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President's Report

If you are searching for the November 2020, the Editor has advised me that due to Covid – 19 he was unable to publish that issue. As it also effected other events, I have to believe him. In particular the fifty years of the Hauraki Garrison. We hope to have that event this ANZAC Day in conjunction with the 6 Hauraki 2021 ANZAC Reunion.

The Hauraki Company 3/6 Battalion Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment had an enjoyable Christmas evening in the Garrison; to round off their year of disrupted training, due to the enemy Covid – 19.

The Rhodesian Service Association has taken their memorabilia from the cabinet. They had advised me six months prior to the move. They left items they had donated to the Hauraki Association over the years and still remain Association Associate Members. We now have room to place your items. If you wish to donate, loan or gift items please contact me or Marion.

Thanks to all those who have contributed to the Hauraki News.in particular Paul Couch who is part of our committee, but also is the President of the 3 Auck/North Battalion Association.

Dean & Fiona have given much of their valuable time to the 6 Hauraki Assoc, in particular over the years of WW100 Tauranga. A number of meetings were held at the Hauraki Association Museum over the years. Coincidentally they happened to be held on a Friday afternoon and finishing just before the opening of the Garrison Club, next door.

With the current organisation Museums Tauranga, the meetings are now held at Classic Flyers.

The Association continues to support the Cadet Units in Tauranga. In particular The Army Cadets & the ATC who have become under the umbrella of the Army Cadets. This is due the ATC not presently have a qualified Unit Commander. I hope you enjoy articles written by the young Cadets about the respective weekends.

The Association is still full of enthusiasm, despite having Code Black (If you need to get onsite contact my cell phone 027 764 0974) and Covid -19.

The Association is in good heart and the 122nd Birthday Celebrations were a great success thanks to everyone's contribution. My Brother, Trevor Archer would have been impressed.

Kia Kaha

Des Anderson

50 years of the Hauraki Garrison Club

ARMY GARRISON CLUB – TAURANGA

Dive Crescent 1970

The story as told by WOII Keith Stollery, Chief Clerk 6 (Hauraki) RNZIR

In 1970 the majority of the Hauraki Regimental Cadre staff had served in Vietnam and as a result of the anti-war movement within the civilian population of the time, morale in the regular army was really low. [Those who can remember heard the stories of troops returning to NZ being told not to wear uniform on their return to or at home locations].

Our watering hole then was the back bar of the Masonic Hotel on The Strand but there was that feeling that the civilians there were not happy with our presence.

An event occurred that triggered the birth of an idea. The Hauraki headquarters building on Dive Crescent backed against an industrial rail spur and the N Z Railways regularly put shunts down next to our building, delivering cargo to be unloaded or loaded at Heaton's Transport Ltd and other businesses along Dive Crescent, and on this occasion a wagon jumped the rails and tore the side out of the building which was repaired by MOW (Ministry of Works).

We now had an empty redecorated room at south west corner of the building so I approached the Adjutant (John Marsh) for permission to turn it into a Garrison Club. We were given approval so off to visit Waikato Breweries. The General Manager gave us his support and supplied a bar, keg cooler and all the plant needed to commence operations to open November 1970. This venture proved highly successful but we found the room too small. The recruiting officer (Ron Henderson) had his office next door and was away on a recruiting drive so we got Murray Davies (National Serviceman member of the unit) in with his chainsaw and enlarged the area to twice its size.

Everything was going well but at that time New Zealand was a member of ANZUS and Mt Maunganui/Tauranga was getting a lot of American and Australian warships visiting and it became a practice to pick up some of the crew, show them local sights and come back to the club for drinks. All good but the layout of the building created a distance between the input area (the Club) and the eventual output toilet locations and it worried me that the image of drunk sailors wandering down the passage to the toilets and coming into contact with the public was not acceptable.

