



Hauraki News

“Whaka tangata kia kaha”

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President's Report

I have returned from a trip to Cambodia where I met my friend Terry. We were in Phnom Penh in 1975 just before the take over by the Khmer Rouge. This was in effect the end of my “adventures” in Indochina. After 35 years the only thing from my era not changed was the Control Tower at the Airport. Just as you would expect returning to any place after a long absence’. Cambodia is a little different, having lost one third of their population. But that is another story. The reason of this story is for YOU to reflect on and consider the following:

Have YOU served with the Hauraki's during conflicts or been on a Tour of Duty, Exercise, Annual Camp, and Training Courses or even told stories in the bar. Have YOU written those stories down, taken photos or are YOU willing to tell your bar stories with a tape recorder running. If any of the above, please contact me so I can publish them in the “Hauraki News”. Even if YOU were not serving with the Hauraki at the time, your story will be most welcome.

A couple of years ago the SAS sent a small group around the country to record ex SAS members stories, The main emphasis was what members had done since leaving the unit, I do not intend to run around the country, but I have been given a Digital Voice Recorder. I now have a new challenge to be able to operate it, The Hauraki Regiment being a Volunteer Unit, as compared to SAS which is mainly a Regular Army, has many interesting people who have made up the unit over the years, everyone brings & retains a different skill. YOU have had many “adventures”, before serving with, since leaving or while serving with the Hauraki Regiment. We, as other members of the fraternity know as a “Hauraki”, would love tell hear YOUR stories and see your photos.

At a recent visit the the Opotiki Cemetery, I came across the grave site of Ken Hudson GC, It is not in good repair, I believe the Association should be part of a project to correct that. (see Project below)

I am continuity upgrading up the web page. At present I have utilized only 25% of it capacity. When it is full I believe it will be able give you a view of our Regiment, To get on the web site "google" **6haurakiassoc.org.nz** & look for 6 Hauraki Association. A number of people do not have computers or are on the military net, I suggest you make friends of someone who has a computer or try the library.

Kia Kaha
Des Anderson

I'll bet you are Deaf

Many of you will be receiving a War Disability Pension for Hearing loss. This is fine but only gives you between 0% and 30% Pension.

It is the aim of RNZRSA to get your Pensions increased to 70% or more. The reason we want to do this is to protect your Spouse in the event of your Death. We would like to put more money in your pocket too of course.

A War Disability Pension at 70% or more automatically entitles your Wife/Partner to a Surviving Spouse Pension which is currently being paid at \$138.12 per week. It also entitles your Wife/Partner to a Funeral Grant.

Veterans Pension, once you have achieved the 70% requirement you are able to transfer from NZ Super to a Veterans Pension. This has a number of advantages for example, if you are hospitalised for more than 13 weeks your Veterans Pension does not stop like NZ Super does.

How do we get you to 70%? At present there are over 70 different Medical conditions that may be attributed to War Service. I think it would be fair to say that each of you has one or more of these conditions. How do you feel about that?

Here is just a few you may have, Anxiety disorder, Arthritis, Blood Pressure, Peripheral Artery Disease, Lumbar Spondylosis, Heart Disorders, Skin Cancers, Diabetes Type II, Cataracts, Emphysema and so the list goes on. Many of these conditions are related to Smoking. If you smoked during service your claim for these conditions will be more favourably looked at. The Government through Veterans Affairs has taken the responsibility for your Smoking.

If you do not have a War Disability Pension or you have one and it needs to be reviewed please see your local RSA Pensions Adviser as soon as you can. These procedures cost you nothing except a visit to your own General Practitioner and that cost is reimbursed by VANZ.

Ray Terrill, District Pensions and Welfare Advisor RNZRSA

About medals - Did you know??

Many readers of the Hauraki News may not be aware that NZDF still have medals just waiting for you (or the family) to apply for them. There are no charges associated with these medals – but you do need to apply for them as we lose track of ex service people very quickly once they have retired. Two examples of medals that are commonly not fully claimed are:

The New Zealand Operational Service Medal. (NZOSM) (see the image attached)

Almost every ex-serviceman and woman who has had a NZDF operational campaign medal issued since 3 September 1945 will probably qualify for this medal. It was brought in to the NZDF medal range in August 2002 and many Korea, Malaya, Borneo and Vietnam veterans have never applied for it. Many UN deployments will also qualify for this medal. We have issued about 20,000 medals so far. We estimate around 20,000 NZOSM medals are still to be issued.

