



Hauraki News

“Whaka tangata kia kaha”

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President's Report

The first stage of the amalgamation of the 6 Hau Bn Gp & 3 ANR Bn Gp has been completed. (More information is given in the next article by Director Army Reserve, Colonel Jon Broadley).

As an Association we are committed to assist the 'Hauraki', in what ever formation they are in. To achieve this we need YOUR help, ideas & assistance.

Since the conception in 1996 of the **6th Battalion (Hauraki) Regimental Association** for short (**6 Hauraki Association**), I believe we have achieved many of our objects, to the best of our ability & resources.

Note: there have been five other Hauraki Associations, before ours.

Modern communication has had the biggest influence in increasing the coverage to our membership. As you will see this is the 70th issue of "Hauraki News". Originally, Trevor Archer & I compiled & typed each page; spelling & grammar was checked by Lynne Archer. The completed article was taken to Te Puke, where Trevor's mate would photocopy at "mates rate". Trevor & I would fold, stuff, address envelopes, stamp and then mail.

Now days I can compile "Hauraki News" & email to over 600 address. I still have 80 on "snail mail". The Website has had many "hits". I have just taken up the administrator of our "facebook". So the word is going out. I just need some coming in.

The Tauranga Library has taken on the task of downloading a lot of "Hauraki" history. Have look & send your comments.

Your committee has joined with other like minded groups to Celebrate and Commemorate the WWI period over the years 2014 – 2019. (See below)

I hope you enjoyed the day of events on Saturday 8th December 2012. I have placed some of the events in the Hauraki News, but only have limited source of photos.

You will see an article from Reuben Kelly, who travelled to Australia, sponsored by the Territorial Forces Employer Support Council.

I believe the Association is in good heart although a little apprehensive for the future. But we have all been through re-orgs before!

Look at the raising numbers of Cadets through out the Hauraki AO. These are the source of future "Hauraki's"

Kia Kaha

Des Anderson

On 7 December, the Army's six Territorial Force (TF) RNZIR battalions amalgamated to form three new battalions, a move that will deliver a more operationally focused and sustainable reserve capability for the Army.

This final phase of the TF integration will also see the TF change its name to the Army Reserve. The TF exists to supplement the Regular Force, so it makes sense to have a name that reflects its actual purpose.

There will shortly be new categories of employment introduced across the NZDF as part of the Total Defence Workforce (TDW) approach which will, among other things, make transition between the TF and RF easier and smoother.

TDW will mean that Army Reserve personnel can easily and quickly be integrated into an RF unit if that unit requires supplementation for an exercise or deployment and just as easily, and quickly, returned to the Army Reserve as and when required.

As TF conduct integrated training and work closely with the RF this will boost reservist skill levels and raise the profile, utility and range of civilian skills within the wider NZDF. This increased awareness should also ensure that if personnel leave the RF, the TF will be something they actively consider transferring too as an extension of the world they already know and operate in.

The intent is to bed in the new structures before the end of the calendar year and then hold a ceremonial event in Wellington in early 2013 to mark these significant changes.

This change is about integrating the TF much more closely with the RF and operationalising the TF so it can play a greater role in achieving NZDF outputs.

In recent years, a number of TF units have re-integrated with their RF parent units to create single units with an enhanced cross-section of capability. This re-integration has successfully brought TF personnel alongside their RF counterparts and created strong links which have facilitated integrated training and deployments. The final phase of this integration will see the largest component of the TF, the infantry, integrated much more closely with the RF than they have been.

The regional connections of the TF, embodied through the TF battalions, are important and will be preserved. Each existing TF battalion will merge with the battalion closest to it to form the new Army Reserve battalions; 2/4 RNZIR, 3/6 RNZIR and 5/7 RNZIR.

2/4 RNZIR will be aligned with 2/1 RNZIR, 3/6 RNZIR with QAMR and 5/7 RNZIR with 1 RNZIR.

Some combined training has already begun and as the relationship develops between the units, links will be developed at all levels resulting in a strong synergy between the RF units and the Army Reserve units.

