

Hauraki News

"Whaka tangata kia kaha"

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President's Report

You will see that the Association has been doing its part in the joining together with the Auckland Regiment. It could be "back to the future", as we were once part of the Auckland Regiment. The past President of the ANR Association has been to visit us. One of our committee members, (Paul Couch), has joined their committee. We are learning from each other, you will see, so are our soldiers.

I have placed the Roll of the 6th Hauraki Company who landed on Gallipoli on 25th April 1915, onto the website. I am always adding and correcting, but I need your assistance. A number of people have sent me corrections, which are easy to correct. My next project is to place the annual nominal rolls of the Regiment. YOUR help is needed. Please send any nominal rolls you may have. This is a massive project and my take a few years to complete. I think there is need for the project, as I get many enquires from public members about people who may have served in the Hauraki. I think the website may assist in this?

More kindred organizations are joining our Association as "Associated Groups" and are utilizing the Garrison Club. The latest is the Bay of Plenty Officers Club. You will see the Association has been invited to their 50th Birthday.

Your Secretary/ Treasurer, Marion Kareko has agreed to take on the additional role of Association Quarter Master. She will be handling all your requests for 6 Hauraki Association Memorabilia. Bob Mankelow is still looking after the UPF. I will be updating the Website to reflect the Quarter Master stores. In the meantime email requests to Marion or me.

When I send out the Hauraki News, I can not make changes to the hard copy (printed copy): but I can make corrections, additions or deletions to the electronic copy (Website). I have in the past and expect to do so in the future. If you have any additions you would like to add to please advice. In particular "Obituaries", as at the time of writing I don't have all the information; such as a service record.

The Tauranga Library has taken on the task of down loading a lot of "Hauraki" history. Have look & send your comments to me. To date I have had no comments so I presume everyone is happy what we are doing!

Thanks to all those who reply to the letter from Peter Cook "non-operational deaths of NZ serving personnel".

More particular a <u>big thank you</u> to all those who send me emails . I some times wonder I am just writing to a computer, an email, helps boost my desire to continue. I thus conclude The Association is in good heart

Kia Kaha Des Anderson

WELCOME TO HONORARY COLONEL



Welcome to Lt Col (Rtd) Graeme Vercoe, QSM, as Honorary Colonel 6th Battalion (Hauraki) with effect 10th December 2013.

Captain G. T. Vercoe served as Adjutant from 1980 - 1982 with 6th Battalion (Hauraki) RNZIR.

Commanding Officers during that period were Lt Col H.R (Bob) Burt, MBE and Lt Col E.A.D (Ted) Brooker E.D

Thanks to **Honorary Colonel Judge Chris McGuire** for the excellent service he has given to the "Hauraki" serving from 2005 -2013

Letters to the Editor

Des, another brilliant newsletter. It allows me to impress Alan Paterson & others with my 'Hauraki knowledge' when I ring them.

I was impressed this issue with the speeches & news on Armistice. I am pleased to say that more & more NZ towns & military units are going back to commemorating Nov 11th and more churches are doing Remembrance Sunday services in NZ now. This year I spoke at a combined Mackenzie District church on Sunday 10th Nov & then shot down to Dunedin for a very big colour twilight church service that night. The following day Dunedin followed with a large Armistice gathering which made TV1 news.

In speaking at the luncheon after to those in the Navy & 2nd/4ths - they are echoing a growing trend in NZ, that Anzac day actually only covers one battle of which people are now discovering NZ troops did not play a dominant role in. (And nor did WE land at dawn). That there are so many battles now that each needs commemorating and many feel that Armistice like the rest of the world is the universal date. NZ is the only country in the world to change from Armistice as

our national remembrance to April & of course we all know the story behind that. If not, I'd be happy to reprint that for you. Another reason the "gloss" is being taken off April, is the Passchendaele Society is growing in NZ & schools are now being taught that this was NZ's biggest loss... There is no Gallipoli Society in NZ by the way. Even in Aussie, November is when the Poppy is worn. So NZ really has mucked things up. There is one thing I can't stand & that is a NZ soldier being referred to by the public & media as "an Anzac". He is a Kiwi - and the best ones, a Hauraki.

In June 2014 I will be in London & Passchendaele with The International Military Music Society to take part in May ceremonies to do with the centenary of WW1. I shall report to you.

By the way I will send you \$10 for a 6ths lapel badge. It needs wearing down here at all the functions I go to including when I'm overseas. What address to post the money?

The 'Hauraki March' still gets played. I heard the Army band play it down here & the Coldstream Guards played it at a parade recently.

Keep up the good work Des. Gavin Marriott, Christchurch NZ

Duane Newell (<u>duanenewell3@gmail.com</u>) sent a message using the contact form at http://www.6haurakiassoc.org.nz/contact.

Served with 6 Hauraki 1993-1994 before relocating and was after some photos of that period, was under SM Steve Wardlaw of motor platoon. Reason being is that I am looking at creating a Facebook page for ex and current serving members and any help would be appreciated

HISTORY of Hauraki Regiment

ROLL

of the

6th HAURAKI COMPANY

of the

Auckland Infantry Battalion



Whaka tangata Kia Kaha

Present at the Landing of the New Zealand Force At GABA TEPE, GALLIPOLI Sunday, 25th April 1915

The 6th Hauraki Company of the Auckland Battalion, Main Body New Zealand Expeditionary Force, was recruited in the No. 2 Area of the Auckland Military District, comprising the localities of Coromandel, Thames, Paeroa, Morrinsville, Rotorua, Opotiki, Whakatane, Tauranga, Katikati, and Waihi.

The quota of men required was 227, exclusive of the Headquarters staff. The Company was divided into four platoons, Nos. 5, 6, 7, and 8, each containing between 50 and 60 men, led by a Lieutenant. Each platoon was made up of four sections, of about 14 men, in charge of a non-commissioned officer.

The order in which the Roll is made up is in which the men were associated together in camp life, and in which the Company was paraded.

The Roll itself is supplied by an officer of the Company present at the landing, has been carefully checked with one in the possession of another officer, and is absolutely correct. The Original copy is in the Possession of Sergeant-Major Robinson, Paeroa.

A number of men of the Main Body in hospital were for the time being replaced by others from the reinforcements: the former later on took their places in the firing line, but were not present at the landing.

