

NEWSLETTER APRIL 2015

DUNEDIN RSA & WELFARE TRUST



Anzac Day Dawn Service in Dunedin

Cenotaph, Queen's Gardens
Cnr Crawford & Rattray Streets

March on 6.15am Service 6.30

Official Guests this year:

MAJGEN Tim Gall	Commander Joint Forces NZ-Guest Speaker
Michael Woodhouse MP	NZ Government Representative
Mr Kieron Ball	United Kingdom High Commission
WGCDR Stuart Oliver	Australian High Commission

Other Services around Otago

Brighton	Parade Service	Brighton Domain	10am
Bannockburn	Service	Brighton Hall	10.15am
		Bannockburn Hall	9.00am
		Memorial	
Cromwell	Service	Memorial Hall	10 am
DUNEDIN	Parade Service	March on	6.15am
		Cnr Crawford & Rattray Streets	6.30am
		Cenotaph, Queen's Gardens	
	Posy Laying	Anderson's Bay Soldiers Cemetery	9.30am
	SERVICE	Montecillo Veterans Home	11.00am
		Raising HMNZS TOROA Ensign	

		Otago University & the OUSA University Clock Tower Building: (Wet weather venue: University of Otago Link area near the library)	1.30pm
HILLSIDE WORKSHOPS	Service	Hillside Rd	10am
MOSGIEL	PARADE Service	Leaving Mosgiel RSA RSA Clubrooms	9.15 10am
Omakau	Parade March & wreaths laying -	assembles outside Commercial Hotel; 10.00 Omakau Memorial Hall; ANZAC Service in Memorial Hall.	9.45 am 10am 10.30 am
OUTRAM	Parade	Community Centre	11.15am
Portobello Macandrew Bay	Service Service	Museum & Historical Society Macandrew Bay Hall	9.30 10.00 am
Maniototo	Dawn Service Wreath laying	Cenotaph Ranfurly memorial. Pery Street, Ranfurly. Wreath laying and special dedication service at 10am at the cenotaph Pery Street, Family service to be held at at the Maniototo Stadium, Stadium Rd, Ranfurly.	6.30am 10am 10.30 am
Middlemarch	ParadeService	The Memorial , Middlemarch	11.15
PORT CHALMERS	Service	Port Chalmers Place (fine) Town hall(wet)	10am

Lawrence	Power point Service	Simpson Park Gymnasium- followed by Wreath laying at Peace Gardens	9.30am 10 am
Lake Hawea Wanaka - Wanaka -	Dawn Service - Dawn Service Civic Service	Hawea Dam. Lake Wanaka foreshore beside the Log Cabin. Lake Wanaka Centre.	7am 7am 9.30am
Waitati	Service	Cenotaph – Moving to community Hall	10am
Taieri Mouth	Service	Taieri Beach cemetery- Taieri Beach Road	9 am
2 Scots Ex Members	Service	Caledonian Bowling Club	11am

Last Post In remembrance of all service and ex service personnel who are no longer with us

At the going down of the sun
and in the morning
We will remember
them.



Poppy Day

Christmas has gone and is now a distant memory – only 9 months until the next one! The first few months of any year here are busy with Sally and I both collecting and documenting memberships, preparing for the Dunedin RSA AGM, gearing up for Poppy day collection on Friday 17th April, Posy making on the 24th April and of course Anzac Day on the 25th April which promises to be huge this year due mainly to worldwide recognition and commemoration of the 100 years since those fateful landings at Gallipoli.

If you can help collecting on Poppy Day please let Sally or Niall know Ph 466 4886 or 466 4888

Times change, attitudes change and people come and go, but I believe that RSA, and especially the work I do is just as relevant today as it was back in 1915 when events at Gallipoli sowed the seeds for the establishment of what is now the RSA.



New Zealand's first Poppy Day was the 24th April 1922, the day before Anzac Day. The plan was to hold it in November 1921, closer to Armistice Day, however the ship carrying poppies from France was delayed and it was decided to postpone the day until the following Anzac Day. Nationally, on that first day, almost 250,000 poppies were sold for a shilling each. Last year the Dunedin collection raised around \$62,000 from 40,000 poppies.

