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We Will Remember Them

NZ Veterans in AU is now on Facebook

After unsuccessfully attempting to generate NZ Veteran discussion using an online forum from within the NZVIA website (www.nzvia.com.au) it was decided that Facebook may be better forum as it is used by many other Veteran organisations including the RNZRSA not to mention that Facebook is immensely popular. Therefore, whilst most information including pictures will be on the website, please use NZVIA Facebook as a possible form of discussing issues regarding NZ Veterans [NZVIA Facebook](#)

NZVIA Patch



Dear Veterans, it has been some time since we progressed the NZVIA logo and finalised on the one provided by Chris Brownie as used in the NewZletter. However, Chris has also finalised a patch for wearing on the pocket (or sleeve) of a Jacket, Blazer or other forms of clothing or non-clothing items. We have had some enquiries as to how we can obtain/purchase one. We will

eventually purchase a stock of the patches and will advise when they will be available for ordering.

NZ Veterans in NSW Remembrance Day Ball

Dear Veterans, in partnership with the Sydney Maori Anglican Church of Te Wairua Tapu, please note that it is intended to hold a Remembrance Day Ball on Saturday 10 November 2011 at the Swiss Grand Bondi. At this time I have booked two tables (20 Veterans+Families) and expect the tickets to be around \$150-\$200 each. It is also intended to formally present the NZDSM to any Veterans that have received them which are likely to be those over 70. It will be an elegant event so why not book a room and stay the night. If you are interested in attending, please contact me.

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ANZAC Day Badge Selling at Martin Place Station

On Thursday 21 April 2011 the NZVIA NSW sell badges every year at the very busy Martin Place Station every year (l-r: Lindsay Taylor and John Rayner). However as we know the years are passing us by and



as such we always appreciate the support we receive from families and friends that share our memories and support our contribution to the ANZAC legend. And as always the citizenry of AU and NZ are very generous as they walk past us on their way to work (l-r: Brian O'Donohue and Brian Meyer).



ANZAC Dinner at Chatswood RSL

On Wednesday 20 April 2011 the Chatswood RSL have changed their annual ANZAC dinner and now have an ANZAC lunch. But as always the New Zealand Veterans are given the opportunity to give an ANZAC address and enjoy the hospitality of the club and the really great entertainment. In this picture l-r is: Brian O'Donohue, Ken Frank, Brian Meyer and Reg King.



ANZAC Day March in Sydney

On Monday 25 April 2011 we march again on what is always a memorable and emotional ANZAC Day. At 8:30am we gather at the corner of Martin Place and Pitt Streets ready to start our



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march at 9:00am. We always march with two NZ flags and the NZ Returned Services Banner, the banner has been the identifiable beacon of NZ Veterans since the first ANZAC march after the war. And even the rain could not

keep us away nor the thousands of spectators. This year our previous Parade Commander Sir Ian Turbott was ill and unable to lead the parade and sadly our own Korea Veteran Neville Berridge passed away. Neville was always seen proudly sitting in the Landrover every year and will be missed.

So at short notice Ron Haira led the parade accompanied by his grandson Andrew. It was nice to have the NZ Consul General Martin Welsh march with us this year and Lt Col Gerard Wood who was visiting from NZ.



But it is always nice to see the many NZ Veterans every year. After the march we go to the Chatswood RSL Club for lunch and drinks to enjoy the camaraderie and watch the rest of the parade.

ANZAC Church Service at the Sydney Maori Anglican Fellowship Church of Te Wairua Tapu

The ANZAC Church Service is held at the Sydney Maori Anglican Fellowship Church of Te Wairua Tapu, 587 Elizabeth Street, Redfern, on Sunday 1



May 2011 (always the first Sunday after ANZAC Day) and starts at 10:30am. This year our dignitaries included (l-r): the



NZ Consul General Martin Welsh; Deputy Lord Mayor of Sydney clr Marcelle Hoff; Air Commodore John Samulski, NSW RSL State Councillor Barry Glover and Indigenious

Veterans Representative sub-Mariner David Williams. This year our ANZAC Youth representative was Andrew Haira (picture Andrew and his mum). During the service Andrew was presented the ANZAC Medallion which was awarded to 16/442 Cpl Rima Haira who was Andrews Great Great Grand Uncle. After the service the Church tamariki (children) gave us a cultural performance before we had to head to the ANZAC Bridge for a smaller service at the NZ and AU Soldier Statues.