Please note this medal is only for service with NZDF – service in other countries forces will NOT qualify for this medal.

If you see veteran wearing medals but without this medal – check it out with the Medals Office team, or in the case of deceased personnel – speak with the family – they retain an entitlement even though he/she may have died.

New Zealand Service Medal 1946-49 (known as the J Force medal)

(see the image attached)

Around 10,000 men and women of all services served as members of the Commonwealth Force in Japan between 1946 and 1949. Many J Force veterans are still unaware that they may qualify for this medal. If they do not already have for other service, they will probably also qualify for the NZ Operational Service Medal as well.

The requirements are simple:

- Posted to J Force
- A minimum period of service of 28 days
- Between September 1946 to 31 March 1949.

Again we have only issued about half of the medals to those estimated to qualify.

If you think that you – (or a deceased family member) may qualify for either of these medals, please write to:

The Medals Office
Headquarters New Zealand Defence Force
Private Bag 905
UPPER HUTT 5140

Any questions can also be directed by e-mail to: medals.so@nzdf.mil.nz



Des

In the next edition of your news letter can you put out a request for annual camp locations and the year the camp was held? I want to build up a chronological list of 6 Hau camp locations and members may be able to assist.

Russell Skeet
Editor Kia Kaha

You must have many reflections, stories & photos of this era. Please send them in for the next Hauraki News.

Last Post

McGougan Ken

Ken Mc Gougan from Whakatane. A long time Hauraki passed away last week.

Bristowe H. M. [Sugar]; a popular cadre NCO

Can YOU send me an obituary so I can inset it in the next newsletter?

Hospital

Des

Thank you for being such a truly great friend (over all these years), particularly thru my recent health tribulations.

I really appreciated the warmth of true Hauraki Brotherhood also while I was in hospital, from visits from yourself and other Association members.

I will always keep the card full of good wishes as proof that camaraderie is still alive and well in the 21st Century

Thank you again &

God Bless us all

Kia kaha

Bruce Beckett

Library

The Tauranga RSA ha generously loaned to the Association a large number of Military books & three book cabinets.

At present they are held in the UPF store awaiting room in the club to be made vacant

Museum



Take a look at this!

By the time I publish the next newsletter it will be replaced by the new “sports cabinet”.

Merchandise

There are still some items for sale. I.e.4 sets of cuff links, brought for the 100th

Hauraki Ties a limited number have been purchased selling at \$40.00

Hauraki Plaque, This is a special "mothers of pearl" a limited number of 20 has been purchased. Cost Association members \$40.00, and to others \$60.00.

Baseball cap, (a cap with a Hauraki Badge on the front) a limited number have been purchased \$20.00, selling fast.

There are a limited number of Hauraki coins left. Cost \$15.00 for association members. \$20.00 for non members Plus postage

Garrison Club

With the help of the associate members the people using the bar has increased. Or is because “Bob is back”!

Donations

As the Association is now registered as a charity you can have a one third of any donations deducted off your taxes. The Secretary will send you a registered receipt for any donations. It is suggested a donation be no less than an annual membership.

If you wish to direct credit to our bank account:

Westpac 03-0435-0509893-001. Reference – (Your name)

Movies at the Garrison

The second Friday of the month.

Rice & curry available at a small cost

Remember show starts at 7pm sharp. Bring a mate. Gold coin donation goes to the Hauraki Museum.

Hugh has not given the movie schedule but will send it a week or two before viewing.

The movie & curry night donates about \$100.00 a month towards the museum. Thanks to all attend. Not only do you have a hot meal, enjoyed with great company, watch a “great” movie and wash it down with cheep drinks, but help our museum.

Projects

While at the Unveiling of the Memorials for Millie and Howie James, in Opotiki I discovered the grave site of Ken Hudson GC. (Millie is Jim Taia's sister and Howie is his brother in law).

Jim and I agreed the grave site was not befitting of a George Cross winner and a Hauraki. The Association should be the platform of correcting this situation.

