



## Hauraki News

“Whaka tangata kia kaha”

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### President's Report

The Commanding Officer has written an introduction, to the Association Members. With 100 years since the start of WW1, this coming ANZAC Day will be a major event around New Zealand. The members would be interested in how the ANZAC Day was in your region. Please forward some articles & photos, for inclusion into the May issue of the Hauraki News.

In Tauranga region, the Mount Maunganui RSA and the Tauranga RSA are having their own separate dawn services, and then combining for a civic parade at the Tauranga Domain.

I have received a number of articles and photos from many members, thank you for the assistance. Only a limited number of photos are in the printed version of the Hauraki News. More articles and photos in the PDF version, and then send the Newsletter out to the members. Later I place more article and photos on to the website, so you can see them at your leisure.

The Committee is intending to have small informal get together at such places like the Waihi Beach RSA, for lunch. Under this plan, if you can attend an event, please advice. If not this time maybe the next time. It is the intention to have events in different areas. If you have a suggestion of a venue, please advice, anything will be considered.

The 3 ANR Association has invited us to join in their Annual dinner on Saturday 7 March 2015. It is our intention to co ordinate with 3ANR Association when ever we can.

It has been suggested the Hauraki News places a “where are they now” article. If you would like to find some one, drop me a line.

Until the May edition.

Kia Kaha

Des Anderson

## CO 3/6 RNZIR - LTCOL Oily Te Ua

Tena koutou. Ko Hikurangi te Maunga, ko Waiapu te awa, ko Ngati Porou te Iwi.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the members of the 6th Hauraki Association.

My first attempt to join 6th Hauraki Battalion was in 1992 as a student at Waikato University. Demand to join was high and places were limited and I was put on a year long waiting list. Not wanting to delay joining the Army, and having a couple of flat mates who had joined the Guns, I joined 4 (G) Mdm Battery and thoroughly enjoyed my service with the Royal Regiment. I have also held a range of other positions such as a Recruiting Officer, Adjutant of the Combat Battalion, Auckland Northland Regiment and a very satisfying role training officer cadets. I have completed two operational tours: East Timor in 2002 in a Civil Military Affairs role and to HQ ISAF in Kabul as a Team Leader/Liaison Officer in 2009.

It is my great pleasure to take command of 3/6 RNZIR with effect from 7 December last year. The Charter/handover parade went smoothly in outstanding weather. I'd like to acknowledge one of the 6th Hauraki Battalion stalwarts, Capt (Rtd) Peter Bos MBE, who attended the parade as a guest of mine and quickly slotted back into familiar habits in the bar latter on that evening.

My main effort as CO is training soldiers and officers to achieve BLOC – basic level of competence. The basic level of competence is defined through a list of tasks that the team have to qualify on such as passing an Required Fitness Level test, the Battler Efficiency Test, and qualifying on a range of weapons systems.

Last weekend I visited our Infantry Module One training that was conducted in the bush near Minginui. 24 soldiers undertook the training including soldiers from different RF units. Under the guidance of the TWO this training was well planned and well executed. I sat in on the patrol debriefs and was pleased with the standard of debriefs from the Patrol Commanders and Patrol members and the basic soldier skills they learnt from this training.

ANZAC Day is quickly looming on the horizon. As you'd expect the Battalion is inundated with requests for support from many organisations. These are all being managed centrally in Wellington with tasks coming back to the RSM to de-conflict on the ground.

With effect from 1 April this year Captain Vince Copeland will assume command of Hauraki Company from Major Dave Bickner. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Major Dave for his service to the Battalion and welcome Captain Vince back into the Battalion.

My focus over the next month is to work with my command team to draft the Battalion training programme for the 2015/16 year. This weekend I will attend the Formation Command Conference in Waiouru and also support the 3/6 team in the Annual Army Shooting Competition.

Yours Aye

O.W. Te Ua  
Lieutenant Colonel  
Commanding Officer  
3/6 RNZIR

*Sisit Prudentia/Pour Devoir/Whakatangata Kia Kaha*

## New Year Honours list 2015

Mr Gregory John Dickson, of Tauranga. For services to the cargo logistics industry.