Go to the www.nzvia.com.au for more information and news of NZ Veterans.

Niuean Returned Soldiers League ANZAC Day Service



On Monday 26 April 2010, the Niue Returned Soldiers League, which has only been formed in the last two years, invited us to their ANZAC church service. Greg Makutu gave the ANZAC address this year. What was of

interest was that 150 of Niue soldiers went to war out of a total population of 3000 which is a significant percentage of their population.

ANZAC Day QUEENSLAND



We had a really good turnout bolstered by the fact that we had 30 + RNZAF personnel who were here competing in a Rugby competition which is held annually alternating between Brisbane and home. Unlike our Perth



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counterparts, we were afforded the honour of being sixth in the order of march behind the WW2 Veterans but I would like to point out that when Don St Bruno first organised this gathering of Kiwi Vets some 20 odd years ago, we were place 173rd in the order just in front of the South Vietnamese and it is only in the last three or four years that the ANZAC committee was outvoted in their bid to have the status quo remain that they reluctantly allowed us to be placed in a position of prominence. We adjourned to the Mirimar after the march for a few sherberts, a lot of singing and also a lot of lies. As Jim TeTuhi attended this year from NZ (Jim in his heyday as a Q wallah had a reputation for being able to scource anything from a water bottle to a long wheel base Land Rover from the oddest of places) I had to warn the skipper of the Mirimar to account for anything that wasn't nailed down. We would like to see more of you from across the ditch come and join us in 2012 so fellas, come one come all.



Larry Southern

read 'New Zealand - ANZACs from Gallipoli to Afghanistan'. That really got the crowds going (an estimated 60,000 packed up to 15 deep along the route) and there were loud cheers and many shouts of encouragement.

Following the parade an estimated 20,000 attended the formal service of remembrance. Again, NZ received many mentions and again was recorded much respect. The MC in wrapping up the service asked those present to especially remember the people of Christchurch and that was a gracious guesture. The service concluded with the singing of the NZ and Aust National Anthems led by the 'I VOICI' Choir and they were brilliant.

I have to make special memntioned of the support given to the marchers.

As we turned off the parade route and onto the Esplanade Reserve for the service all the marchers (I guess 10,000) were handed bottles of water and service sheets. It was certainly appreciated in temperatures that reached the high 20's by 11.00 am.

Brilliant day and I congratulate unreseroadly the organisers. Has to be right up there in ANZAC Days that I will remember.

Ross Miller

ANZAC Day WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Anzac Day here dawned clear and warm. Magic sunrise from the War Memorial at Kings's Park overlooking Perth. Lt Cdr McSkimmings RNZN, Pete Ramsey and myself made up the NZ Wreath Laying Party and we were postioned immediately behind the State Governor and the State Premier and ahead of the Lord Mayor of Perth (what a doll) and other Federal and State dignatories. The lights were dimmed and we were escorted foward to a short service which commenced with the laying of wreaths watched, I was told later, by a crowd estimated at 30,000. The whole occasion was done with style and certainly NZ was accorded every respect.

Later that morning we participated in the ANZAC Day March. By any measure it was impressive and it took the NZ Contingent 90 minutes just to get to the reviewing dais. Probably enough has been said about our placement in the OOM but it is their country and they make the call.

Suffice to say the 60+ Kiwis marched behind our flag and a large black and white banner carried/supported by 4 marchers which

Other Notices

NZ Veterans in NSW Support Christchurch Appeal

Dear Veterans, on Saturday 16 April 2011 the NZ Veterans in NSW, in cooperation with the Parramatta City Council, NZ Consulate, Lidcombe City Council, Marrylands City Council and other Govt, non-Govt organisations participated in a Christchurch fundraising concert appeal which was held from 2pm to 9pm at Parramatta Park. The concert appeal was hosted by local community cultural group Nga Uri o Rahiri led by Krir Barber.



Picture l-r: Lord Mayor of Campletown, Greg Makutu, Lord Mayor of Parramatta, Archdeacon Kaio Karipa, Sid Going, Mrs Going, Kiri Barber and Lord Mayor of Merrylands



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The concert attracted well know entertainers including Renee Geyer and Maisey Rika and Steve Kearney presented a Cheque to Greg Makutu for \$5000 on behalf of the Parramatta Leagues Clubs.

