



# RSA | NELSON



## September 2024 NEWSLETTER

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The next RSA committee meeting will be held at 4 pm in the Rugby room on 16 Jul. Minutes of previous meetings are available in the office.

### Wednesday Evening Club Night

Every Wednesday members meet and greet at The Stoke Rugby club rooms in the Green Meadows Community Center. 4pm til 7pm. Shitehawk and announcements are made at 5:45pm and the tribute to the fallen is recited at 6:00pm with a moving bugle accompaniment by Mason.

**District AGM-** some of the committee attended and met Buck Shelford(Natl RSA Pres)and discussed the upcoming new policies, rules and Regulations to be adopted.



**31 Aug - Merchant Navy day -** commemorations were held in the Navy Cadet building. Guest speaker was Peter Cousins, the secretary of the Naval Association. Peter spoke on the future of Merchant shipping.



**Brian McIntyre** had the idea of sending some of his ceramic

## Women's Section

Usually we meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month. 2-4pm at Broadgreen Le Cren Room.

## Reuniting Lost- Found Medals & Medal Mounting

We return medals to families or if you need some medals mounted then contact Brian or Ian at [medalsreunitednz@gmail.com](mailto:medalsreunitednz@gmail.com) or go to their website at: [www.medalsreunitednz.co.nz](http://www.medalsreunitednz.co.nz)

## VANZ Support

The V I P supports you to remain independent in your own home. As long as you have Qualifying Service (Reg Force, CMT, NS, Territorial Force if you served before 1 Apr 74) you don't need to have a service related condition. Support can include things like mowing your lawns, cleaning your gutters, washing the outside of your house, clean windows, 2 hrs /week house cleaning and gardening.

## **Nelson RSA website:**

[www.nelsonrsa](http://www.nelsonrsa)

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poppies away with the contingent who were traveling to Gallipoli. He made contact with a fellow member of the NZ Remembrance Army, Nicola McGrath in Rangiora who restores Military headstones and places my poppies on the headstones of returned personnel in the Christchurch area. Nicola tried in vain to get them to the group that was going to Gallipoli representing NZ. Soon after that I was contacted by a friend who told me that she and her retired Army husband were intending to go to Gallipoli in early August and that they would love to take some of my poppies with them. I gratefully accepted, and then thinking about it, I have a 20cm x 20cm ceramic poppy, made in memory of my great uncle Alexander Frederick McIntyre and thought that 'Fred' might like to go on the trip too, along with half a dozen of my regular poppies to give away. Emma and Rob arrived in Gallipoli just a day or so after the devastating fires that swept along the peninsular which burned through one memorial site. Thankfully the tour that they had planned was the first one allowed back into the sites again. Before they left I said that all I wanted was for someone to hold 'Fred' in front of them and stand in front of something recognizable as being Gallipoli, but they far exceeded my expectations, as 'Fred' photobombed almost all of the 54 photos that they took for me. I had also asked for a photo of my big poppy laying on the beach with water washing over it, as that was probably how Alexander had come ashore on day two of the landing only to die the same day. His body was never found. After receiving the photos, one photo in particular of the poppy on the beach was very emotional. Someone on Facebook superimposed a photo of Fred onto the poppy on the beach at Anzac Cove. I am forever in debt to both of my friends and 'Fred' will soon be back up on the wall behind my chair where he belongs and with the photo of him on the beach, now printed on aluminum hanging alongside him.

## **Lest We Forget**

**Peter Chapman**

**Margaret Balloch**

**Bill Morgan**



# Remembrance Support Advocacy

**The Veggie Guy Stoke** at 520 Main Road Stoke, will give anyone showing their Nelson RSA card a 5% discount

**Auto Battery**, they will give you a 34% discount on your scooter batteries if you show them your Nelson RSA card. 126 Tahunanui Dr

**Tom Sherwood Ltd** our new Accounting firm

Many thanks to **Mega Mitre 10**, Junction corner for all their support



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