

The RAZZA

WHANGAMATA RSA NEWSLETTER

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Anzac Edition



"If you see someone without a smile - give them one of yours"



PRESIDENTS REPORT Geoff March

Firstly thank you to Vice President Lyn for submitting a report in my absence last month, we have had three weeks in Tasmania (An article has been submitted on this).

Well this year has certainly been a different one, the weather around the country has been disastrous, with storms, cyclones, tornadoes, and even the occasional earthquake. Let's hope it settles down so people can recover and clean up. Whangamata has been relatively lucky other than losing 25A access which looks like it will take a very long time to get a result.

Beach Hop was good and a great event for us to be involved in, Easter was good, the weather was totally opposite to what was predicted leading up to it.

Our next big event is ANZAC DAY, things are in place and this year the theme is VETERANS, we will commemorate our history and reflect on how it is shaped for where we are today. These are always very emotional and well attended. ANZAC DAY being on Tuesday this year we are expecting people will turn this to a long weekend so they can stay to attend.

You will have seen a couple of presentation banners about, revamping our REMEMBRANCE WALL area. In recent years with the large numbers involved in Wreath Laying and other commemorations it has become dangerous with people on the foot path and even out on the road. The idea is to turn the focus around, so people will congregate in the carpark area, plus a chance for us to revive the look and style of the area to reflect on significance and reason.

A date to put into your diary is Combined Services Day we have put this in for Sunday 27th August, these days attract a lot of Veterans and members alike who enjoy the occasion to mix and mingle, rekindle friendships, and make new acquaintances, we will have more details closer to the date.

Our members are out and visiting other Clubs and RSA's, during these visits some will see some good ideas that will be worth us trying to attract higher attendances and even attract more new members. So, if you have seen something please let us know, we can check it out and see how it would fit into our RSA's program, sometimes the simplest ideas or suggestions work the best and can make a huge difference.

Hopefully you will have seen the membership promotion we have running to attract new members, \$35 for membership until 30 June 2024, the response has been good, and pleasing, we do ask that you promote it for us in our community as well.

Our activities and RSA programme is on our Website, Facebook page, Noticeboard in the front foyer along with the TV by the bar and our What's On board.

We had a busy start to our year and I would like to thank you our members for being so welcoming and friendly to other members, guests, and families this is what makes our RSA unique and the success it is, and is talked about by other RSA's, well done all.



**Everyone welcome,
we are a family friendly RSA**

Looking for something to do?
We have...

Snooker and 8 Ball tables
free to use

Library
full of books, puzzles and magazines
(kids books and puzzles too)

Fun games for the family
Cornhole, Giant Jenga, Quoits...

Free Wifi

KIDS CLUB

**COME JOIN OUR
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We have over 300 kids club members!

Kids will get their very own membership card and special Kids Club Member benefits.
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**KIDS CLUB
MEMBERS**

**OUR KIDS CLUB MEMBERS HAVE SHARED
WHAT THEY HAVE BEEN UP TO.**

**DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING THAT YOU
WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH US?**

**ART, SOMETHING FUN, HOLIDAYS,
SPORTS, SCHOOL, ACHIEVEMENTS?...**



WHAT'S ON

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

APRIL
FRIDAY 21ST
POPPY DAY

TUESDAY 25TH
ANZAC DAY



"Neville Ormsby"
EBONIVORY



ANZAC DAY 2023

Dawn Service

6.30am

Assemble at Surf Club for Sunrise Flag raising, Service starts at 6.50am. Medals to be worn. Everyone welcome

7.15am

Breakfast at Blackies. \$15pp. Please bring cash. Bacon & Eggs, Toast, Tea & Coffee.

Parade/Service

9.30am

Meet at Whangamata RSA for Mix & Mingle and Tea/Coffee.

10.20am

Move to Street March point of assembly at the TCDC Building, Port Road, Whangamata

10.45am

Fall in behind the Bay of Plenty Pipes & Drums and march to the Whangamata War Memorial Centre. Medals to be worn (Yours worn on the left, medals belonging to relatives on the right). Parade Marshall - Geoff March

11.00am

Service in Whangamata War Memorial Centre. Welcome by RSA President Geoff March. Service taken by RSA Padre/Patron Terri Sorensen. Whangamata Area School Representatives.