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Alternatively you can use the website contact form and the information will be passed on to Lindsay.

NZ Veteran involvement included carrying the candles (symbolising the number of lives lost) into Parramatta Park and placing them on the Waka and also closing the event with the playing of the Last Post and Reveille by our very own Peter Carrington.



NZ Veteran in Queensland David Hodgetts

Dear Veterans, I am now residing on the Gold Coast after a lifetime in NZ. I am keen to talk to other NZ veterans who served in Malaysia/Singapore/Thailand/Laos during the 1960's. I am battling with the NZ veterans over a War pension and interested in other veterans experiences with this rather pedantic soul destroying exercise.

If anyone can help David can you please contact him on davhod@agencia.net.au

NZ Veteran in NSW Wayne Hatley

Dear Veterans, I would be interested to know if there are any members in the shoalhaven/jerovis bay area?

Please contact Wayne on wrhatley@hotmail.com

NZ Veteran in AU Peter Johnstone

Dear Veterans, I was given a medical discharge from the NZ Armed forces in 1974 due to an accident. I was a full time soldier at the time. I have suffered since and find myself on a disability pension. I was very young and naïve at the time and the accident was said to have happened while cracking a car, not so. I have the proof and names of those involved in my injuries. I was attacked while on a night shoot, and the raffle from a soldier was wacked down on my wrist shattering it. I would like someone to help me put the record straight. Also I would like to know why i was not granted an Army pension for my injuries. I need help with this matter. All attempts by me have fallen on deaf ears.

If anyone can help Peter can you please contact him on sb3447@gmail.com



I have seen by the many emails that there has been a lot of support from NZ Veterans to the Christchurch Appeal and that many of our NZ Veterans here in AU have also contributed in some way or another. However, I would

like to thank those NZ Veterans in NSW that braved the extreme rain and cold to make this a memorable and moving event. I would also like to thank Peter for coming out at 9pm from another engagement to play the Last Post and Reveille.

NZ Malayan Veterans Association Inc

Dear Veterans, We have had a request from a Lindsay Malcolm of Oamaru to assist him to identify any Malayan veteran (army navy or air force) who went to school at Waitaki Boys High School.

They wish to inscribe their names in the Hall of Memories at the High school.

Anyone with any information that could assist the school in their quest to identify these ex pupils should respond to:



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NZ Defence Service Medal

Dear Veterans, I think most if not all NZ Veterans in AU are aware of the recent announcement that the NZDSM is available to order with the priority going to Veterans over 70. For all others it is expected to take up to three years to receive the Medal. Nevertheless, you can order online and I am asking all NZ Veterans in AU to please help our older NZ Veterans who are not aware or not able to complete the forms or order online and order theirs on their behalf which can also be done online. I have done this for three NZ Veterans in NSW: Jim Smith 2NZE, Ken Frank J Force and John Rayner J Force, and it takes very little time.



RF Cadet 50th Anniversary Reunion 2013 (Bennett Class)

Reminder for any RF Cadet Bennett Class veterans to please contact Roy Jones or Ben Hadfield as follows:



Ben Hadfield benzza@primus.com.au
Roy Jones royvjones@dreamtilt.com.au

Ex-Malaya Veterans



Please be advised that the NZ Malaya Veterans Association Inc has a new website
<http://www.malayavets.co.nz/>

Ex-Vietnam Services Association Inc

Reminder for all NZ Vietnam Veterans to keep in touch with your fellow comrades and keep up to date with the latest information through your association.



The website address as follows:

www.evsa.org.nz

Reunion Notices

1 Battalion RNZIR Reunion Singapore 22-29 April 2011



Dear Veterans, I do hope the Reunion in Singapore was well attended and enjoyable albeit emotional over the ANZAC period. If anyone has pictures I would appreciate it so I can include it next months NewZletter.

V3 1 Battalion RNZIR Reunion 3-6 June 2011

Following the very successful V3 Company reunion held in Te Araroa last year it has been decided to hold a further reunion in Greymouth over Queen's Birthday Weekend 2011.