What to do. There was a derelict room at the west end (Sulphur Point end) of the building adjacent to the large lecture room and Kitchen and the existing toilet facilities. This was going to be a challenge. We received a dollar-for-dollar subsidy from the Army Welfare Fund and the project got under way in 1972. Notable contributions came from unit members in local businesses and persons who were very keen to contribute services/products such as Max Peters (cool room), Peter Croucher (Electrical), Gordon Williams (MOW), Don Edwards (Engineering), Guy Refrigeration and many unit members who gave their time and effort. [The attached BOP Times article mentions 800 volunteer hours]. Waikato Breweries also assisted in fitting out the Bar plant and their guidance.

The official opening was conducted by Mayor Bob Owens of Owens Transport fame.

But there was a monkey on the backs of some of those intimately involved so thoughts came to how can we turn this opening celebration into a money-making venture? Papakura WO & Sgts

Mess had run a couple of horse racing events so we borrowed their equipment, arranged for a racing commentator, set up a proper tote with the odds calculated by David Knightley.

I mention that we had local police as club members because they did not (or were not allowed to have a bar at their station and as this horse racing activity was illegal, they did not attend.

The opening was an outstanding event and turned the bank balance from red to blue – the monkey was gone.

Now the Club had the space to move, we had space for a pool table, access to the large lecture room for social events (which doubled as All Services Officers Club which catered for the senior ex-service personnel and some became financial and participating members of the Garrison Club), we encouraged wives and girlfriends and in 1973 boyfriends of the new female soldiers to participate, ran many themed dance nights and monthly sports nights - pool, darts with the more energetic table tennis and badminton located in the garage area.

The success of the venture is a memorable part of my life and I owe that to all those who supported me and provided their time and knowledge.

Keith Stollery

P.S. In the Museum there is a copy of the Race Card which lists a lot of the names of people who helped in providing this facility.

1972 - 1978

Wellingtonian Bank Officer & 7 RNZIR Sergeant posted to Tauranga and 6 (Hauraki) RNZIR

March 1972, I arrived at National Bank Tauranga and attended Monday night training as Sergeant in Mortar Platoon as part of Headquarter Company. Bit of shock at the time because the NZ Army comprised 2 armies (1, 2/1, 2, 3 & 7 RNZIR were the A force and units such 4, 5 & 6 RNZIR were the B force.) My barrel at 7 Bn was 81mm but in the cage at Tauranga stood a WWII 3-inch mortar barrel. Back to school but soon all units carried same resources.

My recollection of the Garrison Club in 1972 was the extended Club bar area that, post the opening of the new bar reverted back, to become the recruiting office. The bar opened for short period after training on Monday nights so it became part of the process in firming the Espirite de Corp and often we had elements of units visiting so it became a meeting place away from the civilian hostility that Keith mentioned.

Despite the limited space the Club ran events using the lecture room and garage area.

The Garrison bar was the bain of designated cadre NCOs on a Monday morning after a weekend or week of events as the bar stock was counted, there were measuring templates to count the number of nips left in a spirit bottle, the retail value of stock sold calculated and (fingers crossed) agreed with moneys banked.

The advent of the new club area certainly upped the club events and its timing prior to arrival of Territorial Force volunteers meant it was able to cope with the expansion as many NS men re-engaged as volunteers, ex-soldiers re-engaged (1972/1973 saw the Hauraki regiment prepare for Colours Camp at Rotorua 1973 with extensive recruiting drives in the region, Vietnam vets joined as Cadre scoured the area looking for past mates, civilians volunteered and infantry units were able to recruit woman soldiers (Hauraki's first batch was about 20 in admin and signal roles)).

The club continued in its role of generating camaraderie and as Keith said "encouraged the other half of the team - the spouses and partners"

Themed events included one I vividly remember - Tramps night, old clothes, rags and sacking costumes and we arranged with the local chippie to prepare 50+ individual (1 fish & some chips) packs which on arrival were thrown on the floor and the tramps scrambled for their supper.

Disco night, roaring 20s nights or after training weekends have a debrief in the Club. We never had any gate crashers at any events in my time.

