is deeply involved in his community as the Group Leader of the Te Awamutu Scout Group. He aligns his leadership approach with the core values of the Scouting Movement, focusing on youth development and fostering an environment where young people can thrive and develop to their fullest potential.

With a wealth of experience and a steadfast commitment to service, Don Ramsay continues to inspire those around him. His motivation, coupled with his understanding, gleaned from diverse situations and outcomes, makes him a valuable asset to any organisation, particularly in roles that require leadership, mentorship, and community engagement.

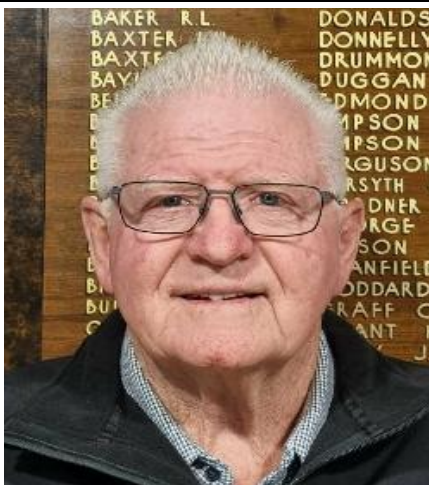
Don is the current Vice President and along with the President and the Executive would be privileged to continue the improvements that we have achieved in the past 12 months.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Patrick Bishop 142000605

Gavin Cooper
142001196

John Knowles
142000718



I am Pat Bishop, currently on the Te Awamutu RSA Executive Committee. We are fortunate to have a great club, supported by great Patrons, outstanding, hardworking and honest Team Members and a united hard working Executive Team together we are progressing in the right direction.

Key Achievements

- 1 / enabled Change of Club Manager a very positive step forward, New Manager / Secretary Heather Upston is doing an outstanding Job.
 - 2/ Successful launch of new Newsletter by John Knowles and myself with great support from Adjuncts, communication is much improved.
 - 3 / Debit reduction a huge achievement in difficult times
 - 4 /Successful implementation of new Constitution, passed by the RNZRSA and Incorporated Societies.
- I welcome the opportunity to participate for another term on the Executive Committee to build on the great effort achieved this last year.
A vote for the current Executive Committee would be a sound investment.

Andrew Mitchell 142001423

Lou Brown
142000045



Graham Jull
142000265



I am an ex-Army Service member of TARSA. I am a qualified Chef, and I have worked in the food/hospitality industry for the past 40 years. I currently work at Waikeria Prison as a Kitchen Instructor, a position I have held for over 20 years.

I have been on the TARSA Executive Committee for the past 2 years and have learnt a lot about the running of the club and the challenges involved. I am also a Trustee of the Poppy Trust and was proud to represent the club on Poppy Day which was a success.
I have enjoyed being involved in the core values committee assisting with the organisation of ANZAC Day, Armistice Day and other events, and was honoured to represent Te Awamutu RSA in the Kawhia ANZAC service.

It is a privilege to represent TARSA as a younger member of the committee and hopefully representing the younger Returned soldiers and Service members.

<p>Lou Brown 142000045</p>	<p>P Bishop 142000605</p>	<p>Garry Maughan 142000744</p>
	<p>I am standing for the Awamutu RSA Executive Committee to assist with the organized Core Values sub-committee, promote financial prudence, and continue to help facilitate Armistice and Anzac days and other recognized important commemoration days.</p> <p>I will support the Executive to ensure our RSA has a strong base for succession, supports Veterans, sound financial practices, and Core Values.</p> <p>My current community involvement and knowledge can assist and support the RSA during these turbulent times and promote the RSA to the local community as an important and vital support organization for our members.</p>	
<p>Graham Jull 142000265</p>	<p>Chris Johnson 142000998</p>	<p>John Freed 142000443</p>
	<p>Having completed my first year on the Executive Committee, I forward my nomination for the 2026-27 Te Awamutu & District Memorial RSA Executive Committee.</p> <p>Our committee lead by President Daniel van der Hulst, has made big strides in sound financial management and better communication with members. I want a successful welcoming community club for all veterans, service members, women's section, adjunct clubs and the Te Awamutu community to enjoy. As a veteran, I am proud of the core values and recognition that our club puts into all Remembrance milestones throughout the year. Our club supports our veterans and families and others in the community and stands tall where other RSAs have fallen by the wayside.</p> <p>I have worked hard with sponsorship for the club. As the Acting President of Te Awamutu Rotary 2025-26, I moved our Rotary meetings to the RSA on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. The meeting from 5.30 – 7.30pm includes fellowship, a meal if wanted, and excellent guest speakers. Most of our Rotarians are RSA members as well. All RSA members are welcome to attend any of our Rotary Club meetings.</p> <p>I am dedicated to contributing to the continued success and relevance of the Te Awamutu RSA, and I welcome the opportunity to serve and represent our members again with integrity, transparency, and dedication.</p>	

James (Jim) Goodin 142000710

Catherine James
142001233

Pam Collins
142001085



My name is Jim Goodin, and I am the owner of Rosetown Funerals in Te Awamutu. I am a registered and licensed funeral director and have worked in the funeral profession since 1998— a profession I continue to find both meaningful and rewarding as I support families during some of the most difficult times in their lives.

My business and management background began at the age of 19 when I took over my first business in Timaru — a plumbing and gas company servicing the South Canterbury area. From an early age, I developed a strong understanding of business operations, staff management, customer service, and the importance of building trusted relationships within the community.