All members of the V3 family are most welcome to attend. Full details can be found on the reunion website
<http://www.premierstrategics.com/victor3/victor3.html>

RNZN Reunion in Gold Coast 2011

RNZN Veterans please be advised that the next reunion will be held in the Gold Coast in 2011. The reunions are blessed with a large attendance of Navy veterans and I am sure the 2011 reunion will also be the same.

For more information please go to www.nzovia.com.au

NZVIA NSW Veteran Membership 2010



NSW Veterans are reminded that the 2011 RSL and NZ Sub-Branch (NSW) membership renewal is due.



As stated in my email, the NZ Sub-Branch (NSW) would welcome your contribution to the operations of the association regardless of whether you retain your voting and speaking rights with your parent Sub-Branch and remain as an associate member of the NZ Sub-Branch (NSW) (picture above new Members Peter and Jan Dicken receiving their membership badge from Lindsay Taylor 2009). So for \$5 please send in your application form for Associate Membership. For current full service members please send \$29 (of which \$24 goes to the NSW RSL). For new members wanting associate or full service membership let me know and I will send you an application form. Application forms are also on the NZVIA NSW page of the www.nzovia.com.au website. Just scroll down to the end of the Membership column or email nsw@nzovia.com.au



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Now that the NewZletter goes to Veterans in other States, I have been asked how they can become involved in the NZ Sub-Branch (NSW).

Please note the following:

1. Interstate veterans can join the NSW Branch of the RSL via the NZ Sub-Branch (NSW) as Service members, if you are not currently Service Members interstate;
2. If you are currently Service Members interstate you can:-
 - a. transfer to the NZ Sub-Branch (NSW); or
 - b. become "Associate" members of the NZ Sub-Branch for \$5 BUT you can only speak, vote & hold office at one RSL sub-Branch in Australia.

Whilst we would gladly accept your membership I would request you contact me so we can discuss your expectations against what is achievable.

Just a reminder, the NZ Sub-Branch is the legal entity for the NZ Veterans in Australia NSW so membership must remain with the NZ Sub-Branch in regards to its association with the NSW RSL.

NZVIA VIC Veteran Membership 2010

VIC Veterans are reminded that the **2011** RSL and NZ Sub-Branch (Vic) membership renewal is due. As stated in my email,



the NZ Sub-Branch (Vic) would welcome your contribution to the operations of the association



regardless of whether you retain your voting and speaking rights with your parent Sub-Branch and remain

as a member of the NZ Sub-Branch (Vic). So for \$35 please send in your application form. Forms are available from the NZVIA

Victoria page of the www.nzvia.com.au website. Just scroll down to the end of the Membership column.

Just a reminder, the NZ Sub-Branch is the legal entity for the NZ Veterans in Australia VIC so membership must remain with the NZ Sub-Branch in regards to its association with the VIC RSL.

Acknowledgements / Personal Notices

Happy Birthday to: **Brian Meyer, Roger Bush, Roger Carter, Jim Smith, Michael Shale, Buck Healy, Charlie Karena, Pera Hauraki, Jim Mitchell, Trevor King, Dave Foreman, Ben Furby, John Westbrook and Dennis Costello.**

The Last Post

NZ10681 ALEM Neville Arnold BERRIDGE WWII Korea

Dear Veterans, it is with sadness that I advise of the passing of Neville Berridge. Neville passed away on Monday 4 April 2011 and I was by his side holding his hand when he took his final breath.



Neville was born on 7 July 1929 and served in the Royal NZ Navy from the 5th April 1945 through to the 7 July 1953 just over eight years of loyal and dedicated service. Neville was just 15 years old when he joined the Navy. In 2007 at the ANZAC Day March Neville was interviewed by TVNZ Correspondent Garth Bray live on TV1, and Garth asked Neville "what on earth possessed you to join the Navy at 15". Neville replied that it was "all he wanted to do and nothing was going to stop him". He went on further to say that his Mum and Dad weren't too happy but that he cried his eyes out when they called him up. Neville was one of only 36 out of about 1300 that got called up.

During Neville's time in the Navy he served on a number of ships, HMNZS Tamaki, HMNZS Bellona but more importantly Neville served on the HMNZS Achilles and the HMNZS Rotoiti, two of the most decorated ships in the history of the RNZN.