June and I did not have a family network in Tauranga and local baby sitters were not plentiful so we would often have Louise and then Garvin pitched in a corner of the lecture room on their sheepskins watching or eventually sleeping in spite of the noise and carnage around them.

The Garrison committee was mix of soldiers and all ranks – we were one unit – RF, NS men, TF and volunteers it did not matter. The volunteer team for any Garrison event, the support at

functions was fantastic in the 1970's and each company HQ has its own Garrison Club and this built the Hauraki unit as we knew it.

There is a story circulating that our current president in his early days in the unit was causing concern about his behaviour in the Club and the impact of alcohol thereon and he was banned for a period. I have no recollection of the judicial meeting so I will not let the truth get in the way of good story. However, I now acknowledge that the decision made means he is still with us today. There were several occasions when I wondered how he got home on his motorcycle.

There were several decisions made and at the time may have been harsh but they prevented many early deaths.

The club had volunteer bar persons in the early days, we employed a variety of persons especially in the new Club location with mixed results although unit members as employees worked well.

Peter Croucher was one until he was sent to Waikeria Prison as an electrician

I note that the Army Hall is now a carpark in Dive Crescent, 50 Dive Crescent comprises the lecture room as part of jet ski dealership and the old Garrison bar has been repurposed as office space & workshop

May 1978, I moved on bank transfer to Auckland

Keith has under-played his role in the establishment of the Tauranga Garrison Club because it was his determination, enthusiasm and encouragement to members of the Tauranga based Headquarter company and later the subsequent Admin and Support companies following the restructure of N Z Army in early 1970s. In addition to Keith, we do need to acknowledge and thank those who have preserved the Club and continue to maintain that link with the "old" soldiers and the new generation of serving Reserve soldiers.

I enjoyed my service to the Unit and the Tauranga Garrison Club and continue pay back service as a remote member of the Garrison and Hauraki Association.

I have not jumped units but with amalgamation of 3 & 6 in December 2012 I approached the Auckland Association to be liaison officer and by an unopposed coup was recently appointed as President of the Auckland Regimental Association which like Hauraki Association has taken control of the Ranfurly Garrison Bar.

Regretfully, the Auckland dynamic of distance, travel and traffic conditions means Friday drinks is not a regular weekly option and where they are offered on last Friday of months May to October the unit member participation is invisible. Can it be changed? – this is my challenge up in Auckland but 2020 certainly is and 2021 will certainly be a different time and place compared to 1970's

Paul Couch

1998 – 2020

In 1998 the Commanding Officer Allister McCaw invited the 6th Battalion (Hauraki) Regimental Association Incorporated to operate the Garrison on behalf of the 6th Battalion (Hauraki) Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment.

Each successive Commanding Officer has continued with the invitation. Thus, the Garrison was able to complete the first fifty years.

A celebration of the 50 years was planned, with Keith Stollery being invited to lead the event.

Unfortunately, the enemy (Covid – 19) put an end to that plan.

The next plan is to hold an event over ANZAC Weekend, in conjunction with the 6 Battalion 2021 ANZAC Reunion.

6th Battalion (Hauraki) Garrison has been in operation for fifty years, this year.

Due to COVID – 19, it has been decided to delay the 50th Celebrations until a more convenient time.

If you have any stories you would like to share be published in the Hauraki News, please forward them. If you have any photos that would be even better.

An Email sent out to Members in 2020.



Clearing away the empty glasses and keeping the tables cleaned and polished is steward Peter Croucher.



Enjoying a game on the pool table are Staff Sergeant Neil Webb (with cue), Private Mani Williams and Warrant Officer Keith Stollery (right)



Gordon Eagleson the Garrison Barman for many years. He travelled from Te Aroha every Friday. A recent photo taken by his fellow Barman, Bob Mankelow.

OBITUATIES

LTCOL Douglas Ross, MBE, ED enlisted into the Hauraki Regiment in 1939 on his 18th birthday in Paeroa. He worked at the BNZ 100 metres from the army office.