On completion of the service, the laying of wreaths and floral tributes will take place at the Wall of Remembrance, followed by the Last Post, Ode and Reveille. Special mention of the names on the WW1 Honour Roll.

Following the wreath laying, a light lunch and an afternoon of entertainment by Ebonivory, The Bay of Plenty Pipes & Drums and Highland & Irish Dancers at Whangamata RSA.

MAY



SUNDAY 7TH
WHANGAMATA COUNTRY/VARIETY
MUSIC CLUB 12PM - 4PM

SATURDAY 20TH AND SUNDAY 21ST
CLUBS NZ 2023 NATIONAL MAH JONG
TOURNAMENT



Womens Section Report

Lyn Ward - President

Our April meeting was held on Tuesday 4th April at the normal time of 1.30pm.

We followed the business part of the afternoon with five games of housie. As the caller it was interesting to watch those members who play housie regularly only playing with one card. Their faces said how slow the games seemed as they waited for their numbers to be called. The winners each received a chocolate Easter egg with one player winning two.

The afternoon tea that followed was very nice and as this was the week before Easter we had hot cross buns which everyone enjoyed.

Our next big event will be ANZAC Day when some of our members give of their time and prepare sandwiches and savouries for the light lunch the RSA offers on the day.

The May meeting will be on Tuesday 2nd May at 1.30pm. Barry King (ex-Navy serviceman) has agreed to be our speaker after the meeting.



MEMBERSHIP

Membership is available for Returned, Service and Associate

Over 18 years of age (\$35/year)

Veterans Returned and Service 75+ (\$15/year)

Junior Membership is available for 16 to 18 years of age (\$20/year)

Current Serving - Serving Uniformed Members of the NZ Defence Force and NZ Police - this is a complimentary membership. (Free)

Paid your Subs but don't have your card yet?

Come in and pick up, your card will be at the bar waiting for you.

(This applies to members with a Whangamata address - if you have an out of town address your card has been posted, please contact us if you have not received your card).



JOIN NOW

Pay only **\$35** until 30th June 2024

THE BATTLE OF KOLOMBANGARA

Peter Leslie Smith, Actg. Ldg Stoker

Shared by Sylvia Cartwright.

The Battle of Kolombangara was a naval battle of the Pacific campaign of World War II, fought on the night of 12/13 July 1943, off the northeastern coast of Kolombangara in the Solomon Islands. It's the 80th anniversary of the battle this year. Sylvia's husband was on the Leander when this happened.

In darkness and quiet of the morning,
As the squadron steamed steadily north
The admiral signalled a warning,
That Jap warships were—sallying forth.

We knew not their size nor their number
Their speed or their object that night,
But ours was to send them down under
So we steamed to the north and to fight.

One o'clock. and "stand to" is sounded,
And the speed is increased to our best
All's tense – scarce a whisper is heard
Till we open our fire with the rest.

Action! full hot is the pace
Guns ablaze and shells scream through the night
Each man is closed up at his place
To fight for his cause and the right.

"Leander" was pouring out shell
Her hull rocked and reeled with the blast
A round us the "Yanks" gave them hell
For they knew how to shoot and shoot fast.

The Jap guns were flashing and roaring
And some of the shells landed near,
But our broadsides we see to be scoring
We're making them pay and pay dear.

At the height of this furious show
A terrific explosion is heard
She shudders and reels neath the blow
And seems to go dead. Scarce a word

As we help with the dead and the dying
And feel our way round in the dark.
We know by the way she's now lying
That a "tin fish " has made us its mark.

No words I can find or can borrow
Can tell of the thoughts in our mind
Our grief at the bloodshed, our sorrow
For messmates cannot be defined.

We're crippled-fight, steam we're unable
A fine sitting shot for the Jap
But the "Yanks" – or those that are able
Haul in and get on with the scrap.