Neville was a very strong supporter of NZ Veterans in AU and attended every service and commemoration that he could proudly displaying and portraying the NZ in ANZAC wherever he went.



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Neville's funeral was held at the Watsons Bay Naval Chapel, a fitting service for a RNZN Veteran. Incidentally, 97 year old WWII NZ Veteran Frank Harlow also attended the funeral.



Lest We Forget.

Last Post Reminders in NZ

Dear Veterans, there are notices sent for our Veterans that pass away in NZ. I do not repeat them in this NewZletter but if you want to keep in touch with notices regarding Veterans in NZ please let me know and I will send you the link(s). I think most Veterans here get the notices anyway.

Last Post Reminder

Veterans, I can honestly say (albeit with great sadness) that after attending many funerals in NSW, the families have been overwhelmingly grateful, appreciative and welcomed our ability to coordinate the military aspects of the funeral for our fallen comrade. It is incredibly moving to see the pride in the families not only when they hear and sometimes first learn of our fallen comrade's military service, but also when they see the Casket covered with the NZ Flag, respective service hat (Army, Airforce or Navy) and Korowai. Furthermore, all the families I have coordinated funeral details with have also been very comfortable with photos being taken knowing the reason for such photos e.g. veteran only distribution. You would have seen such photos in previous NewZletters.



Therefore, please let us know as veterans pass away in Australia so I can advise all the veterans in Australia. For NSW veterans, we try to attend wherever possible funerals of our comrades so please keep us informed.

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Other News



Precious medals to journey to Gallipoli



Navy Able Marine Technician Geldhill with her great grandfather's World War One medals which she will take to Gallipoli.

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The World War One medals awarded to the great grandfather of Navy marine technician Hayley Geldhill will travel with her to Gallipoli later this month.

Able Marine Technician (AMT (L)) Geldhill, who grew up in Palmerston North and attended Palmerston North Girls High School, is now an electrician based on board the HMNZS Pukaki. She will be part of a tri-Service New Zealand Defence Force catafalque guard, which will parade at the Anzac Day services on 25 April in Turkey.

AMT (L) Gledhill says she feels excited and humbled to be chosen to be part of the Gallipoli contingent taking part in their year's Anzac Day services at Gallipoli.

"My great grandfather Lewis Gledhill was in the Wellington Mounted Rifles. Apparently he didn't actually land on Gallipoli itself as he was left in charge of the horses on the ship. After Gallipoli, he took part in several other major battles in the Sinai/Palestine such as Rafah, Gaza, Ayun Karah and Romani."

"My aunt leant me his diary which I have read and even though there is almost a century separating us, it made me appreciate that they were just regular guys in extraordinary circumstances," she said.

AMT (L) Gledhill joined the Navy in 2007 and has worked onboard the HMNZ Ships Te Mana, Canterbury and Pukaki. She enjoys her life in the Navy, and has travelled to various ports in Australia, Malaysia, Singapore, China and Hong Kong.

"It's a good career; you make great mates, get to travel to exciting places you probably would never go otherwise, learn useful skills."



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The official New Zealand contingent travelling to Gallipoli includes the Chief of Defence Force, Lieutenant General Rhys Jones, and a small group of New Zealand Defence Force personnel including an Army chaplain, catafalque guard, and members of the Central Band of the RNZAF.

The Anzac Day ceremonies in Gallipoli begin on Saturday 24 April with the Turkish International Service and conclude with the New Zealand Service at Chunuk Bair on 25 April. The services will be attended by dignitaries from New Zealand, Australia and Turkey.

- [Anzac Day commemorated in Vanuatu](#)
- [Reserve Force employers recognised at awards ceremony](#)
- [Anzac Day remembered in NZ and around the world](#)
- [US Command moves to HMNZS CANTERBURY for Pacific Partnership](#)
- [WelTec wins region's top Defence employer award](#)
- [Soldier, citizen, doctor, humanitarian – a true Anzac](#)
- [Precious medals to journey to Gallipoli](#)
- [Anzac Commemorations for Wellington](#)
- [Commander Joint Forces change of command ceremony](#)
- [Defence Force personnel support Poppy Day](#)
- [Defence Force doctors and dentists help local community](#)
- [Applications open for new NZ Defence Service Medal](#)
- [USS CLEVELAND joins HMNZS CANTERBURY in Tonga](#)
- [French Helo joins CANTERBURY on Pacific Mission](#)
- [Employer support recognised at Awards ceremony](#)

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Soldier, citizen, doctor, humanitarian – a true Anzac

The quintessential New Zealand citizen soldier Brigadier (Retired) Dr Brian Thomas McMahon CBE, KStJ is the 2011 Anzac of the Year.

