

# RNZAC ASSOCIATION CANTERBURY BRANCH NEWSLETTER #184 February 2020

**Meetings** Happy Hour: Thursday 5 March 2020 at 1700 hrs at the Papanui RSA

Next Happy Hour: Thursday 2 April 2020 at 1700 hrs, Papanui RSA.

**Whose is it? Best 9 rated tanks in the world**



## **Social Events**

**Barbecue:** The association is holding a barbecue on **Sunday 10 March** at 1130 hours and invites all black hatters, partners and friends. It is to be held at Bruce and Meri Tweedy's home, 12 River Rd, Greenpark, RD2, Christchurch. This is a great +chance to catch up.



Meat, plates, KFS, glasses, seats and tables will all be provided. Please bring your own drinks, cups and KFS. Cost per head is \$5.

Please also bring a salad or dessert: to determine which, please contact Jan Harrison 359 6861 or 0274 318 529. If Jan cannot answer please leave a message.

**RSVP to Bruce Tweedy no later than Sunday 3 March.**

Email: [merydot2@gmail.com](mailto:merydot2@gmail.com)

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## Message from the Editor

Hello all, and regards to all members and ex-members wherever you may be. We all hope you had a most enjoyable and relaxing Christmas and New Year and that you have returned home or to work refreshed and ready to go to get into 2020.



I know there are still plenty of things ahead when we look at our bucket list and plenty of adventures. For some every year gets faster and faster and we need sprint to get things done. Enjoy the year 2020. David.

## Radio Check



Members of the RNZAC will be delighted see that the Association received a Seasons Greetings card from Dame Patsy Reddy, Governor General of New Zealand, and her husband David Gascoigne.



**SITREP from CPL Clem Williams, QAMR,  
QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S MOUNTED RIFLES, RNZAC  
CLEM.WILLIAMS@nzdf.mil.nz**



No report available at time of publishing.



### **RNZAC Association Subscriptions for 2019/20 are now due - (\$30.00)**

Subscriptions for the RNZAC Association are now due for the 2019/20 year and must be paid by the 30th September 2020. The subscription amount was increased to \$30.00 by the AGM at Cambrai last November.

It is preferable that subscriptions be paid by internet banking direct to the RNZAC Association: Account number: **03 0566 0209452 001**. (Please include your surname and initials in the details field.)

Payment can also be made by cheque made out to the RNZAC Association, posted to the National Treasurer at the following address:  
Mike Sheppard, 9 Greenfield Place, Mairehau, Christchurch 8052

A reminder that under the Association rules if your subscription remains unpaid for more than 12 months, you cease to be a member of the Association. Your subscription helps the Association to maintain the RNZAC Association Website and to support important projects like the RNZAC History Project. Your continued support of the RNZAC Association is much appreciated.

*Mike Sheppard, Treasurer, RNZAC Association*



## Royal New Zealand Armoured Corps History Project Charitable Trust

Attached to this newsletter is a letter received from Graeme Ready Chair of the trust. Take the time to read it please: it updates us on how the project is progressing.

**Humour** Keep that brain working; see if you can figure out what these seven words all have in common. Look at each word carefully.

Banana, Dresser, Grammar, Potato, Revive, Uneven, Assess.

Yes they do all have at least 2 letters the same.... well done. The correct answer is below!

**Answer:**

In all of the words listed, if you take the first letter, place it at the end of the word, and then spell the word backwards, it will be the same word.

**Answer:** Answer from Army Technology site. Bear in mind this is only one opinion.

<https://www.army-technology.com/features/feature-the-worlds-top-10-main-battle-tanks/>

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|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Leopard 2A7 (Germany)           | 6. Merkava Mk.4 (Israel). |
| 2. K2 Black Panther (South Korea). | 7. Type 90 (Japan).       |
| 3. M1A2 SEP (USA).                 | 8. Leclerc (France)       |
| 4. Challenger 2 (UK)               | 9. T-90 (Russia).         |
| 5. Armata (Russia).                |                           |

**Reminders;** RNZAC Association Web site: [www.rnzac.co.nz](http://www.rnzac.co.nz) Contributions to this newsletter are Gratefully accepted. Email: [jandavid@snap.net.nz](mailto:jandavid@snap.net.nz) Phone 03 359 6861. **David Harrison, Editor**



## Royal New Zealand Armoured Corps History Project Charitable Trust

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7 February 2020

To all Serving Members and Members who have Served in the Royal New Zealand Armoured Corps (RNZAC) and its Predecessor Organisations

**Greetings,**

### **THE RNZAC HISTORY PROJECT 2019-2023-FUNDING AND START OF FUND RAISING ASSISTANT**

#### **Funding**

I am very pleased to announce that Heartland Bank has made a donation towards the project. The Bank joins FMG (previously announced) as our “commercial sector” sponsors thus far; it is very gratifying to receive such acknowledgement of the importance of the project from this sector.

I can also tell you that we have received a generous grant from Chief of Army, following a commitment he made to our Trust in 2019. It is very pleasing to receive such tangible support from Army for the production of this History. We are grateful to Chief of Army for his ongoing assistance and encouragement.

In addition, the TAWO Trust has also made a very significant donation towards our work. Their grant is particularly noteworthy given that it is the most substantial single grant that our Trust has received to date. Such generosity takes us that much closer to our end goals.

I also wish to acknowledge those who have donated to the Trust since my last update. These donations continue to be crucial to the Trust being able to manage its various responsibilities.

All of this financial support means that we are able to continue to meet fee commitments to our contracted Author and to progress the production (in all its aspects) of the History. However, we cannot and will not rest for there is still a substantial sum to be raised. Nevertheless what has been achieved to date gives us a very good base on which to build current and planned fund raising efforts.

#### **Frances Russell Joins the Funding Team**

The Trust has received a very generous offer by Frances Russell to work with Chris Wotton on a voluntary basis to assist with fundraising for the RNZAC HPCT. Royal New Zealand Armoured Corps History Project Charitable Trust

Included in Frances' experience is 17 years as CEO of the Wellington Community Trust, a philanthropic trust with investments in excess of \$50M. In addition, she has had extensive experience in the Gambling/Community Trusts sector and a wide range of contacts across New Zealand. She is also very experienced in the whole area of Charitable Trusts. We are very fortunate to have Frances, with her background and wide experience, to assist with raising the funds required by the RNZAC HPCT to publish the RNZAC History.

Frances has been a Justice of the Peace for over 30 years. She has also been awarded a QSM for her services to the Community.

Frances joined the Funding Team on 25 November 2019 and we extend a warm welcome to her and look forward to the valuable contribution she will make.

Finally, I wish you all well for 2020. I will continue to keep you informed as important milestones are reached.

**Sincerely,**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Graeme Ready', written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and includes a small mark at the end.

**Graeme Ready**  
**Chair**  
**RNZAC HPCT**  
**Registered Charity Number CC56897**