War broke out soon afterwards but it was May 1940 before he attended officer and SNCO trg for 3 months at Narrow neck camp in Auckland. He came out as a Sgt and soon afterwards was made SGTMAJ at 19 years old.

Being under 21 he was not eligible for overseas service so continued training in New Zealand with the Territorial Force. He transferred to the Waikato Regt in early 1941 having moved to the Hamilton branch of the BNZ.

He volunteered for what was secret training at the time in Australia but as nothing happened, he enlisted in the air force in 1941. The week he was to join he was accepted for secret training in Australia where reverting to private for 3 months trained in gruelling warfare learning the Bren gun, rifle Tommy gun antitank explosives, booby traps and demolitions.

On return to NZ in Sep 41 this hush hush unit known as the 2nd Independent company was disbanded and for a time, he served with the 6th Bn in Waiouru. In early 1942 he attended officer training and was commissioned into the 2nd Bn Waikato Regt.

New Zealand had committed to raising a division for service in the Pacific and Doug was selected adjutant Base Reception Depot. Turning 21 in Aug 42 he was posted to 3 Div. and having asked many times was posted to active service as an infantry officer in the 37th Bn in New Caledonia. He served with them through the Solomon's and Guada Canal campaigns in 1943.

When 3 Division disbanded, he was one of the last NZers to leave the region and later humorously related the story that his final command was 2 football fields of surplus trucks. He RTNZ 11 Oct 1944

In Jan 45 LTCOL Doug transferred to 2 Div. passing through Egypt and joining 9 Bde on the Senio where he was welcomed by Gen Freyberg. His unit was originally cavalry but the Bde re-roled as infantry and he served with them until the end of the war in 1945 in Trieste

On RTNZ Doug re-joined the TF and with the advent of CMT in 1949 LTCOL Doug joined the Auckland Regiment rising to its Commanding Officer from 1957 to 1960. He as finished his service in the reserve of officers in 1960

LTCOL Ross is amongst the last of the WW2 generation. They expected everyone to work and do their best but had an enormous capacity for kindness and compassion for the hard up and for helping people out.

LTCOL Ross served bravely in war and professionally in peacetime. He was a highly respected and warmly liked officer. Rest in Peace LTCOL Doug your duties are complete.



Photo of two 3 RNZIR CO's
Col Doug Ross is on the right. Picture taken at the Ranfurly Garrison Club

UNVEILING of WO1 Dave Gavin



Farewell to WO1 Dave Galvin at his unveiling. Here Col Warren Banks & Pererika Makiha.

Sgt Susan Glenys Conroy

A well-attended commemoration with many Hauraki involved.

Sue had requested her ashes to be scattered in the ocean at her favourite part of the beach at Mount Maunganui.



Sue's ashes on their way down to the canoe



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NEW ZEALAND ARMED FORCES STATEMENT OF SERVICE

Full Name:	Susan Glenys CONROY		
Date of Birth:	26 August 1954		
Service Number:	P750572		
Highest Rank Held:	Sergeant		
Arm of Service:	New Zealand Army		
Force:	Territorial	Regular	Territorial
Corps (Army Only):	New Zealand Womens' Royal Army Corps The Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment	The Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment	The Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment
Enlistment Date/s:	23 November 1976	1 June 1985	1 September 1986
Release/Discharge Date/s:	30 May 1985	31 August 1986	25 June 1987
Reason for Release/Discharge:	Transfer to Regular	Transfer to Territorial	At Own Request
War or Operational Service:	Nil		
Theatre/Area of operations & posting:	Nil		
Medallic entitlement:	The New Zealand Defence Service Medal with Territorial & Regular clasps		

Date: 12 October 2020

Julia Fink
Research and Entitlement Advisor
Personnel Archives and Medals

Sue's service record

PENDING REUNIONS

(delayed by the enemy COVID -19)

6 HAURAKI 2021 ANZAC REUNION

Plan for the 6 Hauraki 2021 ANZAC Reunion

Friday 23rd 1030hrs to 1300hrs use of Museum/bar for RV point before we head to Taupo
Onward bar.