**MNZM**

## New Year Honours list: Greg Dickson

**MNZM**



Photo / Andrew Warner

Under Greg Dickson's leadership, one of New Zealand's largest nationwide waterfront cargo logistics companies has grown substantially and is now a large employer in the country.

Mr Dickson has today been recognised for his service to the cargo logistics industry and has been named a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit. Mr Dickson had been the managing director of ISO since 1997 and under his leadership it had grown to be a substantial New Zealand company.

Mr Dickson said the honour was humbling.

"I am pretty humbled because I'm just one guy at the front of a very capable team."

He hoped the honour would be shared throughout the team. "I'm very humbled but quite excited too that people have recognised the business and my part in it."

ISO is a multi-faceted service provider in logistics and IT solutions, providing services in ports throughout New Zealand and in Australia.

It handles close to 15 million tonnes of cargo annually and has won awards for excellence, Mr Dickson said.

In 2011, ISO built a new modular loading stand and was awarded the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport in New Zealand award for Safety, Security and Environmental Innovation.

- Bay of Plenty Times

## **Former Hauraki Officer Recognised In New Year Honours List 2015**



Mr Roma Ruruku Hippolite, of Keilor, Australia. For services to Māori and health.

### **MNZM**

Retired Hauraki Officer; Roma Hippolite, has been made a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit (MNZM) for services to Māori and health.

Roma helped steer a way through complex negotiations for top of the South Is. Iwi to settle Treaty of Waitangi claims, he is also recognised for his services to Maori health, including contributing as a member of the Nelson Marlborough District Health Board, a founding member of the Nelson Tasman Primary Health Organisation and chairing Te Rau Matatini, set up to develop a workforce across the Maori health and disability sectors.

In learning of his honour, Roma saw his work as just one of the team, "I thought I was just doing my job," he said.

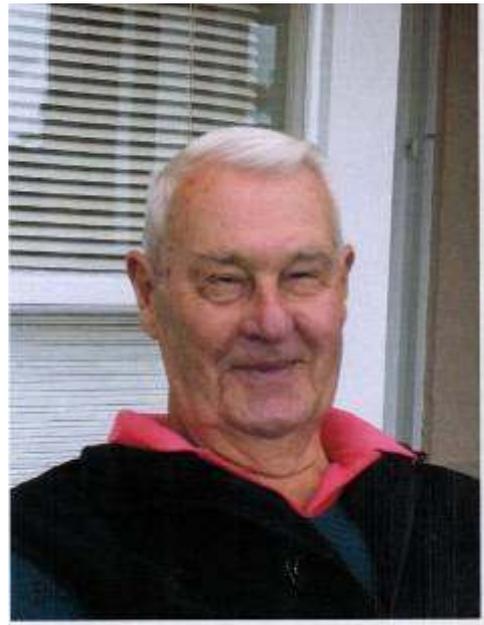
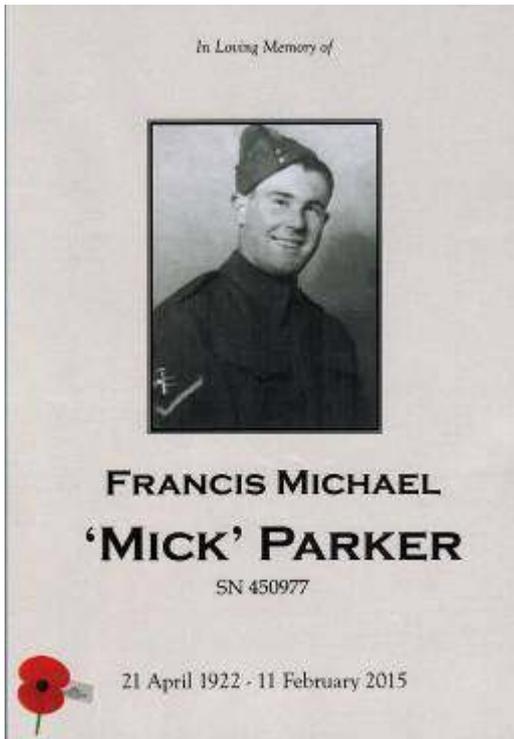
Roma now lives in Melbourne with his wife, Robyn, and works in market research broking. But he says "Nelson will always be home".