Now the days of "Zeander" were over
Were it not for the boys down below
Who wouldn't admit they were beaten
And said "we will get her to go":

They swore and they cursed – they were weary
They prayed as they coaxed her along
But they all stuck it out and were cheery
And even spared breath for a song.

Dawn found us still limping to southward
The victors, but we'd paid a price.
Jap bases were close on our starboard
They'll surely be here in a trice.

With eyes that were strained and were swollen
The lookouts kept scanning the sky
And the sight of our own fighter squadron
Was a sight to gladden each eye.

Twenty-eight of us paid for this glory
For them all we offer a prayer
Their names will live on in our story
Their dear ones are safe in God's care

Their sweethearts, their wives and their mothers
We'll care for as though they're our own
To their menfolk – their fathers and brothers
We promise to see this job done.



Images: navymuseum.co.nz

POPPY DAY COLLECTION Friday 21st April

Whangamata RSA collection points will be 9am to 3pm outside the Post Office, Kebab Shop, Whanga Books and of course outside New World.

Veterans will be outside New World for three days, (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) 9am to 3pm. We invite veterans to be at our other collection points during the day.

Hopefully our community will support us so we can support our veterans during the year, Whangamata RSA is so proud to be able to support our veterans.

If you would like to support our veterans by making online donation, you can do so by using our Poppy Fund Bank Account 02 0472 0020608 02





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GENEROUSLY
TO THE RSA
THIS APRIL**

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NEW ZEALAND'S VETERANS**



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Shared by Geoff

ANZAC DAY - THE HISTORY OF THE POPPY

Here is an article written by Levin RSA Historian, Linda Fletcher.

The familiar red poppy has been a symbol of remembrance in New Zealand for 101 years.

It's one of those funny little quirks of history, New Zealand's Poppy Day sets it apart from the rest of the world.

While New Zealanders wear poppies to remember the fallen on Anzac Day, April 25, you will see poppy sellers on the streets in England, Canada and Australia in November to mark Armistice Day known as Remembrance Day

The reason for this is simple.

The poppies were made by widows and orphans in France and the ship bringing them to New Zealand arrived too late for arrangements to be made to sell them for Armistice Day in 1921.

The New Zealand RSA decided to hold them over until Anzac Day the following year, 1922, a decision that set us apart from the rest of the world and gave us our own unique Poppy Day.

The first Poppy Day in New Zealand, April 24, 1922, was a "brilliant success" with many centres selling out of their supply of poppies.

The New Zealand RSA imported silk poppies from France until 1927 and then from the Royal British Legion. Today the poppies are all manufactured by volunteers in Christchurch, and it is an almost year-long job to make the close to one million poppies required to support the Poppy Appeal.

The poppy we wear today has been through a number of design changes since the first silk ones, originally made in France, to the flat felt and then paper poppy designed by British Commander in Chief Earl Haig that is sold today.

Today knitted and crocheted poppies are being made in their thousands for Anzac Day displays.

The poppy is worn around the world in remembrance, but the red colour had no relevance to blood.

The poppy symbolises the wildflowers that were the first signs of life to grow in the turned soil of French and Belgium cemeteries. The poppies with their red, paper-thin petals were the only things to take root in the lime-rich soils contaminated by the battlefield debris.

Poppy Day has been the RSA's major annual fundraiser for 101 years to provide welfare services for war veterans of all ages. It is held on the closest Friday to Anzac Day. This year it will be held on Friday 21 April 2023.

TO UNDERSTAND A MILITARY VETERAN YOU MUST KNOW:

- * We left home as teenagers or in our early twenties for an unknown adventure.
- * We loved our country enough to defend it and protect it with our own lives.
- * We said goodbye to friends and family and everything we knew.
- * We learned the basics and then we scattered in the wind to the far corners of the Earth.
- * We found new friends and new family.
- * We became brothers and sisters regardless of colour, race or creed.
- * We had plenty of good times, and plenty of bad times.
- * We didn't get enough sleep.
- * We smoked and drank too much.
- * We picked up both good and bad habits.
- * We worked hard and played harder.
- * We didn't earn a great wage.
- * We experienced the happiness of mail call and the sadness of missing important events.
- * We didn't know when, or even if, we were ever going to see home again.
- * We grew up fast, and yet somehow, we never grew up at all.
- * We fought for our freedom, as well as the freedom of others.
- * Some of us saw actual combat, and some of us didn't.
- * Some of us saw the world, and some of us didn't.
- * Some of us dealt with physical warfare, most of us dealt with psychological warfare.
- * We have seen and experienced and dealt with things that we can't fully describe or explain, as not all of our sacrifices were physical.
- * We participated in time honored ceremonies and rituals with each other, strengthening our bonds and camaraderie.
- * We counted on each other to get our job done and sometimes to survive it at all.
- * We have dealt with victory and tragedy.
- * We have celebrated and mourned.
- * We lost a few along the way.
- * When our adventure was over, some of us went back home, some of us started somewhere new and some of us never came home at all.
- * We have told amazing and hilarious stories of our exploits and adventures.
- * We share an unspoken bond with each other, that most people don't experience, and few will understand.
- * We speak highly of our own branch of service, and poke fun at the other branches.
- * We know however, that, if needed, we will be there for our brothers and sisters and stand together as one, in a heartbeat.
- * Being a Veteran is something that had to be earned, and it can never be taken away.
- * It has no monetary value, but at the same time it is a priceless gift.



If you would like to help make the wreaths please be at the Memorial Hall at 9am on Monday 24th April

If anyone has any flowers and small amounts of greenery for the wreaths, please have them at the Memorial Hall by 9am

Thank you

Shared by Geoff

THE ANZAC ON THE WALL

(Shorter Original Version)

I was wandering in a country town 'cos I had time to spare;
So I went into an antique shop to see what was in there.
Bikes and pumps and kero lamps, but nearly hidden by it all,
A photo of a soldier – an Anzac on the Wall.

Such an honest open face, a young man in your prime,
And it seemed that when I looked at you, your eyes locked onto mine.
An image proud and confident inside a wooden frame,
I felt myself drawn to you in a way I can't explain.

"Does the Anzac have a name?" I asked. The old man answered "No,
The ones who could have told me mate have passed on long ago."
The old man kept on talking and, according to his tale,
The photo was unwanted junk from a clearance sale.

"I asked around," the old man said, "but no one knows his face,
He's been on that wall for years, he deserves a better place.
Some one must have loved him, it seems a shame somehow."
I nodded and said quietly, and said "I'll take him now."

So you came home with me mate – too long you've been alone
I don't even know your name mate, but you're welcome in my home.
Did you fight at Flanders, or perhaps Gallipoli?
I'll never know the answer, but I know you fought for me.

I wonder where they sent you, when you answered the call;
Were you killed in action. Did you come home at all?
You must have had a family – will you be claimed one day?
To be honest, I hope not mate – 'cos I want you to stay.

People come to my house, and they question me
And I tell them a white lie, and say you're family.
They say, "You must be proud of him." I tell them, one and all,
That that's why you've got pride of place – my Anzac on the Wall.

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Mah Jong

Every Thursday 10am to 1pm

All welcome

Contact
Donna Lowrie 027 818 6041
for more information

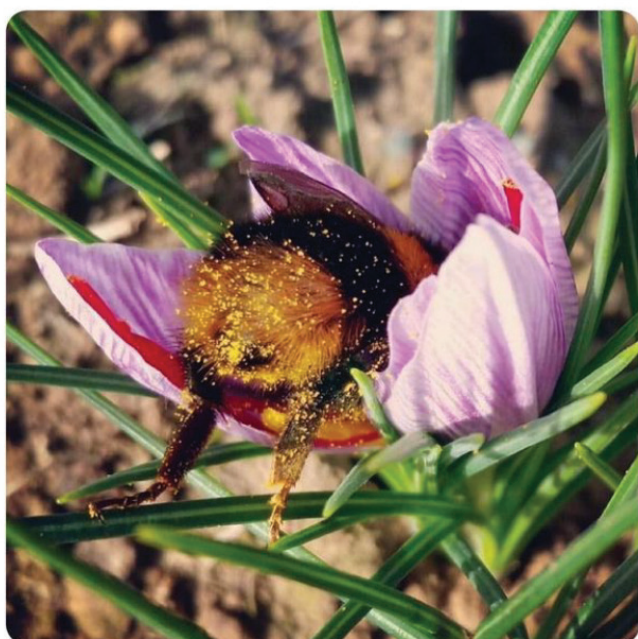
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Wednesday 1pm