The new TF battalions will remain under the command of TRADOC and retain their HQs and Coy HQs in the regions they operate in. Battalion training will be guided by TRADOC in line with the aligned manoeuvre units, so Territorial's will be trained to the required standards and specifications demanded by the aligned RF unit. This means that Territorial's who supplement RF units will be able to join the units quickly and reduce the amount of training required to get them to a capability level required for employment on an exercise or operation.

Each of the new battalions will have three companies, one representing each of the former battalions and a third company of standby reservists. For example 3/6 Battalion will be made up of the Auckland (Countess of Ranfurly's Own) and Northland Company, Hauraki Company and Standby Company.

Territorial's who maintain an active engagement with their unit and train regularly will be classed as Ready Reservists. Those who do not train as regularly, or who need to take time out from training for personal or other reasons but do not wish to leave the Army, will be held in the Standby Reserve. More information about the categories is provided in the FAQ below.

This is a significant change for the TF and marks a further step in supporting NZ's military operations for more than 150 years.

Questions and answers

What is happening?

Between now and the end of December 2012 the Defence Force's six Territorial Force battalions will amalgamate. Three infantry battalions will soon be responsible for their respective amalgamated geographic regions as follows:

1. Establish 2/4 RNZIR Battalion (short name 2/4 RNZIR) by amalgamating:

- 2nd Canterbury, Nelson, Marlborough, West Coast Battalion Group, and
- 4th Otago and Southland Battalion Group

2. Establish 3/6 RNZIR Battalion (short name 3/6 RNZIR) by amalgamating:

- 3rd Auckland (Countess of Ranfurly's Own) and Northland Battalion Group, and
- 6th Hauraki Battalion Group

3. Establish 5/7 RNZIR Battalion (short name 5/7 RNZIR) by amalgamating:

- 5th Wellington, West Coast and Taranaki Battalion Group, and
- 7th Wellington (City of Wellington's Own) and Hawke's Bay Battalion Group

How will we be structured?

Each battalion will be made up of three companies, one drawn from each of the parent battalions (as above) and one of personnel on the stand by reserve. For example 2/4 RNZIR will consist of Canterbury Nelson Marlborough and West Coast Company, Otago Southland Company and a company made up of stand-by reserve personnel.

What belt will I wear?

You will continue to wear your current regimental belt. The regional affiliation of the existing battalions is strong and there is no plan to remove this element of the battalion's identity.

What does it mean that we are 'aligned' with Regular Force units?

Each of the newly formed battalions is aligned to a Regular Force unit as follows:

- 3/6 RNZIR to QAMR
- 5/7 RNZIR to 1RNZIR
- 2/4 RNZIR to 2/1 RNZIR.

Each TF battalion is essentially a training formation and is part of TRADOC, coming under the command of TRADOC, but there will be a training and supplementation relationship formed with the designated Regular Force unit.

The TF battalions can be used as a source of manpower if the Regular Force units need supplementation for training or deployments. The intent of alignment is that the TF units will be familiar enough with their regular counterparts that they can easily integrate into that unit if TF supplementation is required for a deployment or an exercise.

Will I be part of 1RNZIR / QAMR / 2/1?

No, you will be part of the TF battalion you joined unless you are part of the Waikato Mounted Rifles which will be fully integrated with QAMR.

Will we train with these units?

Yes, the intent is that the units will undertake some collective training and in some cases, this is already underway.

If we are part of TRADOC, does that mean we will have to travel to Waiouru to train?

No, training will be conducted, as it presently is, at a wide variety of locations. The battalions will retain their facilities and remain integrated into the communities they draw their personnel from. TOTAL DEFENCE WORKFORCE

What will the new categories of Reservist be?

The new categories of Reservist will be the 'Ready Reserve' and 'Standby Reserve'.

Ready Reserve personnel will undertake on average 24 days military training per year - up from 20 days.

Standby Reserve will undertake military training on an as required basis.

Remaining Reserves will form the 'Inactive' Reserve – those who are no longer engaged with the Defence Force and who can only be activated by government legislation.

Is there a pay difference between the categories?

No.

Can I choose what category I serve in?