I am sure I speak of behalf of all Hauraki, when I say  
"Congratulations Roma, "Whakatangata Kia Kaha....ONWARD"

*Garry Ellis*

{Some text extracts are from the Nelson Mail, Photos from Facebook files}

## Obituaries



One night a man had a dream  
He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the Lord  
Across the sky flashed scenes from his life  
From each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand;  
One belonged to him, and the other to the Lord.

When the last scene of his life flashed before him,  
He looked back at the footprints in the sand.  
He noticed that many times along the path of his  
Life there was only one set of footprints  
He also noticed that it happened at the very  
Lowest and saddest times in his life.

This really bothered him and he questioned the Lord about it.  
"Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you,  
you would walk with me all the way,  
but I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life,  
there is only one set of footprints.  
I don't understand why when  
I needed you most you would leave me."

The Lord replied, "My precious, precious child,  
I love you and would never leave you.  
During your times of trial and suffering, when you  
see only one set of footprints,  
it was then that I carried you."

## Letters to the Editor



Photograph; 1917 Route March. Hauraki Regiment Collection ref. 194/12/93.



## At Dawn on ANZAC Day

In peaceful tranquil graveyards  
At dawn on ANZAC day,  
Light silhouettes the headstones:  
As if on parade.

They are marked by the fernleaf  
Ours who died across the sea,  
Thousands of proud kiwis:  
They died to set men free.

In a small country township  
At dawn on ANZAC day,  
The people come to remember:  
To hear the piper play.

They never shall forget those  
Who sailed across the sea,  
From backblocks, town and city:  
They stepped 'ONWARD' to set men free.

In a small proud nation  
At dawn on ANZAC day,  
The people step onward, to remember:  
To hear the last post play.

They never shall forget those  
Who died across the sea,  
From peaceful, tranquil Islands:  
They fell to set men free.

Peter Leslie

Hi Des,

I have just finished the successful project to commemorate the Christmas Truce story (or Snoopys Christmas as it is known). Many churches mentioned it in their services, there were several football games, education in schools and reasonable media coverage. It was a very significant event in the centenary of WW1 that was hard to market at first and should not have been left to just me to organize - but I was pleased to have done so.

My latest project is to present Belgian flags to RSA's and other commemoration organisations in NZ. The reasons:

- (1) Belgium is the closest link to NZ in our war history. We went to WW1 to protect the neutral country of Belgium as if the Germans had conquered Belgium, the UK would have been an easy step.
- (2) Most of our fighting was in Belgium. It was the new home for our boys and sadly for many, their last.
- (3) The majority of our war dead still lie in Belgium (over 5,000) - but that figure is debatable as many died in Flanders which had part of it in France at that time. Another statistical problem - many

were mortally wounded in Belgium but were taken to safer French dressing stations where they actually died. Did therefore they die in Belgium or France? They were certainly killed in action in Belgium, making that figure much higher out of the 12,000 who died in Flanders. By the way 2,700 died at Gallipoli and mainly of disease not combat - an interesting comparison given we only ever hear of Gallipoli and rarely of Flanders. We even mistakenly call the Poppy an "Anzac" Poppy..

(4) Belgium is the country of NZ's worst disaster - Passchendaele.

(5) The Belgians still to this day are more than grateful for NZ's efforts and losses. They have a commonly used expression "the Belgians have not forgotten". The Menin Gate ceremony each night is testimony to that. Sadly it is NZ that has forgotten. Wherever I went around Belgium it was always "thankyou thankyou thankyou".

(6) It is important we start a new bond with Belgium as they are looking after the majority of our fallen.

Why hasn't the Belgium flag been used in our commemorations in the past? 2 reasons

(1) The NZ RSA has preferred to fly the Australian flag in the mistaken belief all our fighting was in one with the Australians - in the same way NZ later copied Aussie in having dawn services when it was Australia that landed at dawn and not us!

(2) The fear that the Belgium flag if flown the wrong way will look like the German flag & the ignorance that it is the Waikato flag.