We are looking for
new people to join us

All welcome

Sometimes bees get tired from flying and fall asleep inside flowers with pollen on their bee butts



GOLDEN OLDIES SNOOKER

COLEMAN CUP HELD AT KATIKATI CLUB

Everyone had a great day. It was a very well run tournament. A team of eight left Whangamata and went to Katikati Club.

The team draw was as follows:

Jack and Grant, Roger and Bob, Rex and Cherie.

Jack and Grant had 3 wins, 162 points.

Graham and John had 2 wins, 121 points.

Roger and Bob had 2 wins, 95 points.

Rex and Cherie had two wins, 115 points.

A total of 493 points which placed us second overall.

The winning Club was Waihi Beach RSA

The Golden Oldies would like to thank the Secretary/Manager Kerry and the Executive Committee for all the help to get our guys to Katikati.

RED BLAKE GOLDEN OLDIES OPEN SINGLES TOURNAMENT

The final of the Red Blake Golden Oldies Open Singles Tournament between Graham Walder and Rex Osbaldiston was won by Graham. Good snooker played by both players.



Rex Osbaldiston and Winner Graham Walder



UPDATE CONTACT DETAILS

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If any of your details need to be updated
email rsamanager@outlook.com
put "Contact Details" in the subject line

FRIDAY QUIZ NIGHT

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Move one house
to the left



OVEN
You'll need a
Masters in
Electronic
Engineering
or a hammer



CAR RADIO
Not worth it,
wait six months

Imagine how furious
all Clownfish are.

Everytime we see
them we're like "look
it's Nemo" and they
just have to clench
their little fins and
swim away like "my
name is Steven!"



? Friday ?

QUIZ NIGHT

6.30PM



from
5.15pm

DRAW NIGHTS

Wednesday, Friday
& Saturday

Raffles

Jokers Wild

Membership Draws

Must be in to win!



HOUSIE

Thursday
4pm

PRIVATE
JAMES CLUNE

SERVICE NO: 16/570a *BORN:* 2 Feb 1895 Hikuaui

SON OF: James and Ephra Theresa Clune nee Lathorpe

FOSTER-SON OF: Mrs. J. H. Anderson, of Kaiaua, then New Brighton, Christchurch.

OCCUPATION BEFORE ENLISTMENT: Labourer for J Morrison Hikuaui

ENLISTED: 15 July 1915 at Narrow Neck Camp

EMBARKATION DETAILS: 18 Sep 1915 from Wellington for Suez Egypt HMNZT 29 Waitemata Private 2nd Maori Contingent

LAST RANK: WW1 Private New Zealand (Maori) Pioneer Battalion
18 June 1917 Was discharged due to being no longer physically fit for war service on account of illness contracted on active service (TB)

DIED: 5 December 1918 aged 23 at Waikato Sanatorium

BURIED: Hamilton East Cemetery, Hungerford Crescent, Hamilton, New Zealand, Soldiers Area E4, Grave 244

MEDALS RECEIVED: 1914 – 1915 Star | British War Medal | Victory Medal



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WHANGAMATA

PROJECT Remembrance Wall 2023

Introduction

Our Remembrance Wall is in need of a completely new and modern look, after 25 years its appearance is scruffy and outdated and will not stand proudly at times of commemoration in years to come.

The RSA is embarking on a major renovation with a local sculptor, Ted Pickett, to give the planned area a fantastic new look, that transcends anything we have seen locally before.



