

# RNZAC ASSOCIATION CANTERBURY BRANCH NEWSLETTER #187 May 2020

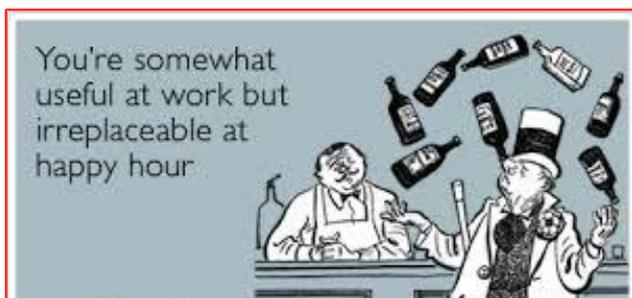
**Meetings**     **Happy Hour: Thursday 5 June 2020 at 1700 hrs at the Papanui RSA**  
With committee meeting at 1815 hrs.

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

**Whose is it?**



## **Social Events**



All of you will be very much aware that owing to the Covid virus, fraternisation at almost any distance was frowned on.

Now with the latest relaxation of rules we are pleased to announce that we can restart our monthly happy hour gatherings.

Please be aware that you will need to sign in, wash hands and ensure that a modicum of safe distance is maintained. We look forward to seeing you there at the Papanui RSA.

## **Events Past and Future**



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



*Unfortunately, Clem was not able to send a sitrep. We hope all is well with all members of QAMR*

**Radio Check**  
**From Bruce Keddie**

Greetings,  
We trust you are all well and relaxed.

Hopefully we can all catch up at a happy hour sometime soon, but guess it won't be next week. In the meantime, maybe the attached photo is of interest. Had to "fly the flag" somehow!



The Royal NZ Pipe Band Assn asked pipers to stand in their gateway and play Amazing Grace at 11:00am on ANZAC Day. I decided to stand (with their permission) in someone else's gateway at 11:00am on ANZAC Day. As I couldn't do my 35th year in a row at the Burnham Camp Dawn Service, I guess this was the next best thing. A surprising number of people turned up and the RSA had arranged a sandbox for the placing of poppies.

Maybe I should label it, rather than "Who's is it" ..... "Where is it"?  
Bruce and Carolyn.

**From Alan Emerson** [*I received an email from Alan Emerson before ANZAC Day. I apologise for not sending it on earlier as having had a look at the link I enjoyed the service. Please note I have included Alan's full letter at the end of this newsletter. When you get there just scroll down until you get to the ANZAC Day video.(Editor)*] <https://www.facebook.com/WairarapaTV>

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**From David Harrison**

Like Bruce (above) ANZAC Day was certainly different. However, the importance of remembering those who made huge sacrifices was remembered by many, and possibly more, because of the way it had to be done. I stood at our front gate at dawn and was joined by 3 other neighbours. Silence, and then bugles being played all round the district. Rest in Peace.

P.S. Ex 1 Scots members will be interested to know that Ian Donaldson, also ex 1 Scots, who lives further down the street joined (appropriately distanced) with the 4 of us and we had a good catch up.

**Humour**

**WARNING**  
**us oldies**  
**during the**  
**pandemic are**  
**considered an**  
**endangered**  
**species**

**And just like that**  
**1969 was**  
**50 years ago.**

Instead of a sign  
that says 'do not disturb'  
I need one that says  
'already disturbed  
proceed with caution'



**Answer: AS21 Redback. Is this the replacement AFV for the Australian M113AS4 APC?**

The South Korean company Hanwha Defense Systems presented the AS21 Redback infantry fighting vehicle at the Earth Forces conference, in Adelaide, Australia during September 2018. This an advanced version of the South Korean K21 infantry fighting vehicle,



The AS21 Redback is designed to improve the survivability against higher threat levels. It can accommodate eight troops and has a crew of three. The vehicle can be fitted with new generation of APS (Active Protection System) designed to prevent line-of-sight guided anti-tank missiles and projectiles from destroying the vehicle

The AS21 Redback will be capable a top road speed of 70km/h, cross country speed of 40km/h, an operational range of 500 kilometres, armament consisting of a 40mm autocannon, a 7.62mm coaxial MG and a 12.7mm. Combat weight 42 tonnes

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This year the service will continue with the same format it has in the past. It will be at the usual time of 10-30am on ANZAC Day.

The Trust sincerely thanks Wairarapa based Labour MP Kieran McAnulty who offered his Parliamentary zoom service, to coach the participants and organise a full practice.

Toby Mills of Wairarapa Television is broadcasting the virtual event.

Trust chair Alan Emerson said he was rapt the service was going ahead.

"We aim to make it the same celebration as if it was at the Tinui hall," Emerson said. "It will start, as always, with piper Xavier Boyles from Masterton.

"Tinui ANZAC Trust member Dick Tredwell will be doing the introductions and local vicar the Rev Steve Thomson will be giving his unique country style ANZAC service that he has done many times before.

"Local farmer Emily Wellbrock will sing the National Anthem this year and our guest speaker is Masterton resident Captain Blair Gerritsen MNZM RNZN.

"We are fortunate in having a speaker of Captain Gerritsen's stature at Tinui.

Michael Chapman from Carterton will be playing the Last Post and Reveille as if he was at Tinui and pupils from Tinui and Whareama schools will be reading the names of the fallen.

"The Trust is most grateful for Kieran McAnulty's support. We were thinking of options to continue the service legally and he provided a state-of-the-art answer. We appreciate his efforts to achieve that. We also appreciate the support of Wairarapa TV.

"Those wanting to stay at home and be part of the service need to:

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"This year you can't get to Gallipoli for ANZAC Day but you are most welcome to be part of Tinui's ANZAC celebration", Emerson said.

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