The award was instituted last year by the Royal New Zealand Returned and Services' Association (RNZRSA) to recognise the qualities of comradeship, compassion, courage and commitment which are embodied in the tradition of Anzac. The Award will be presented to Dr McMahon by the Governor-General, Rt Hon Sir Anand Satyanand, at a ceremony at Government House today.

RNZRSA national president Lieutenant General (Rtd) Don McIver says Brian McMahon has given significant service to New Zealanders and to the international community as a soldier, a citizen, a doctor and a humanitarian.

"Brian McMahon has exhibited the qualities of comradeship, compassion, courage and commitment throughout 60 years of service to his fellow citizens, his comrades in arms and those he has served through his activities in overseas aid projects. He is a dedicated professional whose commitment and compassion for his fellow servicemen and women and their dependants, for those he has touched in his profession as a doctor, and for those he has touched in aid activities in Vietnam and the Pacific Islands are a matter of public record," says Mr McIver.

Brigadier McMahon (Retired) served in the New Zealand Defence Force for over 40 years, culminating in his appointment as Director General Defence Force Medical Services. He commenced his service as the Resident Medical Officer in Waiouru in 1966. In 1968 he was appointed Regimental Medical Officer 1st Battalion Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment in Malaysia. He served on active service as a Medical Officer in the 1st New Zealand Services Medical Team in Vietnam in 1969. He attended the Royal Army Medical Corps Command and Staff College in the UK in 1971 and 1972, and was then appointed as Commanding Officer Burnham Military Hospital until 1977. He was then appointed Commanding Officer New Zealand Forces Hospital Singapore until 1980, when he was appointed as Director General Defence Medical Services (DGDMS) until his retirement in 1983.

After retiring from the Regular Force, Brigadier McMahon remained active within the Defence Medical Services. He held the appointment of Colonel Commandant Royal New Zealand Army Medical Corps (RNZAMC) from 1992-95, and again from 2005-10. He was the locum Medical Officer at Waiouru in 1994, and the Senior Medical Officer there in 1996. During this time he also returned often to the Defence Forces medic training



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school (now called Defence Health School) to help teach new generations of medics on tertiary level health courses.

He was appointed Honorary Colonel for the Otago University Medical Company in 2002.

Brigadier McMahon's military career was followed by a distinguished medical career. He maintained a prominent leadership role as medical superintendent of firstly Wakari Hospital and then Dunedin Hospital as well as Medical Officer of Health Otago Southland, and as a senior lecturer at Otago Medical School

Despite being 8, Dr McMahon continues to mentor and teach medical students and has been a powerful influence on the careers of many successful medical professionals, both in the military and civilian settings.

In addition, Dr McMahon provided his expertise as a medical advisor to four separate service organisations: Ministry of Civil Defence 1980-84, The Order of St. John 1980-93, New Zealand Red Cross 1981-84, and New Zealand Surf Life Saving Association 1981-84.

Internationally, Dr Brian McMahon is an active member of Leprosy Trust Board Fiji (Inc) based in Suva. He has undertaken leprosy missions in the South West Pacific and South East Asia first as Chairman, and then as the medical advisor to the Christchurch-based Pacific Leprosy Foundation – an activity he continues to undertake.

He remains actively involved in the NZ Vietnam Health Trust as Patron. He served in Bong Son during the Vietnam War.

The Trust was established by the Medical Corps and civilian personnel who worked in Vietnam during the war. Operating in close cooperation with Volunteer Services Abroad (VSA), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trades (MFAT) own bilateral aid programme and later New Zealand Agency for International Development (NZ AID) the Trust has sponsored numerous training programmes in Qui Nhon and elsewhere in Bin Dinh.

The Trust continues its work today.