H.D. MORPETH Hon. Secretary. Waihi Patriotic Committee

Hauraki Regiment

6th Hauraki Company of the Auckland Battalion

1915	Nominal Roll	LANDED AT GABA TEPE, GALLIPOLI.				On 25th April 1915
Reg number	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Initials</u>	<u>Surname</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
	Major Captain	F. W.C.	STUCKEY SINEL		Officer in Command Second in Command Company Sergeant-	
26	Sergeant-Major	A.	ROBERTSON		Major	
459	Sergeant-Major	C.A.	SWEARS	Clive	Quartermaster - Sergeant	
		No. 5 P	latoon			
128	Lieutenant Sergeant-Major	R.N. J.	MORPETH ROGERS		Platoon Commander Second in Command	
	Section 1					
381 912 352 486 450 357 351 460 87 1118 1523 1508 1454 452 B1542	Sergeant Private Private Private Private Private Private Private Private Bugler Private	E.R. W.J.R F. S.C. G.P. F.L. G. S. J.D. C. F. W. R. H.H. W.E.	JOHNSON TROTTER FIRTH WELLS SHAND GIBSON FISHER SPARKE PERRITT McDONALD WARING SPARKE LOUNDES STONNELL ANDERSON	George	Section Commander	
497 487 306 318 391	Section 2 L/Corporal Private Private Private Private Private	C.M. K. C. J. A.L.	WYRALL SIMMONDS BATEMAN BROWNLIE KIRK		Section Commander	

454 967 962 1460 1193 675 14/26A 1183	Private	P.J. C.P. A.H. T. J. L.C. F.P. H.P	STEVENS KENNY BLACK MATHER DOUDS COLQUHOUN FAWCETT CRAIG		
	Section 3				
380 416 484 345 397 419 428 92 400 674 326 397 1691	Corporal L/Corporal Private	B. G. J.N. H.G.H. W.F. A. F.H. J. F.H. A.E. J.	HOWELL MORPETH WILLIAMS ENSOR HAMILTON MAYLOR PEARSE JACKSON LAMMING RULE COAKLEY LANGDON KERR	Alfred	Section Commander
412 328 359 406 432 458 956 808 415 8/593 12/957 1136 968	Section 4 Corporal Private	W.A. J. T.A. J. H.E. E.J. E. S. J.A. H. G. P. S.H.	MILLS COOPER GEMMING McGUINN PASSFIELD SHERLOCK DE LANCY FORREST MORRISION LANGLEY BUSHWELL O'BRIEN SHERGOLD		Section Commander
		No 6 Pla	atoon		
335	Lieutenant Sergeant	W.E.F G.	FLOWER DITTMER	George	Platoon Commander Second in Command
	Section 5				
467 1634 347 445 462 975 319 925 902 1529 1185 1625 1701	Sergeant Private	D.A. C.J.S. G.E. J. J.A. G. G.N. J.L. H. A. D. T.F. W.W.	VINCENT GIBEL EDMONDS RICHIE SCOTT WILLIAMS HART HOUSTEN BEILBY YORKE DAVIDSON FORMAN LYNCH		Section Commander

320	Private	R.J.	CLARK		
	Section 6				
	L/Corporal Private	J.H. W. R.E. R.H. A. J.G W. A.J. J.V. G.	PATTULLO BLACK RESTON BATES GOOD SILCOCK STAFFORD HENSHAW HIBBS KITTO HARGREAVES JARVIS		Section Commander
	Section 7				
338 1172 427 404 346 1718 1564	Corporal L/Corporal L/Corporal Private	F.R. H.W.D. J. W.G. G.W. A. G.M J. G.W. C.J. V.A. W.G. J.L. E.A.	DYNES BOLD WATSON HUTCHINSON KILGOUR CHARLESWORTH PURCHAS McKINNEY EVESHAM MILNE CARTER HETHERINGTON LEE McLAREN		Section Commander
	Section 8				
336 337 1462 402 393 394 395 1060 1137 352 1591 1565 1603	Corporal L/Corporal Private	F.G. A.A. T.S. L. A.J. S.T.A. J. H. F.A. W.E. E.E. W.S.	HALL DELANEY WILSON MANNING LOWRY LOWRY LEE READ SEED FUGILL COLE BRADBURY CURRIE		Section Commander
		No 7 Pla	itoon		
67	Lieutenant Sergeant-Major	F.H. E.G.	DODSON MONCRIEF		Platoon Commander Second in Command
	Section 9				
301 414 1039 411	Sergeant Private Private Private	H.J. W. M. E.T.	BRUCE MANNION MORPETH MACLEAN	Moore	Section Commander

426 456 471 910 461 1511 1504 315 433 332 1724 367	Private Private Private Private Private Private Private Private Bugler Private Private Private Private Private	Geo. E.W. R.S V.J. O.L. G.F. J.F. W. W.A. J. D.D. C.J.	McBURNIE SOPER SUTTON STRONGMAN SALMON STEPHENSON SIMPSON BOYD PRICE CURRIE MORRISON HALLEY	
	Section 10			
330 368 341 971 1076 443 464 8/603 960 1440	Corporal L/Corporal Private	J.J W.L R. J. J. W.H. H. J.D. M.	COWAN HARRISON DUMPHY HARRIS PARKER ROWSON SELWYN McLENNAN WARD INGRAM	Section Commander
	Section 11			
353 1501 300 964 331 334 356 371 341 459 487 146	Corporal L/Corporal Private	H.C. E.F. C. W.A. H. C.F. E.E. L.W. S.J. R. W.G. T.W.	FURZE SHEPPARD APPLETON BASKERVILLE CAMERON CURRINGTON GIBBONS HEATON PHILLIPS SCOTT WOODBRIDGE WALKER	Section Commander
174 961 761 375 230 401 480 418 475 423 426 1755 382	Section 12 Corporal Private	T.A. S.G. A. J.E. A.G V.H. C. C.W. A.C.H. E.J. H.E. J. W.J.	TUCK AUSTIN BELCHER HODGSON RAWBONE LYNDS WILSON MAY TICKLEPENNY NEWMAN PENNELL O'GRADY JOHANSEN	Section Commander
		No 8 Pla	atoon	

Lieutenant

1135 Sergeant-Major J.D.L.

C.S.