I enclose a pic of myself and Bob Davis presenting the first flag to the Timaru RSA. Des, I will pass on some poems I have written at a later date.

from **Gavin Marriott JP**

Christchurch 3483224 NZ 0274483224.

member of The International Military Music Society & Passchendaele Society NZ.



**FORMER COMMANDING OFFICERS**



## News from the Regiment



26 February 2015

### **EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR**

The Mount Maunganui branch of Mr Shelf was chosen as the 'Employer of the Year' by the Bay of Plenty Regional Employer Support Committee (the regional support committee of the Territorial Forces Employer Support Council – TFESC) during a presentation on Thursday 26 February.

Bill Holland MNZM, Chair of the Bay of Plenty Reserve Employer Support Committee, presented Russell Reardon, the owner/manager of Mr Shelf, with the award.

Army Reservist **Lance Corporal Scott Reardon** of 3/6 RNZIR, nominated his civilian employer, Mr Shelf, for the award. Lance Corporal Scott Reardon has received ongoing support for his leave applications for a range of military exercises and training activities.

The 'Employer of the Year' award was established to recognise the contribution employers make by allowing staff to train and serve as members of the Reserve Forces of the New Zealand Defence Force.



Details of people in photograph from left to right:

Major John Liddell, Executive Officer 3/6 RNZIR

Lance Corporal Scott Reardon, 3/6 RNZIR

Mr Bill Holland MNZM, Chair Bay of Plenty Region Employer Support Committee

Mr Russell Reardon, Mr Shelf Owner/Manager

Mrs Deb Reardon

Mr Des Anderson, Bay of Plenty Region Employer Support Committee member

Lieutenant Commander Gerard McGrath, Commanding Officer HMNZS NGAPONA and Bay of Plenty Employer Support Liaison Officer

## Museum

### Projects under construction:

The **Lecture Room** is being upgrade with the assistance of the 6 Hauraki Assoc. When complete I will place photos in the next Hauraki News.

Other projects are: upgrade the **former Commanding Officers Photos**; by digital enhancement & framed with ultra light glass.

Create & upgrade the **book/ video library**.

Create & upgrade a **digital unit history**.

Upgrade the **museum data base computer system**. This now for consideration at the next committee meeting.

All **unit photographs** (about 5,000) are now at the Hauraki Museum having being converted into the digital form, as part of the project of recording unit history by the Tauranga Public Library

### Tauranga Memories

Go to

**Tauranga.kete.net.nz**

Choose **remembering War**

If you have some photos we can use to record unit history, they will be returned without damage: please contact Bob Mankelov.

Without the donation of items, money & voluntary time your museum would not be the show case it is,

Thank you everyone

Des Anderson

President

## Tauranga WW100: Remembering WW1.

Their Mission Statement;

“Tauranga WW100 will provide a forum for networking amongst organisations that intend to mark the 100 years of World War One. It will provide an opportunity to discuss ideas, receive assistance with planning, and

create opportunities to work together on ceremonies, events, projects, activities and education programmes that commemorate World War One”.

## CADET PARADE REMBERANCE DAY



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**Full**

Renewal Membership

**Associate**

Regimental Number

Date of birth

Full Name

Partners name (if applicable)

Full Postal Address

Telephone Number (home)

Business

Mobile

Email

Brief resume of service with 6 Hauraki

(Include dates & appointments)

Highest Rank Held

Service in other Units

(If Associate member - your association to 6 Hauraki Assoc.)

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## ***UPCOMING EVENTS***

### **2015**

#### **February**

6th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
10th	Tuesday	1900 hrs	Garrison Club	Committee Meeting
13th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
20th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
26th		Newsletter printed & posted		
27th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Finger Food

#### **March**

1st	Sunday	1130 hrs	Waihi Beach RSA	Luncheon
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6th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
10th	Tuesday	1900 hrs	Garrison Club	Committee Meeting
13th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
20th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
27th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Finger Food

### **April**

3rd	Friday	1800 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
10th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
14th	Tuesday	1900 hrs	Garrison Club	Committee Meeting
17th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
24th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Finger Food

### **May**

1st	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
8th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
12th	Tuesday	1900 hrs	Garrison Club	Committee Meeting
15th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
22nd	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
28th		Newsletter printed & posted		
29th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Finger Food