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November 2025 NEWSLETTER



Office hours

Mon - 9am - 12 noon

Tues - 9am -12 noon

Wed - 9am -12 noon

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- Barry Pont

The RSA committee meetings will be held at 4 pm in the Rugby room the 3rd Tues of every month.

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.

RSA Women's Section

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

Membership subscriptions are due end Dec. If you are a **Life member** do not get rid of your card, it is good til **2029**. Please let the office know if you have a new address or phone #.

Paul and Marie Farrah have volunteered to do **hospital visits**, so please let them know if a RSA member is in the hospital. Contact number : 0273141665

The Great Secret Poppy Factory of Aotearoa Brian McIntyre - NZ Remembrance Army

While the rest of New Zealand is dusting off the BBQ and arguing about whether pineapple belongs on pizza, deep in an undisclosed location (somewhere between Area 51 and KFC's vault of herbs and spices)... something extraordinary is happening.

Inside a top-secret bunker — probably powered by instant coffee and pure guilt — “Little Popper Poppy,” a.k.a. Brian, is working faster than a Christmas elf on speed. The man's a blur. If you listen carefully, you can hear the faint whir of wire, glue, and patriotic determination echoing through the land.

We've had a flood of orders this summer — thousands upon thousands of poppies heading out to mark graves that have no service details or rest in the public sections of cemeteries. Because every New Zealander who served deserves a poppy, a story, and a nod of respect.

Brian's now up to 13,500 poppies — each one handmade, heartfelt, and handled with care. The location of the factory? Classified. The ingredients? A mystery. The man himself? A legend.

So if you see a suspicious trail of red petals leading down a quiet back road, don't panic — it's just New Zealand's very

[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 or go to their website at: www.medalsreunitednz.co.nz

[VANZ Support](#)

Discretionary VIP services
In some cases, you may be eligible for Discretionary VIP services. You can receive these services if you: do not have a case manager have Qualifying Service eg before 1974, are aged 80 years or older, or have a terminal illness. The services include: garden maintenance lawn mowing, foot care exterior house washing interior house cleaning a personal medical alarm.

If you are 80 years or over A registered health professional must complete sections 7–10 and section 9a.

Some examples of a registered health professional include: Doctor (GP), Practice nurse District nurse Support needs assessor.

If you are younger than 80 years and have a terminal illness A medical practitioner must complete sections 7–10 and section 9b. The form can be found at this website.

<https://www.veteransaffairs.mil.nz/assets/Forms/Discretionary-VIP-Services-application-form.pdf>

**Bank Account Number NBS
03 1354 0038318 00**

For membership fees

**Nelson Poppy trust direct
deposit 03-1354-0386910-00**

For poppy trust donations

own Poppy Man, keeping the flame of remembrance alive... one poppy at a time



New addition to the Marsden Cemetery

Remembrance Sunday



Lt Commander Tim Hoffman NZCF

The youth of Nelson played a big part in our commemorations this year. Representatives from Waimea College shared the speech, Bronte and Brianna leading the National anthems for the last time, Cadets guarding the cenotaph, Ens Ashleigh Radford as key speaker, and Luca

Holiday Office hours

The office will be closed

From 18 Dec - 12 Jan 26

No club nights 24 Dec 25 to

7 Jan 2026

See you all on the 14 Jan !

from Boys college delivered the Ode in Te reo. These youngsters are our future, I'd say we are in good hands!



Upcoming Events

Lunch at Motueka RSA - Noon Tues 16th Dec
Followed with coffee at Jellyfish in Mapua.
Please let Thelma know by 10th Dec @
0273267302. Sounds like a great day out!

Cadets final parades and prize giving -

Talisman Sea Cadets - Tues 16 Dec 1830

Army Cadets - 2 Dec 1845 Army Offices

Air Cadets - 10 Dec near the Airport

HAPPY HOLIDAYS EVERYONE

RSA Christmas BBQ - 17 Dec 4pm -? Come one
come all to the club rooms

LEST WE FORGET

Remembrance

Support

Advocacy

Tom Sherwood Ltd our new Accounting firm

Jan's Hairdressing - Unique Hair Design

On Nayland road - Special rates for RSA members and their partners

Text Jan on 0272705860 to book an appointment



Special friends of our Bowls teams



Your RSA membership card offers various discounts in these retailers :

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| BMC Lawyers | Melo Yelo E-bikes |
| Flagmakers | Big Shield Outdoor cleaners |
| Heartland Bank | Thrifty Car rental |
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| Babich Wines | Senior Move Management |
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