Yes, you can ask to transfer between categories and obviously the ability to do so will depend on vacancies, levels of training, fitness, skills etc, but the intent is to make transition easier than it is at present. Here are two examples:

Example One

Private Brown serves in 2CSSB as a RF movement operator but decides she wants a break from the Army to go to university. She can transfer from the Regular Force to the Ready Reserve and still keep training with the Reserve. After several years at university she graduates and chooses to go travelling — she transfers to the Stand-by Reserve while she is unavailable, remaining "in the system" but has no expectation of payment from

us, nor do we have any expectation of training by her. When she returns to New Zealand she can choose to return to the Regular Force, the Ready Reserve, stay in the Stand-by Reserve or take a discharge from the NZDF completely.

Example Two

Corporal Green serves in 5/7 RNZIR and is a Ready Reservist. Corporal Green's wife is pregnant and he needs to spend more time at home to help out with domestic duties, but he doesn't want to leave the Army. Corporal Green can transfer to the Stand-by Reserve while he helps his wife at home. When she has had the baby and returned to her normal routine, and he is able to return to soldiering, he can simply transfer back to the Ready Reserve.

Will there be fewer training days?

Training programmes will be determined by the units, but it is not anticipated that there will be a cut in the amount of training available. To increase the effectiveness of the Reserve Forces the Ready Reserve annual allocation has been increased from 20 to 24 days per Ready Reservist.

Does this mean I will get fewer training opportunities?

It depends on which category of Reserve you choose. If you are a Ready Reservist, you will still attend regular training.

Standby reservists should not expect to attend training, but if they are members of the Standby Reserve because of specialist skills or expertise they can offer the Army, then those skills or that expertise may be utilised from time to time as appropriate.

Even though a Standby Reservist is not undertaking regular training, it is hoped that they remain in regular touch with their unit and vice versa.

Can I move between Standby and Ready Reserve?

Yes, if your personal circumstances dictate, training opportunities are available and you can make the extra commitment to attend regular training.

By Director Army Reserve Colonel Jon Broadley

On 7th December 2012, Lt Col Julian Sewell assumed Command of the new **3/6 RNZIR**: formed with the amalgamation of 6 Hau Bn Gp & 3 ANR Bn Gp

Saturday, 8th December 2012

On Saturday 8th December, the Committee of 6 Hau Assoc in conjunction with of 6 Hau Bn Gp & WBOPCU had numerous follow activities.



Shooting

'Where is the target?

Cadet Parade & Award/Trophy presentation.



Some of the trophies to be presented to the cadets



To the Cadets, Officers and Support Committee of WBOPCU. In appreciation of your Christmas Spirit given to Kiwi team 5, Tu Crib 13, Afghanistan 2008 - 2009.



Mrs Christine Dean presents the Brig Gen Ted Dean (first Patron) memorial trophy



Hon Col Judge Chris McGuire & Col Alister McCaw (past Patron WBOPCU)



Lt Col Warren Banks (Patron WBOPCU)



**Maj Gen Lou Gardiner being escorted by Lt Emily Murcott.
The Unit Commander Lt Elisa Crawshaw in the rear**



Lt Col Julian Sewell introduced to the Commandant NZ Cadet Corps, Cdr Glen Stokes by Unit Commander Lt Elisha Crawshaw.



WBOPCU lead on parade by Piper Ray Crafts



WBOPCU marching on parade

Medals Parade held at Hauraki Regiment



**6 Hau Bn Gp members received their medals.
Association Members received their New Zealand Defence Service Medal: John Willis, Gail Jones & Elian Edwards**

Defence Force Medal



The NZDF is now accepting applications for the New Zealand Defence Service Medal from all ex-Service persons and from the families of deceased ex-Service persons

NZDF is currently accepting [applications for the NZDSM](#)

HISTORY of Hauraki Regiment



Happy Birthday





TECHNICAL DATA



News from the Regiment



On Saturday 9th February 2013, Hauraki Company, 3/6 Bn RNZIR, were invited to parade at The Paeroa Highland Games & Tattoo to help celebrate their twentieth year.