Returning back to museum/bar later that afternoon 1600hrs – 2300hrs

Saturday 24th 1100hrs-1230hrs Museum/bar fellowship get together before dinner at the Mount
Maunganui RSA

1300hrs-1830hrs then return to bar to finish of the evening.

Sunday 25th Tauranga RSA Dawn Service assemble 0530hrs.

Dawn Service commences 0600 hrs

Move to Tauranga Army Hall for Breakfast

Tauranga Civic Parade 0830hrs

QE2 Memorial Hall for Morning Tea

Hauraki Garrison for fellowship

NOTE:

COVID – 19 Alert LEVEL ONE

Tauranga Army Hall is on CODE BLACK

**PROPOSED B COY 6 HAURAKI BN GET TOGETHER
WHAKATANE RSA 17 TO 19 SEP 21 - REQUEST**



Greetings gentlemen.

As the title indicates, myself and two other ex B Coy 6 Hau Regt soldiers are proposing a get together for members of B Coy 6 Hau Regt 1982 to 1986. The get together will be held at Whakatane RSA on Sat 18 Sep 21 supported by ex B Company soldier and now President RSA Whakatane WO2 (rtd) Vick Hape, 1 RNZIR.

I will be hosting the event along with LCpl (rtd) Tuhi Ruawai / Pearson, LCpl (rtd) Oscar Hikuroa and Miss Julie Horopapera, daughter of WO2 (rtd) Tim Horopapera.

With this in mind I am writing to you all in the hope that you may be able to support the loan of the following:

1. Loan of the 6 Hauraki Regiment Colours

Des as discussed, this afternoon on the phone.

2. The loan of the B Company Banner (see attached for examples of banner).
3. Loan of any B Company photographs between 1982 and 1986.
4. Bayonet or knife that was used as B Company "Soldier of the year" award.

If approved I will arrange uplift on morning 17 Sep 21.

For your favourable consideration.

POC is myself.

WO1 Tama Andrew

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Tauranga Army Cadets

The Unit Commander Maj Eli Crawshaw has taken over control of 16 (City of Tauranga) Squadron, ATC as well as Western Bay of Plenty Cadet Unit, until they have a qualified Officer.

If you or you know a person who is qualified to control a Cadet Unit, please contact me in the first instance.

If would like to become a Cadet Officer, please contact me. I will direct you to the appropriate person to offer you advise.



**No. 16 (City of
Tauranga) Squadron
Cadet Unit**

**Western Bay of
Plenty Cadet Unit**

Vision:

Preparing New Zealand's successful leaders of tomorrow.

Mission:

To develop and enable self-disciplined, confident and responsible young New Zealanders.

Core Values:

Courage – Confronting challenges, both physical and moral, to overcome any adversity.

Commitment – Being reliable and loyally serving and supporting the NZCF, local communities and New Zealand.

Comradeship - Looking out for each other, having respect for all, and championing the benefits of friendship, teamwork and diversity.

Integrity – Having self-discipline and always being honest, trustworthy and responsible.

Aims:

To foster a spirit of adventure and teamwork, and to develop those qualities of mind and body essential for good citizens and leaders.

To provide challenging and disciplined training activities, which will be useful in either Service or civilian life.

To promote an awareness of the Armed Forces, and the role they play in the community.





Exercise- Jafa III (Just Another Fantastic Activity)

Written by Cadet H. Jacobs

Taking a moment to look back on my weekend at Jafa III, I would firstly like to share my appreciation for the New Zealand Cadet forces for allowing me to partake in this memorable event. Next, I would like to recognise the support and assistance received from the New Zealand Defence Force and the EOD squad who added activities that opened my mind to new opportunities and showcased the possible career pathways that we can pursue within The Defence Force. Jafa stands for just another fun activity, but in my eyes, it was a life changing opportunity, learning skills and executing tasks I never deemed possible. Jafa allowed me to create bonds, leave my comfort zone, try new things, and create memories that are different to that of a lot of my peers. I had every single NCO and Officer from my unit telling me that this camp would really be the best experience of my life. Me, a sixteen-year-old female cadet who had never seen so much as a paintball gun was sceptical, however it really lived up to the expectations.