I have asked and received permission from your committee. I have also approached the Cadet Units within the Hauraki Area, many who now carry out maintenance of RSA grave sites as community duties in their own area. Capt Trevor Ramsfield, NZCF, Unit Commander of the Opotiki Cadet Unit has agreed to make this the unit's project. Trevor will liaise with the Opotiki College, from where the unit gains its cadets.

Jim is liaising with the Opotiki RSA and the Opotiki Council who own the cemetery. Jim will also liaise with Ken's widow (who has remarried) and members of the extended family.

Ken and Jim were both served in the Hauraki Regiment in the early 60's. They both enlisted into the 1st Bn RNZIR on the same day in May 1961. Their military lives crossed many times mainly involving the NZSAS. Jim recalls the time he had Ken "in his sights", on an exercise in 1964 in the Southern Alps. Jim was with the SAS at the time; Ken was still in the Infantry. Ken joined the NZSAS in about 1966; I had left the unit by then, so had never met Ken.

By the time YOU read this article, the project I anticipate will be up and running. I seek your approval to proceed under the umbrella of the 6th Battalion (Hauraki) Association Incorporated.

Kia Kaha

"Once a Hauraki always a Hauraki"





Murray Ken Hudson GC (24 February 1938–13 February 1974), was a Sergeant with the Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment who lost his life when trying to protect soldiers under his command at Waiouru Military Camp in New Zealand. He was awarded the George Cross posthumously on October 11, 1974

Born in Opotiki in the Bay of Plenty, where he attended Opotiki College. Murray Hudson enlisted in the **6 (Hauraki) Battalion Regiment**. In 1961, Murray Hudson joined the Regular Force and served two years with 1RNZIR in Malaya. In 1966, Murray Hudson joined the NZSAS where he served in Borneo during the Malaysia / Indonesia Confrontation. Murray Hudson was posted to 1RNZIR as a Sergeant where he served in Singapore, Murray Hudson served in Vietnam with V Company. In 1971 Murray Hudson was posted to 7th (Wellington/Hawke Bay) Battalion, RNZIR.

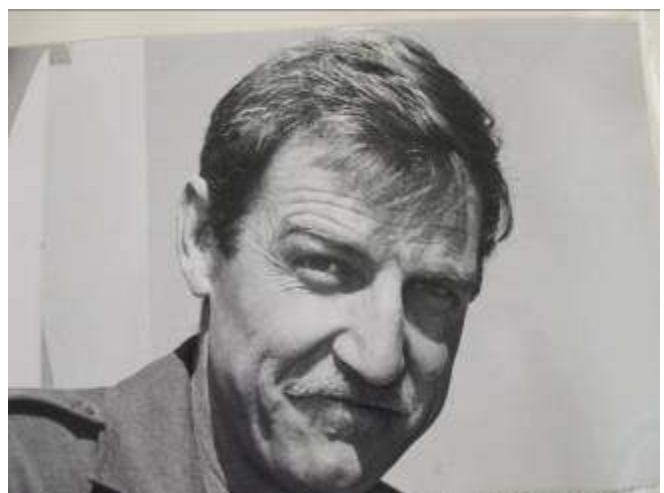
While training in Waiouru on 13 February 1974, Sergeant Hudson was awarded a posthumous George Cross for attempting to assist a soldier who froze while conducting a live grenade exercise. Both soldiers were killed when the grenade exploded.

Scrap book

Regular Force cadre staff from the 80's.



Charlie Fong



Terry O'Neil



Steve Freeman



John Furey

Social Events

Past events

The shooting day was held at Coster's Farm on Sunday 24th January 2010
Followed by Luncheon at the Kaimai Restaurant
The following are some of the happy events.



Setting up the targets



The three wise men



A selection of weapons



Simon says.....

The real three wise men



I am the one running the show



The seniors NEED supervision



The kids' only need direction



Transport supplied by Dave Cross



is that bullet proof?

Up coming events

Luncheon at Merhaba, the Strand, Tauranga

Sunday 18th April 2010

Time 1230hrs

Join us for a Mediterranean Cuisine and a wine.