RSA

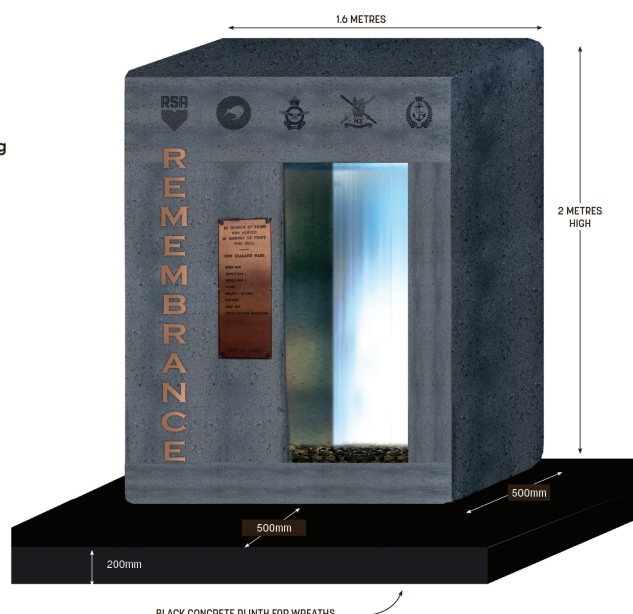
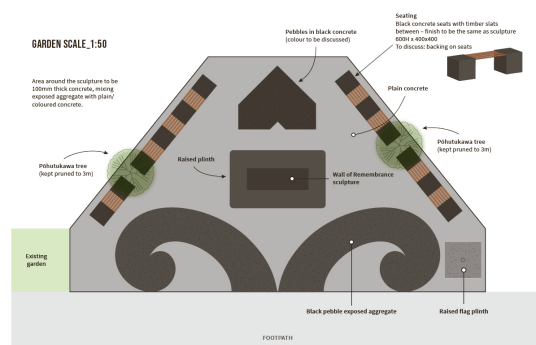


PROPOSED RENOVATION & DESIGN

The plan is to turn around the facing area (off the road frontage for safety reasons) to view a NEW monument of 2m high in polished concrete, giving the laying of wreaths on the new monument major focus and the respect they deserve.

Featuring a central water feature, tinted pebble areas in koru form and expansive seating with two pohutukawa trees to create shade and colour throughout the seasons.

The plans will delight all locals, not just our service men and women of tomorrow. Not just for ANZAC Day, but for many civic services and also having the flagpole repositioned when recognising the passing of an ex-veteran.



HOW CAN YOU CONTRIBUTE

Overview

The cost of this undertaking is beyond the financial capabilities of Whangamata RSA. We have secured some funds locally, but seek community and/or business support to make this new designed area a reality.

Contributions will cover site clearance, concrete prepping, removal of existing gardens and uneven surfaces, new concrete installation, brass plaque reinstating, trees, new seating materials and of course the sculptor's time and materials needed (at cost) to bring the PROJECT TO COMPLETION.

There will be three acknowledgement bands for funding:



Your Support

A member of our Whangamata RSA Executive Committee will make an appointment to discuss with you and will promote the PROJECT in the Whangamata News and on social media extensively.

All contributions of this size will be formally acknowledged and all donors invited to attend the Official Opening of the new Remembrance Monument on its completion.

And will have their appropriate business logo placed on the seating area.

All other donations, no matter what the size, are considered an incredible assistance, and even if its material or labour you can offer to bring our dream to fruition would be a giving gift of years to come.

Geoff March, President

All donations greater than \$5 are tax deductible to businesses & individuals.

TARGET:
\$25,000

\$4,000

Costs Involved

- Taking up old pavers
- Breaking up old wall and footings
- Box up and pour concrete bollards
- New timber seats
- Preparation of area for 100mm thick concrete pad
- Reinforcing mesh
- 5m² coloured aggregate
- Steel reinforcing rods to form work for bollards
- Digger hire, rubbish removal

SCULPTURE:

- Prep, box sculpture footings
- Reinforcing steel cage
- Installing water pump and plumbing
- 3m² black coloured concrete
- Grinding all edges of monument
- Attaching brass letters and emblems
- Labour overall

Our Bank Details

Account name: Whangamata Returned and Services' Association (Incorporated)
Account number: BNZ 02 0472 0020608 00



Ready for the pot



Last of the seafood

TASMANIA 2023

Sue and Geoff March

Sue and I left for Tasmania on Thursday 7th March for a three-week holiday and look around, we landed in Hobart and stayed there for 5 nights to get a good look around. There is certainly a lot to do and so much history both good and bad.