In 1997, while living in Timaru, I joined St John and later qualified as an Ambulance Officer in 2002, earning a Diploma in Ambulance Practice. Over the years, I served as Station Manager while also working frontline ambulance duties Monday to Friday. These roles provided extensive experience in leadership, operational management, emergency response coordination, team development, and working within high-pressure environments. Today, I remain actively involved with Hato Hone St John as Chairman in Cambridge and continue to work operationally on the road when time allows.

Throughout my career, I have also owned and managed a retirement village in Geraldine and have held a wide range of governance and community leadership positions. These have included serving on a Waipa District Council community board, remaining a board member of the Chamber of Commerce, involvement within St John governance, and serving on local ANZAC and Airmasters committees helping organise commemorative services and community events within the Cambridge area for more than 10 years.

My professional experience has also included work with the Waikato and Midland District Health Boards, where I gained valuable knowledge in organisational management, compliance, health sector operations, contractor coordination, and staff leadership. Over many years in business ownership, governance, and management roles, I have developed strong skills in strategic planning, financial oversight, relationship management, operational leadership, and community engagement.

In 2019, I was admitted in the High Court at Hamilton as a Justice of the Peace, a role I am proud to hold in service to the community. Community service, remembrance, and supporting people have always been important to me. I believe the RSA plays a vital role in preserving the values of service, comradeship, and

remembrance, while continuing to support veterans, their families, and the wider community.

I would be honoured to contribute my leadership, governance experience, business knowledge, and commitment to service as a member of the Te Awamutu RSA Executive.

John Knowles 142000718

Gavin Cooper
142001196

P Bishop
142000605



I have lived in Te Awamutu for over 40 years and RSA member for about 30 years, my primary qualification is “NZ advanced trade certificate in Automotive Engineering” and a number of other skills and qualifications, most of my working life has been in managing staff and operational matters. I value above all honesty and integrity, and the future of our RSA as it must continue to respect and support our community’s service men and woman past and future, our families and those who gave their lives should never be forgotten.

In the time I have been on the Executive we have made a number of changes for the benefit of the club, all departments have improved operationally and financially thanks to the dedication of the committee, Heather and her awesome staff. Members had serious concerns at the lack of communication, Pat and I have taken up the challenge of producing and publishing the monthly newsletter through the very difficult to use website,

Ann Lincoln 1420000727

Liz Lincoln
142000707

Els Brown
142000595




Hi for those that don’t know me, my name is Ann Lincoln, and I’ve been a member of the RSA for at least 35 years. I have also served on the executive committee for 10 1/2 years.

My background is that I worked for DEKA for 23 years and I started there as an after-school student and worked my way up to be store Manager. From there I worked for Woolworths for 9 years as a supervisor/manager and then for the last 15 years I worked as a supervisor at PAK’nSAVE and am still currently there.

Within the RSA other than being on the Executive I do the draw for the raffles and sometimes do the membership draws and I am a member of the fishing club. I enjoy the ambience in the club and love the bands and getting up on the dance floor and it’s great to get together with long-time friends and have a few drinks with them and plenty of laughter. I also do the rugby picks which always make for some heavy discussions.

I would love to see more people join our RSA so they can join other adjunct groups if they want or just come in to socialise with us all.

I am a very approachable person and will do my very best to get any problems resolved asap for you. I love the family atmosphere where everyone is made welcome and know the ethos of the RSA is very important to everyone.

<p>Steve Gane 142000368</p>	<p>Charlie Proude 142001477</p>	<p>Richard Jones 142000734</p>
	<p>I've been a member of the Te Awamutu RSA for many years. My first visit was with my then father-in-law Bill Love back in the early 70's. I joined the NZ Army in 1973 as a driver, based at Ngāruawāhia. I raise through the ranks and became WO1 SR Gane in the 90's.</p> <p>I have been fortunate to have two tours of duty. Papua New Guinea in 2000, 4mths, as a Team Sargent Major and 2009 6mths in the middle East as Driving Instructor 1.</p> <p>I am still a current serving soldier attached to AGS. I was born in Te Awamutu, 29th June 1953, and have worked in the Waikato all my working life.</p> <p>A grade mechanic, Manager of staff in the Motor trade for over twenty years, Truck driver and sole trader for the last 22 years running my own business Rosetown Driver Training. I look forward to meeting the rest of the candidates on Thursday.</p>	
<p>Murray Hancock 142001331</p>	<p>Don Ramsay 142001004</p>	<p>Andrew Mitchell 142001423</p>
	<p>Hi to all new members and members of the RSA club. To those who don't know me I have in the past spent several years on the Executive of the Club, but resigned in 2024 due to health problems, for which I have now fully recovered.</p> <p>It was a privilege to be invited back onto the Executive late last year and to get up to date with the future of this club.</p> <p>Financially things have not been good in the past, but with new structures and Management in place everyone is hoping to be a little more optimistic for the future.</p> <p>I am therefore putting my name forward once more and will strive to do my very best for you all.</p>	

Theresa Armstrong 142000972	Patrick Bishop 142000605	Andrew Mitchell 142001423
	<p>I am Theresa Armstrong and I would like the opportunity to represent you, the members, on the RSA Executive for the coming year.</p> <p>I have been a member of the RSA for the past 37 years, and for the last 16 years I have coordinated all ANZAC services and RSA events in Kawhia. The RSA's core values are something I hold in high regard, and I believe strongly in supporting our veterans, members, and community.</p> <p>We have an honest and hard-working committee here, and one of the most important things I will do is continue the great work already being done.</p> <p>Over the years I have also been involved in many committees at a community level, and regional roles, such as working as the Waikato Swimming Executive for many years.</p> <p>I am proud to stand here today and follow in the footsteps of my uncles, and my wish is for future generations to uphold and continue the legacy of those before them.</p>	