BREADS & STARTERS

Homemade Garlic Bread	6.50
Turkish Bread & Dips	9.50
Soup of the Day	T.B.A
Chef's daily special – please ask your waitperson	
Sigara Boregi	11.00
Filo cigars rolled with potato, feta, mushroom & parsley, served with hummus & salsa	
Seasoned Wedges	11.50
Served with bacon, cheese & sour cream	

LIGHT MEALS

Turkish Wrap	12.50
A choice of chicken, lamb, mixed or falafel, all with salad – one size only with a choice of 2 sauces – mild chilli, hot chilli, garlic yoghurt, BBQ, mayonnaise or satay	
Baked Potato	12.50
Whole baked potato, baked in a clay dish & topped with your choice of either:	
-Ham, pineapple & cheese; or	
-Bacon, spring onion, cheese & sour cream; or	
-Spicy Mexican beans, sour cream & guacamole; or	
-Guacamole, red onion, tomato & cheese.	
Extra toppings - \$2 each	
Greek Salad	13.50
Tomato, cucumber, capsicum, red onion, olives, feta, parsley & lemon vinaigrette	
Vegetable Fritters	15.50
Grilled vegetable fritters served with salad, avocado, tomato & aioli	
Chicken Cashew Salad	16.50
Chicken tossed with mesclun, grilled banana, cashew nuts & honey mustard dressing	
Merhaba Iskender	16.50
Grilled, diced lamb or chicken served on rice with green salad, with a choice of 2 sauces – mild chilli, hot chilli, garlic yoghurt, BBQ, mayonnaise or satay	
Calamari	16.50
Crispy salt & pepper calamari, served on salad greens with aioli & lemon	
Mussels	16.50
Chef's daily special – please ask your waitperson	

BURGERS & SANDWICHES

Vege Burger	13.50
Chickpea & vegetable patty, tomato, avocado & plum sauce on a burger bun, served with fries	
Fish Burger	14.50
Crumbed fish fillet, lettuce, tomato & tartare sauce on a burger bun, served with fries	
Cajun Chicken Burger	16.50
Cajun chicken breast, bacon, avocado, tomato & garlic aioli on toasted Turkish bread, served with fries	
Open Steak Sandwich	17.50
Char-grilled steak on Turkish bread, served with green salad & fries	

PASTA & PIZZA

Chicken Fettuccini	15.50
With mushrooms, tossed in a creamy basil sauce	
Penne Carbonara	15.50
Italian penne pasta with bacon & mushrooms, tossed in a creamy garlic sauce	
Merhaba Pizza	20.50
Bbq chicken, banana, spring onion & mango chutney, served with sour cream	
Honey Cured Ham Pizza	20.50
Ham, pineapple, mushroom & tomato	
Spiced Pepperoni Pizza	20.50
Pepperoni, roasted red pepper, onion jam & camembert	
Mediterranean Pizza	20.50
Spinach, olives, sun-dried tomato, feta	

SIDE ORDERS

Side Salad	6.00
Fries	6.00

Please advise Marion or me if you intend coming.

News from the Regiment



Reservist of the year held in Wellington 12 December 2009.
6 Hau Bn Gp was represented by Cpl Vern Eruera



Watch this way for a perfect demonstration...."

A demo squad shows "stacking" techniques to troops prior to dry Room Clearing rehearsals.

From left: Pte Bell, Cpl Gillies, Cpl Katu and Cpl Samuel.

Note: Pte Bell was promoted the same afternoon to LCpl by the CO, Lt.Col Sewell.



Bob giving instructions?



Corporal Mark Binney, centre, was promoted to Sergeant in November after the Armistice Day service in Cambridge. At the conclusion of the service, CPL Binney and the cenotaph firing party were addressed by the Commanding Officer 6 Hauraki Battalion Group, Lieutenant Colonel Julian Sewell. The Chief of Army, Major General Rhys Jones presented SGT Binney with his rank.



Where have you been?

Dave congratulations on your award.



RECOGNISED: Wolkra Prison officers, from left, Geoff Perkins, Jim Tani, Diána Vipond, Ofie Plus, David Galvin and Kevin Broadford, with their Corrections Department Chief Executive Special Commendation Awards and Corrections chief executive Barry Matthews, centre.