Brigadier (Retired) Dr Brian McMahon holds numerous Honours and Awards including Commander Order of the British Empire (CBE), Knight of the Order of St John (KStJ) and Knight Commander Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem (KCLJ). He has also had the honour of being appointed as Honorary Surgeon to Her Majesty the Queen 1980-83.

Contact: Don McIver RNZRSA National President 027 2603938 or Dr Stephen Clarke RNZRSA Chief Executive 027 3645687.

FAQs

What is the Anzac of the Year Award?

The Anzac of the Year Award was established in 2010 to recognise the spirit of Anzac evident in New Zealanders today. The successful recipient demonstrates the spirit of comradeship, compassion, courage and commitment, qualities which are embodied in the tradition of Anzac.

Why was it established?

The Award serves a variety of purposes. It is a reminder to current and future generations on how shared past has shaped us as a nation. Secondly it ensures that the Anzac spirit lives on.

How is the recipient selected?

The Award is organised and managed by the RNZRSA National Office. Recipients of the Award are determined by a Selection Panel of distinguished individuals specifically convened to consider nominations.

Who were previous recipients?

The first recipient of the award was Christchurch man Lieutenant Colonel (Lt Col) John Masters ONZM MC JP.

Why is the award a statuette of two soldiers and a donkey?

The 'Man with the donkey' is one of the most recognised symbols of Gallipoli that represent the qualities of the Anzac spirit – comradeship, compassion, courage and commitment. It stems from the story of New Zealander Private Richard Henderson and the donkey, where these qualities were exemplified. At Gallipoli, 19-year-old Henderson went far beyond the call of duty when he repeatedly brought in wounded men under heavy fire and with total disregard for his own life. Later, on the Western Front, similar feats of courage and selflessness would see him awarded the Military Medal. This commitment and compassion for his fellow comrades took a considerable toll on Henderson's health as he went blind and battled illness all his life.

The base of the bronze statuette depicts the Maori hammerhead shark motif, signifying Tumatauenga, the God of War. The Award was designed by Army artist Captain Matt Gaudie.



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[Kiwis return from six month deployment](#)
[NZDF operations in Bamyán Province on 22 August 2010](#)
[Defence Force Deploys Light armoured vehicles to Bamyán](#)
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Anzac Day Air Force Search and Rescue a success

Rescue vessel, Waimana.



Late last night an unregistered 406 MHz emergency locator beacon signal was received by the Rescue Coordination Centre in Lower Hutt.

The beacon was picked up approx 50 nautical miles north west of Nuku Alofa, Tonga. Attempts to broadcast to any vessels in the area has been met with nil response. A Tongan Patrol Vessel was being prepared to move to the area.

A Number 5 Squadron P-3K Orion was launched from Whenuapai Air Base, RNZAF Auckland at 11:30PM on 25 Apr 2011 to search for, detect and determine the nature of the vessel's distress. The aircraft arrived in the area just after 3am, Tuesday 26 April 2011.

The Orion crew immediately heard the short-range beacon signal and established communications with the charter fishing vessel

"Predator", who informed them that they had had an engine failure and were drifting towards coral reefs in the area.

A nearby vessel, the "Waimana" made best speed and was directed towards the stricken vessel by the Orion crew. The Waimana reached the Predator at daybreak (7AM), as the Orion circled overhead. The Predator reported that they were taking on water, and Waimana took them in tow back to Nuku'alofo.

The Tongan patrol boat "Pangai" was also dispatched from Nuku'alofo and arrived just after the Predator was taken in tow. Pangai escorted the vessels back to Nuku'alofo today.

The Orion landed in Tonga to refuel and is now back in New Zealand.

[Introduction into Service ceremony: Air Force P-3K2 Orion Aircraft](#)

[Arrival of the RNZAF P3K2 Orion](#)

[Air Force recruits graduate with flying colours](#)

[Anzac Day Air Force Search and Rescue a success](#)

[Air Force flies in for Classic Fighters Air show](#)

[Air Force pilots get their wings](#)

[Air Force to test flares off East Coast](#)

[New Plymouth Old Boy to attend Gallipoli commemorations](#)

NZ Veterans in NSW Remembrance Day Ball

Further to the notice at the front of the NewZletter, the Ball is to be held on Saturday 10 November 2011 from 7pm. The following is a picture of the Ball room at the Swiss Grand Bondi.