On Friday 27th November, the van ride to Tamaki Leadership Centre was long, and nerve racking as I was unsure of the opportunities and tasks that were ahead of me. Upon arrival, we soon punched into action, unloading the vans and getting straight into the admissions line. It all seemed surreal to me as this was my first ever Cadet Forces camp but when I received my "Jafa III" patch, the reality finally set in for me that this weekend I was going to get the chance to shoot the MARS-L. Being split up from my close friends when placed into platoons was hard as it felt as though I had no one to support me but I was wrong. My Platoon Sergeant and Platoon Commander made sure that the members in the platoon were all taken care of and felt safe and supported the whole weekend.

After an amazing breakfast on Saturday 28th November, we were given a run down on the day ahead, starting with a speech by a recruiter from the New Zealand Defence Force detailing the endless possibilities that they have in store for future careers. After this the platoons were given ration packs and set about on their first activity. My platoon, Apiata's, first activity was successful, like many others due to a GSMEAC set out by our platoon sergeant. Having a successful first activity allowed our Platoon to remain buoyant and excited for the tasks ahead. I enjoyed completing tasks such as finding glowsticks in unlit tunnels, an endurance pack march, a casualty evacuation and observation however my favourite activity by far would be the shoot. This activity was the most daunting at the beginning of the weekend but became the highlight of my weekend, as everyone told me it would. On the march to the shooting range, I was visibly scared. This resulted in Officers from the range taking me aside to take a look at the rifle and talking through my fears. To these officers I am extremely grateful. Without them I wouldn't have made it to picking up the rifle, let alone shooting 20 rounds and hitting the target with every bullet. Our day then concluded with an inspiring speech from the Assistant Commandant of the New Zealand Cadet Forces, Wing Commander Andrew Horst. He spoke about his journey from his early teenage years when he first joined the cadet forces to where he is now, instilling the idea in every cadet that anything is possible.

The final day of exercise JAF3 III was a sad day as one of the best weekends of my life was coming to a conclusion. We had the opportunity to walk through the tunnels built in World War 2 that have been maintained since, then a platoon vs platoon tug of war. These activities set up a fun end of the weekend. We then concluded with a prize giving and a parade, with basset platoon taking out the weekend, winning four out of five activities. It was then time for us to say goodbye to everyone we had met, exchanging Instagram and snapchat handles and vowing to see each other again at JAF3 IV. The weekend of JAF3 III was an amazing experience that I wouldn't trade for the world. I and many others faced fears, created bonds and participated in activities that we never thought possible.



Exercise- Mission I Fly

Written by Corporal J. Somerville

On the 5th of December cadets from 16 Squadron, Western bay of plenty Cadet unit, and local navy cadet unit TS Chatham took part in exercise I-Fly. The afternoon consisted of flights in fixed wing aircraft, helicopter flights, and the world-class VR flight simulators of the Aviator. The exercise also hosted the opportunity to visit 16 SQNs patron hanger and Tauranga airport's fire and rescue unit.

The day panned out great with terrific organization and apart from a few delays managed to stay on track. The exercise was beneficial because it supplied cadets with experience that would otherwise be hard to come by. Flying a F18 fighter jet in one of the world's most realistic simulators, pulling high G turns whilst also flying upside down is definitely an opportunity most people wouldn't get.