Photo: PETER COLLINS

Prison guards honoured for saving lives

Nicola Brennan

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Two Waikeria prison guards who saved a man's life after he collapsed while being sentenced in Hamilton District Court were yesterday honoured for their actions.

Senior corrections officer David Galvin and officer Ollie Pua were two of six Waikeria officers to be the first to receive the Chief Executive's Special Commendation Award – brought

in just last year. The other officers included Kevin Beresford and Geoff Palacio, who while off-duty helped a police officer being chased down the main road of Otorohanga by an offender.

And officers Diane Vipond and Jim Tane stopped an offender who tried to escape from a Hamilton District Court room, knocking down the police prosecutor in the process.

All the incidents occurred at the end of 2007.

Mr Galvin said he and Ms Pua were either side of an offender being sentenced in Hamilton District Court when the man collapsed. They checked his vital signs and, realising there was no pulse, gave CPR until paramedics arrived.

Corrections chief executive Barry Matthews said the man was taken to hospital and was alive today because of their actions.

"It was the first time I'd ever done CPR," Mr Galvin said. "You

always sort of think 'what would I do?' But when it came down to it I didn't think, I just acted."

Mr Galvin said there were no words to describe how he felt about saving another man's life. The pair caught up with the man again when he returned to serve his sentence at Waikeria. "He was very grateful. He received some brain damage and suffers memory loss, but he's alive."

Mr Galvin was thankful for his award, but said it was in

recognition of the whole department not just him.

Mr Palacio said he and Mr Beresford didn't hesitate when they saw an officer in trouble.

"It's just the thing we do in Otorohanga. We look after each other."

They were in town separately when a guy began "smashing up" the Westpac bank window. A police officer arrived, but the man chased him down the road with a chair. They stepped in and helped subdue the man.

Cambodia airport in 1975. Waiting for passengers to get onboard... Another day at the office!



Buy me rum at the club and I will tell you about Cambodia. Make it a double and I will include Vietnam. A triple will reveal the "secret war in Laos" !

Des



Phnom Penh International Airport, 2010. The Air traffic control center the only building that has not changed. Des as a tourist?

Cadets

Hauraki Experience is to continue under Lt Col Julian Sewell, A copy of an email sent to Cadet Unit Commanders in the Hauraki AO.

From my perspective I don't see any shift from my position that I've stated from the outset, in that there are at least three things that are important:

1. That 6 Hau strengthens its relationship with the NZCF
2. 6 Hau & Cadets work together when there is mutual benefit for both organisations
3. I offer cadet officer development opportunities as and when appropriate

Only the Defence Review and/or my Commander's direction will shift me at this point. What I did ask of the NZCC was for more information, namely the level of detail required of 6 Hau to support the programmed weekends. This is where we get some clarity about costs and mutual benefit. Perhaps you could pursue this for me?

I have programmed Ex HAURAKI EXPERIENCE over the period 4-10 July 2010. The difference is that this will be supported by my Junior Leaders' Development Programme, which is owned by my RSM. This is how I gain value from the ex. It will require some effort from both parties to make it work, but I am seeking a step-change from previous years. So, I hope cadets will join to that as I expect it will make for better outcomes over the years ahead.

All the best
CO 6 Hau

What do cadets do at Hauraki Experience?

Activities which have been held in the past Hauraki Experience include Abseiling, Rock Climbing, River Crossing, Navigation, Camp craft, RATEL, Cas Evac, Search & Rescue, Outdoor Survival, Concourse, .22 & Styer Shoots, WETS, Drill, Dress & Bearing and visits to the Marae, Museum and the various Corps in Waiouru.

The key outcomes of the above activities for cadets have be building self confidence through challenges that push boundaries and building teamwork by creating situations where cadets have to work together. Secondary to this but no less important is Education, Competitiveness and Leadership opportunities.

How does the Association assist the cadets?

The Association has obtained a Sword that is presented to the “Top Cadet”, (see below)

The Association has assisted in the acquisition of trophies and suitably engraves those trophies and hold the trophies in safe keeping at the Hauraki Association Museum.

The Association has given winning cadets prizes. In recent years the Association has purchased copies of “Comrades Brave” as the prizes.