ALGIE

LEECH

Platoon Commander

Second in Command

Section 13

363 374 1456 403 965 1032 417 432 446 1765 483 1522 1547 6/817	Sergeant Bugler Private	A.J.D. L.H. G. J.B H. C.B. E.F. R.A. J.D. J. B. R. E.F. A.J.D. F.J.	HOWIE DEFORGES HODGSON LYNDS MARTIN MERVILLE MILLER MUNRO PAYNTON RUNCIMAN PFUNDT WATSON WALTERS BARD RUANE	Barry	Section Commander
304 963 1099 316 333 398 413 442 250 472 1184 1811	Section 14 Corporal Private Section 15	J.F. F.J. W. W. M. T. J.A. J.R. D.G. R. E.F.G. L.R.	BRADLEY ADEANE BAUER BERRIDGE COULTER ISAACS MELVILLE ROGERS SLADE TILSLEY CRISP TRIBE		Section Commander
365 311 652 439 440 616 1513 1496 1693 1833 937 1186	Corporal Private	R.V. R.J. V.W. S. W. A. E.G. F. L. W.E. S.R. G.	HOLLIS BAKER KERNOT PEMBERTON PIERCE PURCELL SWALLOW SCARBOROUGH KIBBLEWHITE WILLIAMS JONES DAVERON	George	Section Commander
305 362 317 926 969 387 410 829 1425 1488 1527	Corporal L/Corporal Private	T.R. P.B. H.W. B.A. J.H. A. F.P. J. J.A. E.R. F.J.	BROOKS GILIES BLACK DE VRIES DUTTON JOLLY McGINLEY DUNLOP HARP QUINLAN WILLIAMS		Section Commander

478	Private	W.W.	WEBB
970	Private	D.	McPHERSON

2nd Echelon

390	Private	H.	KEVIN
1033	Private	C.W.	BARNES
178	Private	D.E.	STACEY
469	Private	W.J.	SENIOR
492	Private	W.	YOUNG
974	Private	E.T.	RICE

Headquarters

Sergeant		LOGAN
Sergeant	F.A.	ELLIS
Corporal	A.W	DELAMORE
Private	E.G.	GOSPER
Private	A.	MASSON
Private	A.C.	CARDON
Private	A.	PAVITT
Private	R.	MERRICK
Private	W.G.	MAYES
Private	S.	SEWELL
Private	E.	HAROLD
Private	J.M.	O'SHEA
Private	C.	BUTTERWORTH
Private	T.R.	ENGLAND
Dulimete		OALINIDEDO
Private	J.	SAUNDERS

Sergeant-Cook Orderly Room Sergeant

Remarks:

<u>Reference 1</u>. - Section 15 – Private DAVERON.

Kin have advised the correct spelling is DAVOREN, as on his headstone.

News from the Regiment



Small arms shooting coaches course



Two Hauraki's, LCpl Damien Morgan and I, recently attended the three week long Small arms shooting coaches course held in Waiouru. The course covered three weapon types the IW Steyr, the P226 pistol and the new 7.62 LSW. There were 20 students with all three services represented. Personally I found the course to be invaluable as it filled quite a few grey area's regarding the new 7.62 gun, especially at ranges exceeding 400 metres. The new gun certainly kicks like a mule if it isn't handled correctly but it also represents a clear step up in terms of capability for those that will use it in the future. It was also great to catch up with serving and former Hauraki's while down in Waiouru whether on course or in civilian roles there's always Hauraki's "on base".

(As an aside it looks like 30th March for deployment to Australia on the Tasman Exchange looks like a great programme of events, will try to email a pic from the shooting course separately)

Lee Morgan

Exercise Cassino

Here are some pictures from our last week long ex with QAMR in Waiouru. Where us and 3ANR integrated well with the RF and had a good time getting rounds down range from the M203, 84m usual Styer and 9m pistol. Good to have top couching staff and the boys got a lot out of the training provided as well as the knowledge of the instructors.

Albert Craig















Ex Cassino Photos M.J (Mike) Purcell Corporal Hau Coy 3/6 RNZIR

Non-operational deaths of NZ serving personnel

Hi Des

I read this post on Facebook by, Lt Col Chris Powell; (I've posted it on The Hauraki FB page, thought you may like to post it in the next Hauraki News as well).

Peter Cooke, who is the author of the book "The Territorials" and co-editor of "Auckland Infantry" is compiling a list of <u>non-operational deaths of NZ serving personnel</u>, since 3 September 1945 for NZDF.

That includes all the motor accidents, mishaps, diseases and suicides by Army, Navy and Air Force personnel in NZ and other non-operational locations (i.e. Singapore since 1966).

With our combined long involvement with the forces, we all know of comrades who have died in this manner, so he is asking that you let him know directly of any deaths by service people you recall, giving names, dates, units and locations if possible.

Not operational deaths or of retired personal, but those still in uniform (even if the death is unrelated to service).

Three that I recall from 3 Auck north are: SGT Mark Tucker (killed in a car crash in '82 or '83, PTE Claude Parkes died suddenly in 2001 and BRIG John O'Brien who died while serving as Hon Col.

There will be many more I'm sure. Please pass this on to colleagues who could also assist him, and accept his thanks in advance.

Peter can be emailed at; petercooke@paradise.net.nz

For me, a couple that spring to mind, that where serving with 6 Hau, and passed before their time: **Lt Dave Elliot**: (Motorbike accident), **Cpl Robert (Bob) Fry**:(Car accident)

Cheers Garry Ellis

Hi Des

Here is one territorial I know former 6 Hau

Lt Ian Shaw 12 Feb 1994

Car accident Southland

At time of his death he was with 4th Battalion – Otago and Southland Regiment. Before that he was with 6 Hau. Maybe you can pass this on to person gathering information.

Regards, Nicola

Hi Des,

Terry old (car accident returning from annual camp) comes to mind, I recall having to be the first person to tell parents. Dave Elliot who was one of my Platoon Commanders at the time

Kia Kaha Alister

I know of one 6 Hauraki member who passed away around 1992.

His name is Mike Podjursky (not sure on spelling). He was a medic and died shortly after I joined.

He died from Meningitis.

Hope this is of some help,

Julian

Lieutenant Julian Thacker RNZAMC BMI

QUARTER MASTER

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 Lapel Badges \$6.00 each or \$10.00 mailed in NZ

HAURAKI SCRAP BOOK





Capt John Isdale & Major Mike Knapton

Remembrance Day

A Remembrance Day Service took place outside Cambridge's Town Hall this year. The service was well attended by members of the New Zealand Defence Force, the Mayor of Cambridge, and representatives from many Commonwealth countries.

A bugle call saw the march on of the Cenotaph Guard and the firing party.

Following the Powhiri the National Anthems were played.

Wreaths were then laid by the dignitaries and members of the public were given the opportunity to lay wreaths or poppies. Prior to this, the flags were lowered to half mast.

As the eleventh hour approached, a 3 shot volley was fired by **re-enactors depicting 6 Hauraki Regt** and on the eleventh hour the last post was sounded and a minutes silence was observed by all. There was also a well-timed fly past of a Mustang. Reveille followed and the flags were raised to full mast.

Many members of the Hauraki Association attended the ceremony along with members of the Hauraki Chapter of the Patriots Defence Force Motorcycle Club.