The cadets of 16 squadrons in particular cherish this opportunity and the relationship with The Aviator as it supplies scarce learning situations that further the cadets' understanding of aviation and flight. Getting in a real aircraft and being able to take complete control was also on the menu as cadets took to the skies in small 2-seater planes, allowing for the real-life experience of flying a real aircraft. Being put out of your comfort zone is crucial in the development and growth of young minds, taking a stick and commanding an aircraft as it soars through the skies of Tauranga allows for exactly that. With one LAC Dykstra stating, "I really enjoyed it and it was a great experience. I learnt a bit about light aircraft and how they fly and would recommend it to anyone who is interested in aviation". Dykstra's positive words highlight how these sorts of activities impact the knowledge and experience of cadets alike. Overall a great turn out, with positive reviews of the afternoon. Big thumbs up from all cadets as they look forward to similar events in the future.

"I really enjoyed I-Fly 10/10 would do it again!" - Cadet Goddard



Hauraki Museum

Dean & Fiona have been involved with the 6 Hauraki Assoc over the years. WW100 Tauranga & now the classification of all the museums in the Tauranga area. Both giving valuable advice and assistance.

Their award is most appropriate.



Tauranga Heritage Awards co-recipients Dean Terekaunuku Flavell and Fiona Kean standing in front of the Roll of Honour that now bears their names, and which is held in the Brain-Watkins House Museum. Photos: Debbie McCauley.

The Tauranga Historical Society has announced the winners of its annual Tauranga Heritage Award.

This year marks the 20th occasion of this important award that recognises by their actions, the contribution of an individual, group or organisation to the history of Tauranga by acts of protection or preservation.

"This prestigious event has its origins during 1982, Tauranga's centennial year," says spokesperson Debbie McCauley.

It is awarded by the Tauranga Historical Society in conjunction with Tauranga City Council and is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate heritage excellence in Tauranga.

This year two award recipients were honoured during an afternoon tea at Brain Watkins House today, attended by more than forty people.

They are Cultural Heritage Manager (Te Pou Arahi) Dean Terekaunuku Flavell, and Cultural Heritage Co-ordinator Fiona Kean.

Mistress of Ceremonies was President of the Tauranga Historical Society Julie Green, and Mayor Tenby Powell was the keynote speaker.

The awards were set to happen earlier this year, but were delayed due to the COVID-19 lockdown, says Debbie.

"Both Dean and Fiona have not only been entrusted with important historical objects and their conservation; but have gone much further by sharing the stories of those objects with the community. Much of this work is behind the scenes, but the public were able to view some of what they do through their hugely popular 'From Tauranga to the Trenches' mobile exhibitions.

"With the innovative use of customised steel shipping containers, they created 10 exhibitions for the 100th commemorations of World War I, bringing alive the experience of Tauranga soldiers and their families during this time.

"Dean and Fiona collaborate widely with others and freely share their time and resources. Both are dedicated to sharing their knowledge, such as during the taonga and conservation workshops that Dean delivers and during Fiona's 11 years as editor of the Bay of Plenty Historical Review."

Dean is a recognised artist and Tohunga Whakairo or master carver, and he is also chairman of several groups working for the protection of our environment and our history.

He has taken charge of the restoration and upkeep of Te Awanui, our city's ceremonial waka that was carved from a 300-year-old kauri tree almost 50 years ago.

As Dean has said, "Te Awanui is a symbol of a community, of how two people, Māori and Pākehā came together".

During Matariki 2020, Dean put together an exhibition, 'Te Rākaunui – Te Rākauroa', that explored the traditional tools and philosophies of tangata whenua via the oral passing down of traditional tool making and purpose related to traditional forms of horticulture practised within the local area.

The exhibition was made up of tools from Dean's personal collection.

"One of the things as a carver I like to do is recreate old tools and teach the young ones how they were used," says Dean.

A quiet and humble leader, Debbie says the Tauranga community is unaware of exactly how much Dean is involved in.

"But we know as chairman of the Ngā Poutiri Ao ō Mauao joint management body, he is quoted as saying, 'This is a great example of how iwi and Council can collaborate by engaging early, face-to-face, and with the right information.'