When funds are available the Association has given grants to Cadet Units.

The Association has run a letter writing competition with the theme beeing “Hourours of the Hauraki Regiment”. Cash prizes were awarded.



Sword presentation

Preamble:

To enhance the profile of the commitment of the Association towards the Cadet Units within the Hauraki Area of Operations, the Association presents a sword to the top cadet at a Hauraki sponsored exercise.

Participant:

Any Cadet from the Hauraki AO who has completed the Hauraki Regiment exercise. The cadet may be of any rank and hold the appointment of an Instructor, SNCO, JNCO or Cadet.

Judge:

The OC of the Hauraki Regiment conducting the exercise and or any Hauraki Regiment soldier the OC may request to assist in the task. Serving Cadet Officers, supplementary staff or any other Cadet is to have no input into the results.

Conditions of winning:

The ideal winner would be a Cadet who could become “Hauraki” soldier.

This could be:

- a. Leadership ability.
- b. Drill
- c. Military knowledge
- d. Skill in the tasks assigned
- e. Dress and bearing
- f. Knowledge and understanding of the Hauraki Regiment and it traditions.

Presentation:

The Hauraki Association is to be acknowledged for their contribution.

It would be expected the OC would give a written citation to the winner of the award.

The Sword:

The sword is a New Zealand Public School Cadet issue. The sword will be mounted on a suitable board and held in the Hauraki Regiment Association Museum. The winners rank, name, unit and year of winning, will be suitably engraved onto the board.

The Winner:

The winner of the trophy will receive a suitable memento. As the Hauraki Regiment does not have a budget to cover any of these incidentals, it is anticipated the Hauraki Association will set aside an amount to cover these costs.

On Thursday the 10th of December, **Western Bay of Plenty Cadet Unit** had their annual prize giving in which cadets were rewarded with their efforts for the year. Some of the trophies awarded were for 'Drill and Discipline', 'Outdoor Pursuits', 'The Best Junior NCO', 'The Best Senior NCO', and 'Dedication to the Unit' to name a few. The Commanding Office of 6 Hauraki Battalion, Lt.Col J Sewell inspected the cadets and commented on their high standard of dress and spoke on teamwork and the importance of cadet in today's society. Mayor Stuart Crosby of Tauranga also was impressed by the high standard and also commended the cadets for their efforts. The parade was followed by light refreshments and a slide show of the year's events displayed on a projector to show the guests what the cadets had been up to over the year. A more exciting training programme is planned for next year with more outdoor activities planned.



Western Bay of Plenty Cadet Unit with Lt.Col J Sewell (CO 6 Hauraki Battalion), Mayor Stuart Crosby of Tauranga, Squadron Leader T Young (Unit Commander) and Des Anderson (Chairman of the Support Committee).

About WBOPCU

Western Bay of Plenty Cadet Unit is part of the New Zealand Cadet Forces.

We are a youth organisation based in Tauranga that conducts training with a military flavour.



We conduct a variety of Training courses and exercises in the local Tauranga area. Cadets also have to the opportunity to attend courses all over the country.

About the NZCF

The New Zealand Cadet Forces are controlled by the New Zealand Defence Force. They co-ordinate and organise the courses and qualifications that cadets can achieve.

The NZCF comprises of three cores:

- The New Zealand Cadet Corps
- The Air Training Corps
- The Sea Cadet Corps

Where are we?



We are located on the corner of 11th Ave and Devonport Road in the Tauranga Army Hall.

Contact Us

It is usually best to contact us via email:

admin@wbopcu.org.nz

—or—

webmaster@wbopcu.org.nz

For the officer in charge of recruiting:

2LT M Crewshaw
021 336 719

Western Bay of Plenty Cadet Unit



Training the youth of today for tomorrow

Information Brochure

Training

Cadet Corps training activities include the following:

- Weapons Training and Range Shooting
- Bushcraft and campcraft
- Survival
- Navigation
- Leadership
- General Service Training
- Drill and Ceremonial
- Radio and Communications
- First Aid

Theory training is conducted in the classroom with practical exercises on camps and exercises.



Courses

As a cadet in the New Zealand Cadet Forces, you will gain experiences that other youth will not have access to. These include:

- Leadership Training Courses
- Outdoor Leader Courses
- Army Experience Courses

You don't pay for these courses.