The Hauraki District Mayor J P Tregidga MNZM JP welcomed the Hauraki Company and read the Charter of Paeroa. The Mayor was invited by Maj Dave Bickner to inspect the troops. Lt Col Julian Sewell escorted the Mayor



Association News

UPF & 6 Hauraki Association Memorabilia

Memorabilia on sale

SPECIAL: Rugby jersey's from the past Companies: Alpha, Bravo, Charlie, Delta, Support & Logistics. All in the Company colours some have company logos. A limited number on sale.

HAURAKI SCRAP BOOK



Museum

Projects under construction:

The 6 Hau Bn Gp **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 Tauranga Public Library being converted into the digital form, as part of the project of recording unit history.

Harley Couper | Information Librarian | Learning Centre Tutor

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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 Mankelow.

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

Thank you everyone

Des Anderson

President

Membership Cards

The Membership cards for all members have been distributed; if you have not received yours please advice Marion. These who have paid their annual "donation" have also had their new cards mailed out.

I have enclosed a membership application card if you would like to become a member.

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

Territorial Forces Employer Support Council

A new scheme between the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) and the Australian Defence Force (ADF), the Tasman Scheme, will recognise outstanding performance by Reserve Force personnel from both sides of the Tasman and give them a chance to experience, first hand, how different defence forces operate.

The Tasman Scheme will foster links between our two forces and reward outstanding performance by Reserve Force personnel from the NZDF and the ADF in the LCpl (E) to Cpl (E) rank bracket. The scheme will see Reserve Junior Non-commissioned Officers (selected on merit) attached to a unit within the ADF for two weeks and vice versa. During this time the reservists work alongside their ADF or NZDF colleagues and gain valuable insight into how the two different forces operate.

Until now the scheme only worked one way— ADF Reserve Force personnel were selected for attachments within NZDF units. The scheme is now reciprocal with reservists going both ways across the Tasman. At the end of the attachment, award winners present their experiences in a formal presentation run by their local Regional Employer Support Committee.

Deputy Director Reserves Forces, Lieutenant Colonel David De Koning says he's excited to be involved in heading the scheme from the New Zealand side after experiencing the scheme in practice in Tasmania during a recent posting to Australia when he was invited, quite by chance, to attend the regional function to recognise award recipients. "I was inspired by the way the Australians recognised and exposed their personnel to such experiences," said LTCOL de Koning. "I could see the value in running a scheme like this, especially as there was also community and employer involvement."

The scheme is open to all NZDF Reserve Force JNCO personnel from all three services.

LCpl Reuben Kelly has been selected as the first "Hauraki" to attend "Tasman Scheme". Reuben appeared before the Bay of Plenty Territorial Force Regional Support Committee held on 15th October 2012.

Reuben has given a commitment to report back on his experiences. Reuben left for Australia in November

Your committee has donated, to Reuben a "Hauraki" plaque to present to his Australian host unit.

For those that don't know me, I am **LCpl Rueben Kelly** of the Hauraki Battalion Group and on the 19th of Nov 2012, I had the privilege of begin the first participant in the Tasman Scheme.

The Tasman Scheme is a two week individual attachment for NZDF and ADF Reserve personnel in the JNCO rank bracket. The ADF have been sending participants to NZDF postings since 2003. The NZDF have approved that the scheme be a reciprocal activity.

The intent of the Scheme is to recognise outstanding performance by NZDF and ADF reserve personnel in the JNCO rank bracket, and to foster links between the respective services. As stated above, the award takes the form of a two week individual attachment to a similar unit as the service member's home unit.

My two weeks was spent with the ADF School of Infantry, Rifleman Wing in Singleton, NSW, which is three hours inland from Sydney and a one hour train ride east from New Castle. The area boasts some of the best wineries in NSW. Hunter Valley, Mcguigan Wines and Cooper Wines too name a few.

The School of Infantry, Rifleman Wing is the equivalent to our Regular Force Infantry Corp training and runs for twelve weeks. The base that which it runs out of is just like Waiouru Army Camp, in the middle of nowhere and kilometres of road that lead to ranges and training areas. However, the difference between the two bases, the temperature!!!! I arrived to a balmy 28deg C, which for Kiwis is quite a hot day, to the Diggers it was cold and they were close to putting on Smocks!!! It did start warming up about the third day when it got to 35deg C and just kept getting hotter and hotter. I think the hottest it got was 42deg C whilst I was there.

