



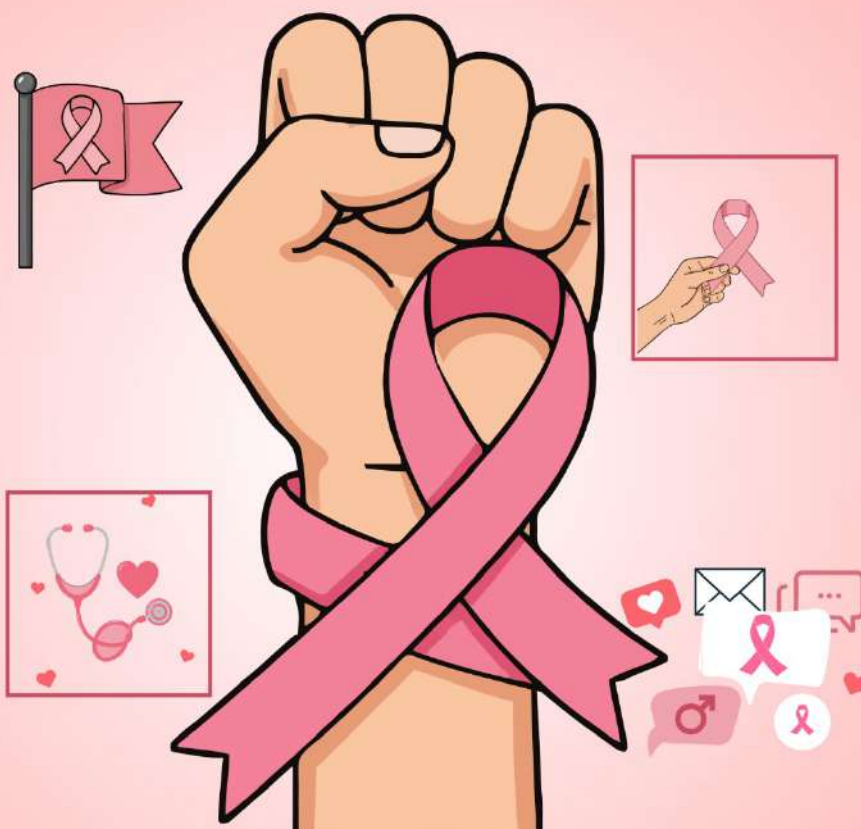
RNZRSA DISTRICTS **NEWS LETTER**

(NWA Editor)

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Together, We Can Make a Difference



Support the Fighters. Honor the Survivors.
Never Give Up Hope.

Wellness Hall, Hope Community Center
October 19 | 9:00 AM- 3:00 PM

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NATIONAL WOMEN'S ASSOC.,
EDITORS REPORT
(Judith Steel)



Hi everyone,

Just a short Newsletter this time as due to unforeseen circumstances I have not been able to get one out to you.

The next one will be out after the Conference in the South Island, which we look forward seeing many of you there.

I hope you have all either missed or are getting over this dreadful flu that is going around and will be fit and well soon.

Take care until next time

Judith Steel
NWA Committee
– Editor

Judith Steel Editor for the RNZRSA Districts Newsletter N.W.A. . We want to keep all of our sections around the country up to date and informed with the goings on from other areas, if you have any special occasions AGMs etc along with photos please do not hesitate to send any Information to me at as under:
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RNZRSA National Women's Association President's Report (Diane Wilson MNZM)



I hope not too many of our members are being affected by this cold front upon us at the moment. With snow and flooding mainly in the south over the last few days my thoughts go out to you all.

This last few weeks in Bulls as I drive around it is wonderful watching the young lambs running around and the beautiful daffodils growing. These flowers are a reminder to us all of the amazing work that is done by the cancer society and hospice through out NZ.

Most of us have been affected in some way by this terrible disease, so please buy your daffodils on daffodil day from one of the volunteers When you see them.

I wish you all a better few months weather wise going forward. Spring is around the corner next week and I am certainly over the winter already.

All take care and if you are driving anywhere over the next week or so take care on the roads and stay safe until we meet again

Diane Wilson RNZRSA NWA President



THE GREAT LAST KIWI VETERAN HUNT

WE'RE ON A MISSION TO FIND OUR
REMAINING WORLD WAR II VETERANS



WE THINK THE
NUMBER IS DOWN
TO ABOUT

25.



WE DON'T THINK
THERE ARE ANY
EARLY WAR
GUYS LEFT.