Hello Des and fellow Haurakis. Thank you for this latest news letter, I'm always impressed to see it each month, even though I'm overseas I follow it with interest, its nice to see old friendly familiar faces, etc. you are doing very good work with this.

Regarding the Cambridge Remembrance Day report and photo, I wonder if I may be so bold, and with the permission of my esteemed comrades (largely Merv, Alex, Andrew, Kevin etc) it would be prudent to also mention that the 're-enactors depicting 6 Hauraki Regt' are in fact ex 6 Hau members (D coy to be precise).

They amongst them served for some years and attained some considerable rank. They put in a worthy effort in their own free time each year, often during Armistice Day and ANZAC day. They supply their own equipment and supplies, do rehearsals at their own premises, travel to and fro, and give up their free time to attend.

As an ex re-enactor (we prefer the term Hauraki cenotaph representatives - we wear the corps belt) I myself know what they contribute. The local RSA have always expressed their deep gratitude, as have indeed the public of the town on many occasions.

I distinctly recall at the time many years ago when all this started, there was a lack of soldiers and resources available from Bn so we (largely led by Sgt. M Balloch) stepped forward and filled the required slots at the cenotaph so this significant event could proceed with the honour of its due worth. We felt was the right thing to do, as D coy had built up a long standing association with Cambridge.

Altho we are all now retired from the service, we feel in our hearts we are not *depicting* or *enacting* 6 Hau regiment, we are 6 Hau regiment.

I'm sure you and the Bn will understand. Thank you for your consideration on this.

Regards (ex SSGT) Kerry Just Onward.

Kia ora Kerry. I only had a short association with 6 Hauraki, D Coy, and Cambridge but I saw the dedication (and dare I say love and respect) from those mentioned past soldiers towards the traditions and people who created those traditions. I support your whakaaro on this matter and would like to be kept informed, especially where I might be able to help.

Regards Roma Hippolite

VISIT FROM PAST PRESIDENT 3ANR

Hullo Des,

You and those at last Friday's gathering at the Museum really laid it on with your welcome. I am most honoured.

I will recommend to the 3 Auck/North committee that a car load pay you all a visit one Friday.

I will be putting a copy of our book 'Auckland Infantry' on a courier next week . From our Assoc to yours.

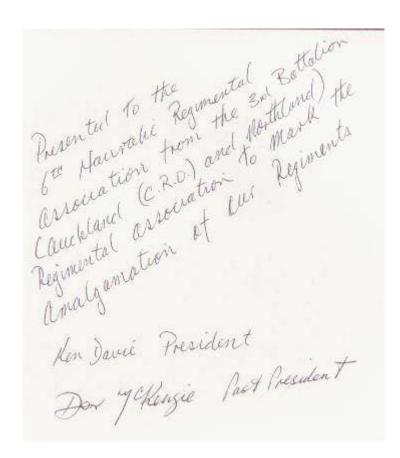
On the Gallipoli roll I see Dittmer, Tilsley and Moncrieff who are written up in the book.

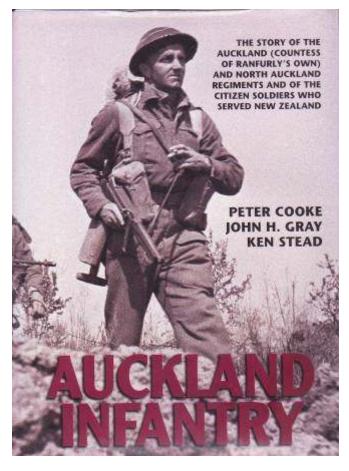
Also making a name is Pte Scarborough. His diary is in the Army Museum and in our book I have used his diary as the basis of an appendix on the derivation of the nickname 'Digger'.

Till we meet again best wishes Don mac

Donald K McKenzie







From Auckland Rep

3AuckNth Regimental Association are organising trip to Wellington 22- 24 October 2014 pre Labour weekend. Plans include visit Def HQ, Attaturk Memorial, Grave unknown soldier, Te Papa and a visit to Government House to make an

Association presentation to Governor General. If anyone interested they can let me know so I can follow up and inform 3AuckNth Association that they may need additional transport resources.

On the last Friday during May – September maybe October 2014, 3AuckNth will hold a lecture series, at Arch Hill HQ, which is generally a speaker on military subjects/campaigns who talks for about an hour, with hopefully Garrison Bar access before and after. Last year I attended one when a US Marine NCO talked of his tour in Gulf I Iraq. Interesting but no bar that night. If anyone interested and plan to be in Auckland please contact me so I can warn out the arrival of visitors especially if a busload plans to turns up.

Thanks for the royal welcome extended to Don Mckenzie when he visited one Friday in January. He was humbled but you created a fight over the one Port bottle at their Committee meeting

CMT/NS Weekend

Question - how many Haurakis are planning to attend the CMT/NS weekend in Wellington in May?

Kia Kaha

Regards Paul

AWARDS TO HAURAKI

The Honourable Justice John Maurice Priestley QC, has been awarded the CNZM (Companion New Zealand Order of Merit); in the New Year Honours 2014.

A former "Hauraki" served under Col A.P. Coster OBE, ED. JP. Commanding Officer 1970 – 1974. Captain John Priestly was appointed as second in command of Bravo Company, based in Whakatane.

Justice John Priestley graduated BA LLB (Hons) from the University of Auckland in 1968 where he was a senior scholar in law. He then graduated to an MA degree from Cambridge University and a doctorate in 1972 from the University of Virginia. He was admitted to the bar in 1968 and was a partner in an Auckland firm from 1975 until becoming a barrister sole in 1983. Justice Priestley was noted for his interest in family law and was the chairman of the NZ Law Society's family law section. He was the original chairman of the Deportation Review Authority, and was deputy chairman of the Refugee Status Appeal Authority and chairman of the Film Censorship Board of Review. Justice Priestley was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1994 and was appointed to the High Court bench in 2000. He is based at the Auckland High Court.



By Aditya Basrur

Justice John Priestley, who retires this year after 13 years as a judge of the High Court in Auckland, has been at the forefront of the legal profession in New Zealand during a period of remarkable growth and dramatic change. As his Honour explained in a conversation reflecting on his career, that change has both affected and in part been driven by the Auckland law school, from which he graduated in 1967.

The seeds of his legal career were sown during a visit to the cinema when Justice Priestley was 12, to see Witness for the Prosecution. The future judge was mesmerised by robed counsel, cross-examination, and the characters' use of language, deciding that it might be a good idea to see what was necessary to become a lawyer. The decision to pursue a legal career was made easier by the reality that lures many high school students to the law today, namely that an aptitude for English or the Humanities (rather than the Sciences or Maths) does not leave one with many options. So, passing up the charms of his father's dental surgery and foregoing a career as a school teacher, Priestley enrolled in a B.A. (in History) and an LL.B. at the University of Auckland in 1962.