For the first week, my time was spent on the range, participating and instructing with their CQST shoot. I must say, the ACOG (Advanced Combat Optical Gunsight) and RMR (Ruggedised Miniaturised Reticule) make target acquisition a lot quicker. Marksmanship principles still need to be



adhered too as the 4x magnification makes movement a lot more noticeable and it shows on target. Kangaroos are just like the Kaimanawa Horses for Waiouru, prevalent and a pain in the butt on the ranges! We had to stop the shoot several times so that they could be clear from the range, however, during the 84mm phase, there was a bit of red mist at the start of the day, due to roos popping up on the mound as the projectile impacted with the target! No problems for the rest of the day!

My weekend was spent in New Castle, with a couple of the lads cruising around on push bikes to beaches and bars. New Castle is a very nice beach town/city which reminded me of Tauranga and the people were just as great.

My second week was good too. Monday was CS Gas (cough, cough and tears, don't know why I chose to do it again), Tuesday and Wednesday 84mm, Grenades, CDFs and Mag58 weapon

lessons, Thursday was spent going through Urban training. Due to both NZDF and ADF reading off the same doctrine, the training intent and outcomes are the same and it is quite clear that a soldier from either force will be able to slot in to their equivalent unit with ease and without to much re-training.

Friday was exchange of gifts and preparation to come home. I gave them a Hauraki plaque and a copy of Comrades Brave, which has gone into their display case. Thank you to the Hauraki Association for their sponsorship of the Plaque and to the Hauraki Battalion Group for the book.

All in all, the trip was an experience that I will not forget and highly recommend to any Reserve JNCO to participating in. Not only will you have a great trip, but you will learn that the ANZAC spirit

is alive and very well.

I would like to thank the Bay of Plenty Regional Employer Support Committee and the NZDF for the opportunity, the ADF for the great hospitality. Onward.



Cadets



SSgt Bob Mankelow looks for inspiration as the team plan Hauraki Experience XV



Western Bay of Plenty Cadet Unit -2012

Our Associated Groups

Patriots Defence Force Motorcycle Club

The Patriots are involved in the "White Ribbon Ride". This is to show awareness to prevent violence against woman.

RHODESIAN SERVICES ASSOCIATION

Regret to inform that Gordon (Johnny) Johnston a Hauraki who was one of those New Zealanders who went on holiday to Rhodesia and stayed to battle communist terrorists, passed away quietly on 7th January 2013 in Whakatane after a considerable battle with cancer. His family was by his side.

Please note that due to work on the Rhodesia Regiment book project the February 2013 issue of **Contact! Contact!** is unavoidably delayed - we will get it published in due course. Thank you

Gift given to the Western Bay of Plenty Cadet Unit for assistance given to the Rhodesian Services Association at their RV in November 2012,



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6th Battalion (Hauraki) Regimental Association Incorporated

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New Membership

Full

Renewal Membership

Associate

Regimental Number

Date of birth

Full Name

Partners name (if applicable)

Full Postal Address

Telephone Number (home)
Mobile

Business
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.)

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Joined

Receipt Number

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UPCOMING EVENTS

2013

February

1st	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
8th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
			Hauraki	
8th	Friday	1900 hrs	Museum	MOVIES
12th	Tuesday	1900 hrs	Garrison Club	Committee Meeting
15th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
21st			Hauraki News printed & posted	
22nd	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Finger Food

March

1st	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
8th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
			Hauraki	
8th	Friday	1900 hrs	Museum	MOVIES
12th	Tuesday	1900 hrs	Garrison Club	Committee Meeting
15th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
22nd	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
29th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Finger Food

April

5th	Friday	1800 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	Thursday	Dawn	ANZAC Day	
26th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Finger Food

May

3rd	Friday	1600 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
			Hauraki	
17th	Friday	1900 hrs	Museum	MOVIES
23rd			Hauraki News printed & posted	
24th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles
31st	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Finger Food