On the Saturday Hobart holds Australia's largest market, 300 stalls of everything Tasmanian, the local food, beer, gin and wine was plentiful, at the same time there was a cruise ship in port so the market was extremely busy and interesting.

We left Hobart and drove two and a half hours west to Queenstown a small mining village, we got to Queenstown and had a good look around, there is so much to see and do with some amazing hikes and lookouts over mines and thrilling landscapes.

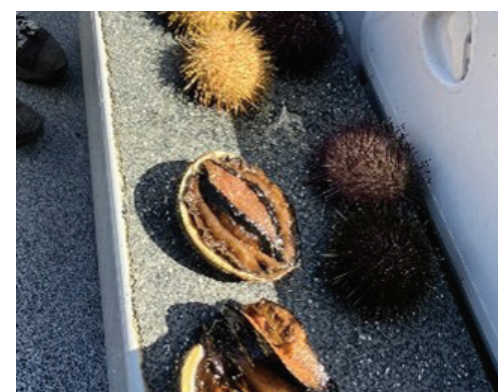
From Queenstown it was one and a half hours to Devonport, on the way stopping at waterfalls and a unique project called "The Wall" it is an eighty-meter native timber wooden wall carved to show the history of the area, the carving is still in progress. We spend a couple of nights in Devonport, we went to a Wildlife Park, we were there in time to watch the Tasmanian Devils being feed, no wonder they got their name as they are extremely aggressive. They must have sounded scary in the bush at night, to the early exploders.

From Devonport we took a leisurely two hours to Launceston the largest town on the northern area, a vibrant and exciting place, markets, a brilliant car museum, national gardens, we did a brewery tour through one the oldest breweries and were amazed by the range of local product available from the markets, a large range of mushrooms that we have never seen before.

While we were there they started the Culture Awareness Week which was a day of foods and activities from the many diverse cultures in Tasmania. We visited a Seahorse Farm and a Platypus sanitary.



Bush Train



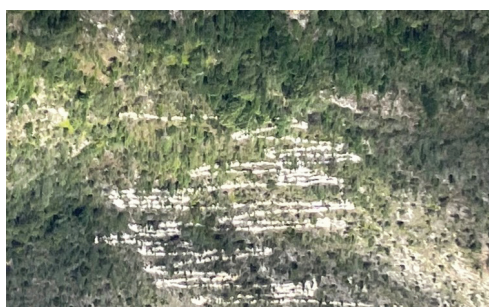
Kina and Paua

Then it was two and half hours back to Hobart, we stayed there for the rest of our time, we went up the local mountain Mt Wellington, it was like visiting up Mt Raupehu in NZ cold and barren with amazing views. One of the tours we did was a Seafood Seduction Experience, out in the local waters and the skipper diving for Kina and Paua, preparing them and eating them extremely fresh, finished with crayfish, certainly was an experience. Then it was back home.

A really enjoyable trip, the people are great, the scenery is fantastic, and the food was the highlight, Greek and Nepalese so different.



Amazing range of mushrooms



5 hour hike



Transport - Triumph Tiger motorbike



The dark lines some of the roads

TASMANIA BY MOTORBIKE

Craig and Dawn W

Well with time to spare and an itch to scratch once again we planned, booked and packed then flew Auckland to Hobart direct.

Two days in Hobart to get into the swing of things (shopping) then just to be different we hired a Triumph Tiger motorbike (I was determined to get up close with a Tasmanian Tiger somehow) Why a motorbike? Well why not, it's how we get around both here and overseas and although maybe not as much comfort (aircon, windscreen wipers) it's certainly more fun, well at least to us.