The law school was then based at Pembroke, the two story building bordered on two sides by Albert Park, where the faculty and the library were based. Lectures took place either in the clock tower or in the now demolished lower lecture theatre. Bucking the convention of the time (which was to enrol as a part-time student at the law school and work as a law clerk at a law firm in the city during the day), he registered as a full-time student in both degrees for the first three years of his course. After an interview with the late Sir John Wallace, he clerked during the final two years of his law degree (1965-66), at Wallace McLean Bawden & Partners (now part of Kensington Swan). There, he was exposed to a variety of conveyancing, corporate law, and general filing work with a view to commencing practice as a solicitor. "In those days, everyone was a generalist," he notes.

Fate initially pushed him down a more academic path. In 1967, Dean Jack Northey (who had taught Priestley Constitutional and Administrative Law in a "deep rumbling voice" and pioneered use of the case book technique and Socratic Method at the law school) inaugurated the law school's Honours programme. Along with Ian Ross, Gary Craig, and Alan Galbraith QC, Justice Priestley was invited to become one of the law school's first LL.B (Hons) students. The requirements – three seminar courses, followed by a longer dissertation – seemed incompatible with the demands of virtually full-time practice, so his Honour returned to academic life, initially as tutor and then as junior lecturer. A career-long interest in family law was ignited during work on a dissertation on matrimonial desertion, supervised by Professor P. B. A. Sim. Among other awards and achievements, he won the Stout Shield for mooting in 1966 and in 1967, was an inaugural editor of the Auckland University Law Review (along with Galbraith).

People with whom Justice Priestley shared his time at the law school include a virtual honour roll of those who have shaped the modern New Zealand profession. Retired Court of Appeal judge and current president of the United Nations Special Tribunal for Lebanon Sir David Baragwanath and Jim Farmer QC graduated a short time before he did, while the Rt. Hon. Dame Sian Elias, the current Chief Justice, finished shortly afterwards. Direct contemporaries included former Supreme Court judge Sir Noel Anderson (who, in response to a question from Bernard Brown in a 1962 legal history class, had the class in splits when he told them that the "Wapentake" – an Anglo-Saxon hundred, or governance unit - was synonymous with "robbery with violence"), former Dean of the Law School and current Court of Appeal judge and President of the Law Commission Sir Grant Hammond, Queen's Counsel David A. R. Williams and Galbraith, former Attorney-General and Deputy Prime Minister and current Permanent Representative to the United Nations Jim McLay, and former Prime Minister David Lange.

Professor John Prebble of Victoria University and Justice Priestley were often confused for each other at law school, as they shared the same initials (JP). (Their divergent career paths – Professor Prebble's post-graduate work at Oxford and Cornell and distinguished academic career and Justice Priestley's time at Cambridge, the University of Virginia, and in practice – have since put paid to any such confusion.) Priestley also served on a

Law Students' Association committee with Sir Anand Satyanand. During one meeting at an office downtown, the members found an advertisement for luxury cars for sale in Hamilton and decided that it would be a good idea to telephone the dealer to make enquiries about inspecting and purchasing the cars. "Satch" was tasked with making the phone call, which the future Governor General duly did with mock grave authority. Peals of laughter ensued from his fellow committee members. Reflecting more seriously on his classmates' distinguished career trajectories, Justice Priestley says that he is "very humbled and honoured" to have been at law school when he was.

His colleagues hold him in equally high esteem. Sir David Baragwanath regards Justice Priestley as "a classic common lawyer" with "a profound understanding of the human condition", blessed with "acute intelligence, sound judgment and the gift of lucid expression". Jim McLay, his mooting partner, considered him a "law school star" with whom he has enjoyed a "long friendship in the law". Their friendship has been helped by the fact that it is "not difficult to like John Priestley" given his "warm personality" and "wicked sense of humour".

Justice Priestley has happy memories of professors at the law school, too. As is inevitable with Auckland law graduates from that era, Northey looms largest. His Honour describes him as "a total control freak" and "an iconic dean" – someone who, along with Professors Keith Sinclair (History) and Bob Chapman (Political Science) "ran the university". He appreciates the fact that he was "very well taught", reserving particular gratitude for George Hinde (who inculcated a lifelong interest in land law and equity), Brian Coote (contract law), Bernard Brown (as engaging and humorous a teacher of criminal law in the 1960s as he is now), and Don Dugdale (commercial law). He also remembers a young Sir Ian Barker teaching Civil Procedure. While his teachers kept his interest in law alive, History retained its allure. At the conclusion of his Honours degree, Justice Priestley went to the University of Cambridge to pursue further studies in the subject. The decision to go to England was eased by the University Grants Committee when – at Northey's persuasion – it agreed to defer the post-graduate scholarship in law which Justice Priestley had been awarded. Following Cambridge, his Honour took up the scholarship at the University of Virginia's law school, where he wrote a doctorate on matrimonial property.

On returning to New Zealand in the early 1970s, Justice Priestley joined Holmden Horrocks, then an 8-partner firm; he became partner in 1975. About 50% of his work focused on family law, children, and matrimonial property, with the remainder devoted to opinions, vendor-purchaser work, and general common law matters. This focus of his practice at Holmden Horrocks led to an even greater interest in family law. Seeing the need for issues in the area to be addressed by the Law Society in more focused fashion than the Social Welfare Committee which then existed could accomplish, his Honour was a driving force in the creation of the Family Law Committee and ultimately the Family Law Section of the New Zealand Law Society; he was Chair of the Section for a time. In 1982, he left Holmden Horrocks to go to the independent bar. "In Southern Cross Chambers we saw [Priestley's] determination to protect those needing the law's assistance in what was then seen as an unfashionable area of family law", Sir David remembers. "His notable part in its transformation was rightly recognised by the grant of silk," in 1994.

From the late 1980s on, Justice Priestley was appointed to various statutory bodies in a part-time capacity, including as a member of the Film Censorship Board of Review, the Deportation Review Tribunal (as inaugural Chair), and the Refugee Status Appeals Authority (as deputy chair). Other highlights of his time in practice included his Honour's successful involvement, with the late Paul Temm, in election petition cases in Hunua in 1978 (which led to Winston Peters' initial entry into Parliament) and Taupo in 1981 (leading to an increase in the National Party's majority). In November 2000, Justice Priestley was appointed to the bench. On his appointment, Attorney General Margaret Wilson – who graduated from the law school two years behind Priestley and who he had once met at an inebriated law students' association dinner at which they discovered a shared fondness for Shelley's poetry – wryly noted his Honour's earlier involvement representing "the other side".