Some of these courses even come with qualifications that you can use in your career or give you additional experience if you decide that you want to join the New Zealand Defence Force.

Fees

Fee for cadets are \$80 for the year or \$20 per term.

For the first year, there is an additional:

\$10 for a name tag

\$10 for stationary

\$35 for a unit shirt (which you keep)

How to join

Turn up on Thursdays at 6:20pm at the Tauranga Army Hall. This is located on the corner of 11th Ave and Devonport Road.

An Officer will go through with you in detail what cadets do and how to get started. There is then a four week period to get settled in and decide whether cadets is right for you. If you're keen to stay, we'll start the process of getting you a uniform and you're on your way.



PATRIOTS DEFENCE FORCE MOTORCYCLE CLUB

Ribbon Ride rolls in



Patriots MC sergeant and arms Shane Henry and Hauraki chapter president Graham Petch.

The White Ribbon Ride rolls into Tauranga on Thursday, November 26 and organisers are offering the chance for local motorbike riders to join the ride.

An expected 100 bikes will be welcomed by Mayor Stuart Crosby in Mid-City Mall at 4.00pm, before travelling to the Tauranga Bridge Marina car park.

The ride is part of the White Ribbon Campaign condemning violence against women.

"This is a terrific opportunity for our community to stand up and show that they will not condone violence to women and children," says Tauranga safe city coordinator Michael Mills.

"In our community, and right around New Zealand, there is a growing intolerance of violence. White Ribbon Day is an opportunity to ensure that our community understands that

violence is not okay."

Leadership for the ride is being provided by the Super Maori Fullas and the Patriots Motorcycle Club. The Patriots are former and current New Zealand Defence Force personnel.

Patriots member and leader of the south wind group Shane Henry says riders are welcome to join in for any or all sections of the ride from Wellington. The south wind group travels up from Taupo via Rotorua to Tauranga. The East wind is travelling via Napier Gisborne and Opoitiki, and the west wind via New Plymouth. The north wind is travelling straight up SH1.

The bikes have to be 250cc or bigger, road legal, and riders pay their own costs and keep within the road rules.

"If they want to join us, register on site www.whiteribbon.org.nz," says Shane.

"The registration cost is a can of food for women's refuge.

"They can ride for an hour, eight hours, or come all the way from Wellington.

"New Zealand is seen as a peace-keeping nation and our members have a background of serving their country. Now we want to play a part in reducing violence in our own neck of the woods and we're proud to support the White Ribbon Ride.

"We hope that by taking part in this ride, our bikes will reach people in a new way," says Shane.

The four rides merge at ASB Bank Stadium in Auckland on 27 November. From there it is expected about 1000 riders will travel together to Bream Bay, Whangarei.

To take part in the ride, simply visit and enter the 'meet and greet' location where you would like to join the ride and follow the instructions.

White Ribbon Day is an international day stemming from the murder of 14 women in Canada.



Patriots AGM held in Taupo

RHODESIAN SERVICES ASSOCIATION



Colin the Curry Cook



Guess who is first in the queue for curry?

UPCOMING EVENTS

2010

February

5th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
9th	Tuesday	1900 hrs	Garrison Club	Committee Meeting
12th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
			Hauraki	
12th	Friday	1900 hrs	Museum	MOVIES
19th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
25th		Newsletter printed & posted		
26th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Finger Food

March

5th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
9th	Tuesday	1900 hrs	Garrison Club	Committee Meeting
12th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
			Hauraki	
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April

2nd	Friday	1800 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
9th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
			Hauraki	
9th	Friday	1900 hrs	Museum	MOVIES
13th	Tuesday	1900 hrs	Garrison Club	Committee Meeting
16th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
18th	Sunday	1230 hrs	Merhaba	Luncheon
23rd	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
25th	Sunday	Dawn	ANZAC Day	
30th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Finger Food

May

7th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
11th	Tuesday	1900 hrs	Garrison Club	Committee Meeting
14th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
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14th	Friday	1900 hrs	Museum	MOVIES
20th		Newsletter printed & posted		
21st	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
28th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Finger Food

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