Once we picked up the bike we spent 4 days doing day trips out of the motel covering most of the bottom 1/3 of the island. After a quick pack (it's a motorbike, packing is small) and we were off to explore. First up through Queenstown and yes it's the same as ours, built for tourists, then out to the west coast and around to the north coast with 2 days exploring then on to Launceston.

A week in Launceston doing day trips around the North East of Tasmania, with plenty of time off the machine in Launceston to exercise (more shopping). One more pack then head South East to Fawcett, an area that is the 5 Acre block suburb of Hobart, here we said goodbye to the Tiger and joined the mad race that is the city of Hobart for more exercise.



Two of the nocturnal Tasmanian Devils sleeping in the sun

Apart from towns, we stopped at wildlife parks and the odd lookout/viewing point. Because we did not purchase a National Parks Permit stopping to look at waterfalls etc were off limits. (enough waterfall in NZ free to view).

Our thoughts

- 1: The roads** – same as ours some good some bad and some indifferent. Easy to drive/ride.
- 2: The people** – Friendly lot approximately 500,000 total with half in Hobart and the rest scattered all over.
- 3: The terrain** – mixture of all we have, flat North East, steep west coast, rolling most of the rest.
- 4: Flora** – Gums, Gums, Gums, Gums, Pine, Wattle, Beech. We said if we showed a video of a days ride the trees are the only thing different to NZ.
- 5: Fauna** – Obvious difference is the road kill, yea they have possums but add in wombats, wallabies, kangaroos, echidnas etc and it is more interesting. Only live wildlife were in zoos or the 2 Wallaby's we spotted.

16 days total, 12 days on the Triumph with 2877km. Would we recommend it, YES.

If you see me at a table reading papers and wonder what I do on my phone while having a beer now you know; planning another escape.



BEACH HOP 2023





ADJUNCTS AND GROUPS



GOLDEN OLDIES SNOOKER

Tuesday
1pm

SNOOKER

Thursday
6pm



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Wednesday
1pm

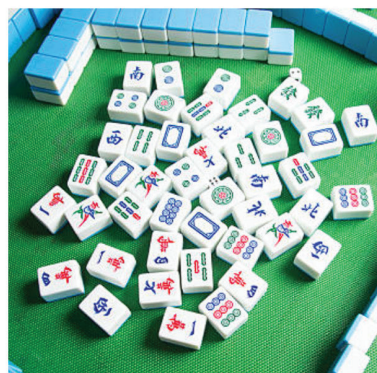
INDOOR BOWLS

Tuesday
9.45am



FISHING

Please check
noticeboard by
8 Ball tables for
trip info



MAH JONG

Thursday
10am



8 BALL

Wednesday
Register by 6.30pm
Play starts 7pm
All Welcome
\$3 Entry
Pub Rules

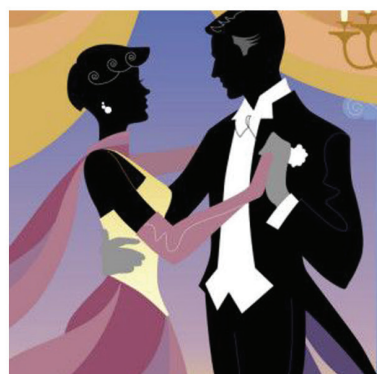
UKULELE 'HIGHLY STRUNG'

Thursday
1.30pm



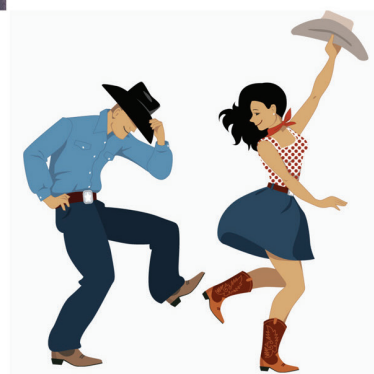
TAI CHI WITH CHERRY

Wednesday &
Thursday
9am - 10am
\$5



BALLROOM AND LATIN DANCING

Tuesday
4pm - 6pm
all skill levels welcome



LINE DANCING

Friday
(every 4th Friday 1pm)
9.30am beginners
10.30am - 12pm
\$3/person
all ages, abilities welcome