

# RNZAC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER #195 February 2021

**Meetings**      **Happy Hour: Thursday 4 March 2021 at 1700 hrs at the Papanui RSA**  
With committee meeting at 1815 hrs.

## **Whose is it?**



## **Social Events**

### **BBQ Happy New Year**

The association will be holding a barbecue on Sunday 21 March at 1130 hrs and invites all Black Hatters, partners, and friends. It is to be held at Len and Shirley Haynes home, 6 Taimana Lane Diamond Harbour. This is a great chance to catch up and start the new year.

Meat, plates, KFS, glasses, seats and tables will all be provided. Please bring your own drinks, Cost per head is \$5. Please bring a salad or dessert: to determine which, please contact Shirley Haynes on 0211856990 or please leave a message if Shirley cannot answer.



RSVP to Len Haynes no later than Sunday 14 March.  
Email: [lennardhaynes53@gmail.com](mailto:lennardhaynes53@gmail.com) Cell 0277340006

## Admin & Log

### **RNZAC Association Subscriptions for 2020/21 are now due - (\$30.00)**

Subscriptions for the RNZAC Association are now due for the 2020/21 year and must be paid by the 30th of September 2021. The subscription amount was confirmed at \$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.)

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

### **To all ex RNZAC personnel:**

I have been tasked by the RNZACHPCT to put together a list of COs, OCs and SSMs for the various NZ Scots Units over the years going back as far as 1948. At the moment I am concentrating on the period just prior to and after the winding up of the NZ Scots Regt in 1963 when two Squadrons were retained in various roles in the South Island. I have managed to put together a list of **OCs** for this period, but I have not been successful with a list of **SSM**. I am trying to compile a list of personnel who served in the role of **SSM** either in Burnham or Dunedin with either A or C Sqn, 1 or 2 Recce Sqn, 1 & 2 Sqn NZ Scots etc over the years.

I request information as per the pro forma below on the **SSM** who served in the above mentioned NZ Scots Squadrons. Inclusion of **predecessors** and **successors** may help complete the list.

Many thanks for your assistance Ian Bolton

### **SSM who served with either:**

**A Sqn NZ Scots, C Sqn NZ Scots: 1 Recce Sqn, 2 Recce Sqn: 1 NZ Scots, 2 NZ Scots (headings as applicable)**

Unit: .....

<b>Name</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Rank, Initials and Surname	Month (three letters) and year in full	Month (three letters) and year in full	As applicable

Please include (Rank, Initials and Surname) of (i) **your predecessor**, and (ii) **your successor**

*The inclusion of their names may help to complete the list.*

**Please send as soon as possible your return to:** [ian.bolton@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ian.bolton@xtra.co.nz)

If you require more information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

## Radio Check

**From Allen Sutton.** It has been a long slog since I last caught up with you and members of the RNZAC Association for the 100th Anniversary of Cambrai Day, with getting married and my medical discharge from the RAAF.

I have been a tad bit busy with fighting bush fires, which were building up to be another complete stinker of a Northern NT fire season. We had another poor wet season, as the rains came early, and then we were in heat wave with temperatures in the high 30's to low 40's with humidity in the 60%+. Not enough to dry the ground, but equally hard to keep everything green, especially when our neighbour, Michelle & I just laid new turf 2 weeks ago. But this weather has allowed me to catch up on developing my veggie patch & fruit trees, building my 1/700 model ships....



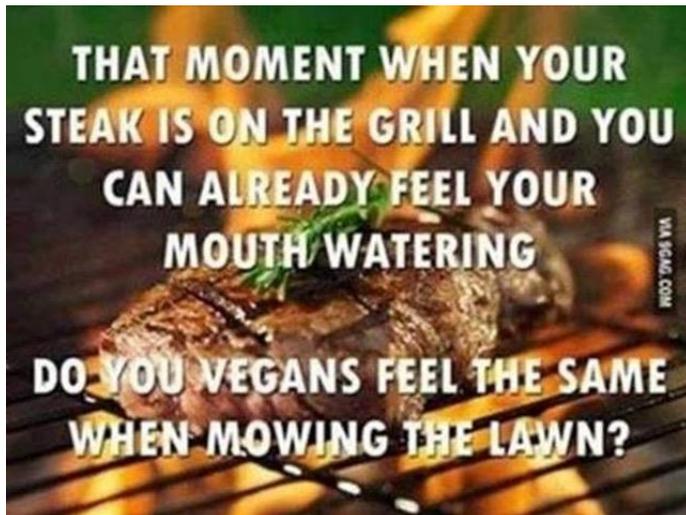
The Truck above at our bush block aka the bach or crib is my usual mount but note that I am a one-man band when I'm on the fire line which makes things a tad bit interesting especially if I've got the drone up or if our fire plan goes to poo or we go in asset protection mode which is worse than poo.

Have been slowly following the proceedings of the RNZAC Association via the Website. Noticed on the Association's Remembrance wall, that Private Len Manning B Coy 2nd/1st Battalion KIA in Timor-Leste on the 20th of July (I think) was Ex Hamilton Troop WAI/WEC SQN in the 90's, he was a good mate on my TF Basic Crewman's Course in 95.

Anyway I must head off a couple of storms are slowly heading our way, which usually means the Internet crashes or worse power goes out and we have lightning strikes on the property. They have blown the electric gate to bits and last year blew up the power meter, the solar power unit, and the trip switch in the circuit box. All because we have Iron Oxide in and on the ground, the stuff they export to China btw.

Cheers, Allen

## Humour



**Answer: Germany.** The Leopard 2A7 is arguably the best tank in the world. It is a recent version of the proven and successful Leopard 2 design, with additional armour and updated electronics. The Leopard 2A7 is well protected against conventional and urban warfare threats, such as RPG rounds and IEDs.

This tank has better accuracy and a longer range of fire compared with other tanks due to its powerful gun and advanced fire control system. During numerous international tank challenge competitions, Leopard 2 series tanks have outperformed the American M1A2 SEP, the British Challenger 2, the French Leclerc, and several other tanks in terms of overall performance.

This MBT is powered by a proven multi-fuel diesel engine, developing 1,500 hp. Despite an increase in weight, the vehicle has greater mobility due to improved suspension components. Its cross-country performance is similar to other Leopard 2 series tanks.

The German Army ordered a first batch of 20 Leopard 2A7 MBTs, upgraded from Leopard 2A6. Deliveries commenced in 2014, with the plan to upgrade up to 150 tanks to the 2A7 standard. Qatar ordered 62 of these MBTs and Saudi Arabia more than 200.

**Reminders;** RNZAC Association Web site: [www.rnzac.co.nz](http://www.rnzac.co.nz) Contributions to this newsletter are gratefully accepted. Email: [smithmd@xtra.co.nz](mailto:smithmd@xtra.co.nz) Phone 02108049178.

**Mike Smith, Editor**