The elevation was "something of a surprise" to the judge, as "family law was never regarded as a route to fame and fortune". (Jim McLay, who as Minister of Justice in 1979-80 had established the family courts, disagrees,

commenting that he was "not at all surprised when Priestley was appointed".) His Honour credits the generalist nature of his early legal training and "the firm building blocks laid down at the Law School" as invaluable preparation for his time on the bench. Also helpful was the degree of detachment from their clients' predicaments required of all successful family lawyers. "I never had a problem with this and have never lain awake in bed at night agonising over a case. I think that skill of detachment has been helpful to me as a Judge, particularly with criminal trials where Judge and jury are frequently exposed to gruesome details and horrific conduct." Baragwanath (his High Court colleague for seven years) remarks that "having the courage to do what is right made [Priestley] a first rate criminal judge, prepared to innovate to avoid injustice. In the High Court and frequent sittings in the Court of Appeal his acute intelligence, sound judgment and gift of lucid expression made for prompt, succinct and perceptive judgments admired by those of us who were his companions." Priestley "proved to be a very good judge", McLay adds, and was "exceptional in criminal law jury trials" despite not having practiced in that area. The "balance" which his Honour demonstrated was perhaps a reflection of his experience in matrimonial law which "equipped one very well" for criminal work, in McLay's view. "There is not very much which one does not see in practice as a family lawyer."

Priestley has retained academic interests throughout his time in practice, giving him a helpful perspective on the effects that changes to legal education have had on the profession. In the early period following his return to New Zealand, he taught courses on Banking Law and Bills of Exchange, moving in the late 1970s and early 1980s to teaching advocacy and courtroom ethics. More recently, he has lectured on family law at Auckland and Otago. In 2006 he assisted with the foundation of the Auckland University Law Review Advisory Board, of which he continues to be a member. In this capacity, as well as many others, Justice Priestley's involvement with the law school will hopefully continue for many years yet.

Since his time at the university, the biggest change in the profession that Justice Priestley has observed is structural. In part, this has been driven by law schools' evolution from part-time professional training schools to full-time academic institutions. In the 1960s and early 1970s, there had been a tension between "town and gown". The profession, or "town", had wanted part-time courses (ensuring a steady supply of law clerks) while the university – and particularly Jack Northey – saw greater merit in a full-time curriculum. Northey won. His Honour emphasises the importance of the law school retaining ties with both the profession and the bench in light of this change and has appreciated the efforts by both Professor Rishworth and Dr Stockley, during their tenures as Dean, to involve the judiciary in the life of the law school through invitations to guest lectures and events. The growth in law school enrolments has also had consequences. In the late 1960s, the graduating class size at the Auckland law school was about 40 and the university's total enrolment around 6,000, obviating the need for an intermediate (or "Legal System") year. Larger class sizes have, however, meant that the best students from Auckland are now more academically rigorous than in the 1960s, a fact underscored by the high quality of Justice Priestley's clerks at the High Court (and his suggestion that there are many competent lawyers from the 1960s who may not have gained admission to the law school today).

As to broader professional trends, larger class sizes make seeking employment more difficult. When his Honour graduated, leaving Auckland for work was a choice – one made by Gary Craig (the first person to be made a law firm partner from Priestley's law school class, practising in Papakura at Rice Craig), and Sir Grant Hammond (who moved to Hamilton) – rather than a necessity. Priestley points out that the profusion of larger firms has made family law (with its generally smaller fees) uneconomic for most law firms; much of the field is now served by the independent bar. There are also many more women in the profession now – Justice Judith Potter, two years his senior at law school, was one of only two or three in her class – and more female than male law graduates each year.

With retirement, the study of History beckons again. Personal projects that are likely to occupy Justice Priestley's time include, perhaps, writing a biography of one of his ancestors and reading more Latin. The law – and particularly family law – are not too far from his thoughts, however, and he would like to involve himself with an "organisation with a focus on children and families".

The breadth and depth of John Priestley's contributions to academia, the profession, and the judiciary – and, in Sir David's words, "the warmth of his own humanity, as husband, father, colleague and friend" – mean that his time is certain to be in great demand.

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 Tauranga Public Library being converted into the digital form, as part of the project of recording unit history.

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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

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".

WW1 connections are sought

On August 3, 1914, Germany declared war on France and invaded Belgium. The next day, Britain declared war on Germany, launching World War 1 – one of the 20th Century's most significant events.

New Zealand responded strongly with young men quickly signing up for Army training before heading overseas.

It is said very few families didn't have a close relative among 58,000 New Zealanders killed or wounded in four years of terrible fighting until war ended November 11, 1918.

Tauranga's community made a significant contribution to New Zealand's war efforts. But one century later, the veterans are long gone.

As great-great-grandfathers and greatgrandfathers of today's citizens, memories of their experiences are fading.

As result, a group has been planning a series of events and projects to ensure the veterans' efforts are not forgotten.

The Tauranga WW100 committee has representatives of local RSAs, ex-service-men's associations, Tauranga Historical Society, iwi, genealogy groups and the city council.

Tauranga WW100 chairman Peter Moss, Mt Maunganui RSA manager, says the committee wishes to co-ordinate a programme to highlight the war's impact on the community.

It's keen to receive ideas and suggestions for appropriate ceremonies, events and projects.

Peter stresses the committee is not seeking



to glorify war, but honour those involved.

Planning to spread local commemorations during the next four years to the centenary of Armistice Day, 1918, the committee is seeking community help for World War 1 information and artifacts.

Letters, diaries, photographs from soldiers; and surviving artifacts and recollections, told by veterans to younger family members, will be appreciated. "It would be of particular interest if artifacts actually relate to local people who served in the war," says Peter. "However, we appreciate Tauranga was a much smaller place in those days and many descendants actually live elsewhere."

To offer material, email Fiona Kean at Tauranga City Council's Heritage Collection via: Fiona Kean@tauranga.govt.nz or call 07 577 7005.

The enemy at Gallipoli wasn't the 'Turks'

By:

Virginia Gow - Web Adviser in the WW100 Programme Office

Did you know that the enemy at Gallipoli wasn't the 'Turks'?

New Zealanders get cranky when our military contribution, particularly the war dead, are lumped in as 'British' or 'Australian' in overseas publications and museum exhibits. Yet we frequently use the term 'Turkey' or 'Turks' to describe the forces New Zealanders were fighting against at Gallipoli during the First World War.