From those early days the Poppy Day Appeal was the primary means of raising funds for the welfare of returned service personnel and their dependants. Recognising the diverse nature of the modern NZDF and it's cohorts in the 21st century,

various remits have been passed at RNZRSA National Council meetings which broaden the group of people entitled to be eligible to receive assistance from poppy day funds. That group now includes: All returned, serving and ex-service and NZ Police personnel, their spouses, partners, widows, widowers and dependants who are in need. You will note that this doesn't require beneficiaries to be members of an RSA, or 'returned'. In my view this is a positive move by RNZRSA and will help to make all RSAs and their individual Poppy Trusts more inclusive. I am also quite proud of the fact that the Dunedin RSA Welfare Trust is a pro-active and progressive group which has always taken a pragmatic view when addressing the welfare of the larger 'service family'.

Running commemorative events has always relied heavily on volunteers. There are many dawn services throughout the country which all require coordination and organising. It is a time when RSA volunteers can be stretched so if we are to cement this 2015 Anzac Day in history and make it something really special I'd ask that you all consider donating a little of your time, whether it is collecting for Poppy Day on the 17th, or Posy Making on the 24th April, and of course please join an Anzac commemorative service wherever you are – *lest we forget*.

If you have some time to spare please contact Sally or Niall at the RSA for details of how you can help.

Best wishes – Niall & Sally



Remembrance Crosses at Lawrence

Some significant dates later this year:

8 th August	Anniversary Battle for Chunuk Bair, WWI
15 th Aug	Anniversary Victory in Japan (VJ) Day, WWII
18 th Aug	Anniversary Battle of Long Tan, Vietnam
3 rd Sept	Merchant Navy Day, WWII
15 th Sept	Anniversary Battle of Somme, WWI
15 Sept	Anniversary Battle of Britain, WWII
16 th Sept	Malayan Veterans' Day, The Malayan emergency & confrontation
12 th Oct	Anniversary Battle of Passchendaele, WWI
23 rd Oct	Anniversary Battle of El Alamein, WWII
4 th Nov	Anniversary Battle of Le Quesnoy, WWI
11 th Nov	Anniversary Armistice Day, WWI
18 th Nov	Remembrance Sunday, WWI
13 th Dec	Anniversary Battle of the River Plate, WWII

POPPY APPEAL



REMEMBER TO CARE

POPPY DAY IS FRIDAY 17TH APRIL

*Poppies may be scarce this year – please feel free to make a donation direct to the RSA, or text **POPPY** to **4662** to donate \$3 to the RSA Poppy Appeal, or donate online at www.rsa.org.nz/donation*

Posy Making

April 24th at HMNZS TOROA

211 St Andrew Street

From 8.30 to noon

Donations of rosemary appreciated

Tea & coffee available

For more info phone

4664886/4664888



Dunedin RSA Members and Partners are welcome at HMNZS TOROA.

Saturday 18 April 2015 from 1800

In the Senior Rates Mess

Entrance off Bow Lane, Dunedin Central

Please note that it is a 'cash only' Bar – NO EFTPOS FACILITIES

Snack foods will be available for purchase

RSA Membership cards will be required for entry

And

ANZAC Day 25 April 2015 from 12 midday to 4pm

In the Junior Rates Mess

Entrance through main doors – 211 St Andrew Street, Dunedin Central

Please note that it is a 'cash only' Bar – NO EFTPOS FACILITIES

Snack foods will be available for purchase

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**DUNEDIN RSA MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION
IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID PLEASE PAY ASAP
OR ELSE YOUR MEMBERSHIP WILL BE
PURGED.**

POLSON HIGGS SPONSORSHIP FOR RSA WELFARE TRUST



Polson Higgs Business Advisors has generously provided funding for a banner promoting Poppy Day and the RSA Welfare Trust. The banner is installed on the Polson Higgs building on the corner of Moray Place and Stuart Street. After ANZAC Day the banner will be a reminder of WW100 commemorations. Polson Higgs is also funding the establishment of personal comfort packs for emergency support of those in need of the Trusts help.

We are very grateful for this support and for the generosity of all those who give their time and support to veterans in our area.

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