"As chairperson of Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority, he has explained their vision of seeing, 'the Kaituna River in a healthy state, where it is protected for current and future generations.'

"He is also chair of the Tapuika Development Trust chair and Makahea Marae, and these are just the things we know of."



Tauranga Heritage Awards co-recipients Dean Terekaunuku Flavell and Fiona Kean standing alongside Tauranga Historical Society President Julie Green and Tauranga Mayor Tenby Powell after the awards ceremony at Brain-Watkins House Museum on Thursday.

Fiona has contributed history articles to the Tauranga Historical Blog for the last seven years. She also worked on a special edition of the Historical Review for the 2014 Battle of Pukehinahina commemoration, the book 'From Tauranga to the Trenches' for the WW100 commemorations, worked closely with the late Alf Rendell on the book 'Rendell's Tauranga: Historic Tauranga From Above' and contributed to another publication, 'Western Bay Women: A Celebration of 125 Years of Woman's Suffrage'.

Fiona co-organised and completed the Cemetery Restoration project over two years with the late Heather McLean, who was the 2018 recipient of the Tauranga Heritage Award.

Fiona also secured World War 1 Commemoration funding from Ministry of Culture and Heritage, and served as Secretary for WW100 Tauranga, which included helping to organise Anzac Day 2015, create the Anzac Day 2015 Education Pack and School Competition, a Lecture Event in 2017, the Children of Veterans events in 2015 and 2017, and Armistice Day in 2018.

"By the time she left school Fiona was already an 'Historian,'" says Fiona's former history teacher, Bruce Farthing.

"Her study of History continued at university and it has been to the benefit not only of Tauranga, but also the whole subregion of the Western Bay of Plenty, that Fiona has lived her passion for history."

There have been 19 recipients of the Tauranga Heritage Award since it began, and they read like a who's who of hardworking people, organisations and community groups passionately devoted to heritage in the Tauranga area.

Those who have been honoured are: Duff Heron Maxwell (1903-1977); Rebecca Violet Simons (née Crabbe) (1900-2001); Riini Paraire (1903-1990); Kathleen Joan Mirrielees (1903-1991); Mary Louisa Tasman Revfeim (née Smith) (1909-1996); Wynnton Hardwicke Poole (1908-2005); Eric Lees Faulkner (1919-1997); William Frederick Wallis Cross (1895-1993); Tauranga Genealogical Society; Alan Charles Bellamy (1923-2004); Rosa Lynette Harpham (1919-2011);

John Aramete Wairehu Steedman (1913-2005); Katikati Open Air Arts; Alister Hugh Matheson (1925-2011); Grasshopper Properties; Evelyn Mary Stokes (née Dinsdale) (1936-2005); Kenneth Smith (1923-2008); Tauranga City Council; Heather Yvonne McLean (née Milne) (1937-2019); and now Dean Terekaunuku Flavell and Fiona Kean. Each awardees name is inscribed on a Roll of Honour which is held in the hall at Brain Watkins House

HAURAKI CHAPTER

PATRIOTS DFMC

It has been a busy start for the Hauraki Chapter of the Patriots Defence Force Motorcycle Club with club rides around the Mutu with two local rides to Pukehina and Raglan and two more ormal rides, being the Hudder Run and The Patriots National Muster in Whanganui.



National Gathering

A group of about 20 Hauraki Patriots attended this years 'National Gathering' at Languards Bluff Whanganui. High points being the attendance of the Chief's of Airforce and Navy.

Hudder Memorial Ride

Every year the Hauraki Chapter conduct a memorial ride to commemorate a fallen Hauraki Hero. Sgt Murray Hudson was killed whilst conducting a training exercise while attempting to save a trainee who had difficulties after arming a grenade, both Sgt Hudson and the trainee were killed. Sgt Hudson received the George Cross posthumously for his actions.



Following a short graveside service, we rode t the Te Kaha RSA who hosted us for the evening.

Upcoming Rides

14 March To Thames RSA

20 March Auckland Chapter

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