The correct term for the enemy is in fact the Ottoman Empire, not Turkey or the Turks; though many New Zealanders (and others) at the time were not aware of the distinction. This wasn't helped by the common use and acceptance of the slang phrase 'Johnny Turk' as a nickname for our foe.

The Ottoman Empire, like the British Empire, was a multi-national empire with a multi-national army. There were almost as many Arab soldiers as Turkish ones in this army.

Social Events

Sunday 23rd March 2013

Timings:

0900hrs Start shoot

1100hrs Colonial Morning tea (for non shooters)

1200hrs Finish shoot & clean up.

1300hrs Luncheon at the Kaimai Woolshed. Pay for your own. (Subsidized for Association Members.)

Costs:

\$10.00 range fee. (To assist with cost of manufacturing the reusable steel targets)

\$10.00 or \$20.00 packets of ammunition. (You can use your own ammunition for you own weapons.

Types of shoots available.

Black Powder

Pistol

Shotguns

Military style

Sport style.

You may bring you own weapon

The RSO will control the Range

Coachers will be available

A First Aid will be available.

Bring you firearms licence if you have one.

If you would like obtain a licence, Qualified Firearms Safety instructors will be available to give advice and assistance

To assist with the day please advise Marion or me:

- 1/ Attending the shoot.
- 2/ Require ammunition & type.
- 3/ Colonial Morning tea
- 4/ Luncheon at the Kaimai Woolshed

BOP Officers Club

50th Years Celebration

Thursday 17th April 2013

1600hrs Garrison Opens

1700hrs Members move to BOP Officers Club for fellowship

1800hrs Officers Speeches

1830hrs Members move back to Garrison Club

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.

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CADETS

New Zealand's future should be in good hands for another 150 years if the huge parade of cadets marching through the central North Island is anything to go by, military leaders say.

Watched on by Governor-General Sir Jerry Mateparae and 200 officers, 1000 cadets, between the ages of 13 and 18, paraded through the Waiouru Military Camp yesterday to celebrate 150 years of the cadet forces in New Zealand.

It was the largest parade of cadets on record and capped off a multi-discipline exercise that started on January 24 and finishes today.

The cadets took part in a range of military activities including flying, tramping and sailing, shooting, and medical evacuation scenarios in challenging environments.

Commandant of the New Zealand Cadet Forces, Commander Glen Stokes, said although the celebrations had been two years in the making, the effort had been worth it.

"This is just amazing to see so many of them in one place. They've come from far off and thrown themselves into things and at the end of the week they're still smiling.

"New Zealand is in good hands with these cadets."

The parade was a fitting tribute to the cadets from the past 150 years and demonstrated the opportunities for those who wished to join in the future, Commander Stokes said.

"Cadets have a proud history in New Zealand, with many prominent Kiwis, including Lord Freyberg and Sir Peter Blake, developing their leadership potential within the cadet programme."

The parade would not have been possible without the "unselfish" amount of time that hundreds of volunteer officers put into the cadets.

Ten had come from each of the 100 units across the country for the parade and consideration was being given to how to get all 3000 current cadets involved in a nationwide march during the month of the 150th anniversary in November.

Cadets go to 150th event

The 150th anniversary of Cadet Forces in New Zealand is being celebrated from today in Waiouru. Luke Kirkeby caught up with Taupo Cadets unit commander, lieutenant Graham Hall, to find out what's involved.

RESPECT, loyalty, integrity and discipline may not be as commonly found in society as they once were but with the Taupo Cadets they're in abundance.

Taupo Cadets is part of New Zealand Cadet Forces which is marking its 150th anniversary at the Waiouru Military Camp from today through to next Thursday.

Lieutenant Graham Hall said be is excited about the event and is taking 11 local cadets with him where they will be joined by over 1000 others from throughout the country.

"We are technically only allowed to take nine but a couple of other units have undersubscribed so we are able The main purpose of cadets is to give kids leadership and self discipline skills using the tools the military have available to them. We take kids in from the age of 13 and they join a three year programme that sees them exiting when they are 19.

- Lieutenant Graham Hall

to take 11 which is good," he said.

"The cadets were selected based upon their attendance and overall attitude. It is going to be a huge event for us and I believe there is a small Australian contingent coming across too."

Mr Hall said the cadets will be taking part in a range of activities including the largest parade in more than 50 years.

"We will be doing all the usual stuff but also spending time doing the assault course with the soldiers, weapons training and abseiling the Moawhango Dam," he said.

He said Taupo is part of the New Zealand Cadet Forces green team cadet core, which also has sea and air training

"Cadet Forces itself is administered by the government and the administration of that is in the hands of the New Zealand military," he said.

"The main purpose of cadets is to give kids leadership and self discipline skills using the tools the military have available to them."

"We take kids in from the age of 13 and they join a three-year programme that sees them exiting when they are 19," he said.

He stressed Cadets is not a military recruiting tool but simply a youth training scheme.

"There is no requirement or expectation to go on to military, around 15 per cent do but that percentage varies. Those who do go on do so successfully because they have learned a lot of the core skills already," he said.

"Job potential is also considerably higher because they come out [of cadets] with some very good references."

Mr Hall said The New Zealand Cadet core is the only youth training scheme offering NZQA credits for the training it does.

Taupo Cadets meet every Monday night from 6pm till 8.30pm in term time. See taupocadets.org for more.



Lt Gen Rt Hon Sir Jerry Mateparae Governor-General of New Zealand

Rau rangatira mā, e kui mā, e koro mā, e hine mā, e tama mā, tēnei aku mihi māhana ki a koutou. Kia ora tātou katoa. Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, young women and young men, warm greetings to you all.

I specifically acknowledge: Lieutenant General Rhys Jones, Chief of Defence Force; Rear Admiral Jack Steer, Chief of Navy; Major General Dave Gawn, Chief of Army, Air Vice Marshall Peter Stockwell, Chief of Air Force; Peter Marshall, Police Commissioner; Commodore Bob Morrison, Royal Australian Navy; Major Alain Thibault, Royal Canadian Cadets; and Brigadier Jon Broadley, Director General Reserve Forces and Youth Development - tēnā koutou katoa.

Thank you for inviting me here today. As Patron of Cadet 150, I am delighted to help the New Zealand Cadet Forces mark its notable anniversary.

All too often we hear about what young people are doing wrong. Young people are accused of being selfish and self-centred; of being defiant of authority, either civic or parental; and with having little respect for law, order and decency. Fortunately, young people like you all on parade today challenge those assertions, and prove that we can have confidence in our young people. As the Governor-General I'm always heartened to see evidence of young New Zealanders succeeding and achieving.

Few organisations in New Zealand can claim to have existed continuously for 150 years. It is a significant achievement, and one that has directly and positively impacted on the lives of tens, if not hundreds, of thousands of young New Zealanders.

Since the founding of the first cadet unit at what is now Otago Boys' High School, there has been enormous social, political, economic and technological change in New Zealand. When the first unit was formed, the New Zealand Wars were still raging, universal suffrage was still 30 years away, gold and wool were mainstays of our exports and European adventurers were only just venturing into New Zealand's hinterland. In those early years the cadet units were formed in schools and controlled by a school's headmaster. The emphasis of training followed the example of British public schools, and was based on rigid discipline and shooting marksmanship.

The focus now has been adapted, in step with our changing world, to develop confident community-minded citizens for New Zealand. That's not to say those first cadets would be completely mystified by what 21st century cadets get up to. Equipment and training differ, but the core values of respect, integrity, loyalty and discipline have the same meaning now as they did in the 19th Century.

Over the past 150 years, the Cadet Forces have expanded and evolved. The Army-based New Zealand Cadet Corps has been joined by the Sea Cadet Corps (1929) and the Air Training Corps (1941). In the Cadet Forces centenary year,

1964, the NZCF peaked at 1000 officers and 54000 cadets in 198 units. And while the modern cadet has amazing opportunities to learn new and useful skills of a type undreamt of in 1864, it is the NZCF core values and how a cadet employs them in his or her everyday life that will ultimately have the most impact.

Many of you will have aspirations of going on to join the Army, Navy or Air Force. Young men and latterly young women of the NZCF have gone on to serve in the Army, Navy or Air Force. Some have chosen to serve as officers in their cadet units. Others may take your experience to put to use in the Police Force or other service organisation. Most of you will choose to go on to other careers and pursuits. Whatever you choose to do, treasure the time spent and mates made in the NZCF, they will be beneficial for your future.

I agreed to be the patron of Cadet 150 because the NZCF has been, and remains, a premier youth organisation. It has and continues to provide a safe, enjoyable and challenging environment for young New Zealanders to grow. Throughout its 150 years the NZCF has ensured that today's young people are every much as good as yesterday's young people. In saying that, I am confident that you young people as much as yesterday's young men and women will step up when you are called upon to do so. My hope is that unlike your predecessors who went to two World Wars, your future will be different.

In conclusion – and I know from experience how much people on parade enjoy hearing those words – I congratulate the New Zealand Cadet Force on 150 years of service to New Zealand's youth. It is a remarkable achievement and in celebrating this event we are paying tribute to all of the young men and young women over 150 years who have been Army, Navy or Air Force cadets.

At this point I want to acknowledge the support that the NZCF has received over 150 years from the Army, the Navy and the Air Force. Equally as important is the support cadet units have received from the wider community. In particular, I thank the three Cadet Corps associations, the adults around the country who have taken up Cadet Force commissions, the parent support committees connected with each unit, and the friends and family members who encourage and support cadets to take part. Their voluntary contribution has been a major factor in the success and survival of the cadet movement.

As the former US Secretary of State and Chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff Colin Powell said: "Organisations don't really accomplish anything. Plans don't accomplish anything, either. Theories of management don't matter much. Endeavours succeed or fail because of the people involved. Only by attracting the best people will you accomplish great deeds."

Congratulations to you all for playing your part and for being the best you can be so that cadet units continue to achieve great deeds.

Kia ora huihui tātou katoa



Our Associated Groups



THE PATRIOTS DEFENCE FORCE MOTORCYCLE CLUB - HAURAKI CHAPTER

The Hauraki Chapter of the Patriots Defence Force Motorcycle Club have been out and about on a few runs since the last newsletter.

The Whisky Run down to Waiouru Military Camp held in December was the last run of the year and although the weather looked promising as we left Tauranga by the time we reached Turangi the rain was pretty persistent which made for an interesting ride over the Desert Road. Once over the Desert Road, however, and as we reached Waiouru the rain cleared and we headed off to the WTS Range for an afternoon of simulated firing and a highly competitive target shooting competition which was won by Morgs with Koro coming a close second. The evening found us in the Sgts Mess where many fines were given out to members who had managed to find themselves in the "black book" throughout the year and we had a fun quiz which again brought out the competitive streak of quite a few of our members. The ride home on the Sunday was again wet up to Taupo but then cleared for the final push home.

A sad occasion for one of our members, Hobbit, when his father Frank passed away after a long illness. The troops rallied and about 18 bikes gave Frank's hearse an escort to the crematorium.

A Sunday impromptu ride over to Okoriore for brunch saw a few members get together in the middle of January.

BJ, our Vice President, and his wife Jo hosted a BBQ in January which was well attended and great fun and it could be that this will now be an annual event for them.

Our last run was the Hudda Run in February to Opotiki. This was a memorial ride and service held for Sergeant Hudson. While training in Waiouru on 13 February 1974, Sergeant Hudson was awarded a posthumous George Cross for the following action:

"... while supervising a live grenade practice, Sergeant Hudson suddenly became aware that the NCO in his grenade throwing bay had accidently armed the grenade he was about to throw. The Sergeant was then seen to quickly grasp the NCO's throwing hand and attempt to throw the grenade over the front parapet of the throwing bay. He was within inches of success when the grenade exploded killing both men."

The turnout for the run was attended by many members and supporters from our various Chapters across the country with there being in excess of 60 motorbikes and members of Sgt Hudson's family attended the service at the cemetery. One of our life members, JB, kept us all fed and watered in his bar the Rollick n Crutch with a great feed on the Saturday evening and a much needed breakfast before our ride home on Sunday morning. The RSA made us more than welcome and seen some of us become stars on the karaoke machine! The weather for our run was perfect and made for some good riding. A post Hudda Run brunch was held by our QM, Pedro, and his wife Carol which was much appreciated.

Our AGM is coming up soon and a few rides which we'll update in the next newsletter.

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		April		
4th 8th 11th	Friday Tuesday Friday Thursday	1800 hrs 1900 hrs 1600 hrs	Garrison Club Garrison Club BOP Officers Club	Nibbles Committee Meeting Nibbles Celebration of 50 years
18th 25th 25th	Friday Friday Friday	1600 hrs Dawn 1600 hrs	Garrison Club ANZAC Day Garrison Club	Nibbles Finger Food
		May		
2nd 9th 13th 16th 22nd 23rd 30th	Friday Friday Tuesday Friday Friday Friday	1600 hrs 1600 hrs 1900 hrs 1600 hrs Newsletter pri 1600 hrs 1600 hrs	Garrison Club Garrison Club Garrison Club Garrison Club nted & posted Garrison Club Garrison Club	Nibbles Nibbles Committee Meeting Nibbles Nibbles Finger Food