MOST OF THEM ARE
LATE WAR -

'44, '45.

BUT IF YOU KNOW OF ANY
SURVIVING KIWIS, ANY KIWI
SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN WHO
SERVED IN WORLD WAR II,
PLEASE POST IT ON THIS PAGE.

Let's honour them.

LET'S FIND THEM. LET'S MAKE SURE
THEY ARE REMEMBERED.

LEST WE FORGET



FIRST SOUTH ISLAND CONFERENCE

3RD OCTOBER 2026

**RSA & WOMEN'S SECTION
CONFERENCE**

RANGIORA RSA & CLUB

ALL WELCOME

**OPEN TO ALL RSA MEMBERS MEN
& WOMEN PLUS SERVICE
PERSONNEL**

**A DAY OF OPEN DISCUSSION AND
LOOKING TO THE FUTURE FOR
OUR WONDERFUL ORGANISATION**

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**FRIDAY NIGHT 5PM MEET &
GREET**

**SATURDAY 9AM START
TEA, COFFEE ON ARRIVAL**

**SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER
6PM**

**FAREWELL BREAKFAST
9AM**

**REGISTRATION CLOSE 25TH
SEPTEMBER 2026**



**RSA**

WOMEN'S RNZRSA CONFERENCE RANGIORA RSA & CLUB REGISTRATION FORM



Friday 2nd October 2026 – Meet & Greet (5:00pm)
Saturday 3rd October 2026 – Conference (9:00am Start)

RSA / Women's Section Name:

Delegate Names:

Event	Cost	Yes	No
Friday Night – Meet & Greet	At your own cost	☐	☐
Saturday – Conference Includes MT & Lunch	\$30 per person	☐	☐
Saturday Night Dinner (6pm)	Subsidized by Rangiora RSA Ass & Women's Section- \$20 per person	☐	☐
Sunday – Farewell Breakfast (9am)	\$28 per person	☐	☐

Dietary Requirements

Cut-off date for Registrations- 25th September 2026

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TE AROHA RSA WOMENS SECTION - August Newsletter 2026

Hello everyone.

Welcome to Spring soon, we sure have had some hard frosts but beautiful days which is a bonus.

We celebrated our 84th Birthday on 10 June. A great day of friendship over 80 ladies attended and there was a lovely catered lunch. Our Committee supplied the yummy desserts.

President Pat Ryan welcomed everyone. The cake was cut by sisters Athlene McCabe and Lelia Shanley both Life Members.

Some of our Members once again catered for the RNZRSA National Indoor Bowls Championship at the end of June.

We catered for 160 players. A very busy couple of days and they voted to come back to Te Aroha next year which will be their 65th Anniversary and we plan on making it even more special.

We recently attended Tauranga Birthday and Waihi Birthday, lovely lunch and great entertainment and of course a visit to their awesome shoe shop before heading home.

Next is Daffodil Day and hopefully this year will be a nice sunny day. It was so miserable last year and our members will be helping on Collection Day. Sadly a RSAWS member and the local Cancer Support Group Chairperson Laurel Amon died suddenly. She will be very missed.

Our monthly meetings are well patronised and the members enjoy the friendship and monthly speakers.

Until next time take care and enjoy every day.

KInd regards

Glenice McLeod

Assistant Secretary.





RSA Community

James A. Tony Hill · 1h

Hi all,

I was proud to represent you all at the Vietnam Veterans Day 2026 ceremony at our National War Memorial. It was great to catch up with many of the Vietnam Veterans who were a positive influence in my early years of service. Their leadership and mentoring is not forgotten. Good to see a couple of Sappers leading the way too! Thank you to all involved quietly behind the scenes for organising the ceremony. Images courtesy of Mark Tantrum photography



Hi all,

I was able to finally thank the team at Hirtenberger Defence Technology for their support to the RNZRSA and to recognise their efforts as a NZ Veteran owned company that actively employs and supports veterans. You'll no doubt recognise them. Evan Williams and I were treated to a tour of the facilities and saw the amazing things they do. Real Kiwi ingenuity in action. Ubique.



WAIHI WOMEN'S SECTION CELEBRATES 87 YEARS (President Ellen Henderson)

Morning tea for visitors on arrival. Fantastic day 92 visitors from every where. enjoyed music by Helen Riley. Most enjoyable lunch roast lamb and chicken plus all the veges. Apple crumbled custard cream and mini pavlova and fruitsalad. heaps raffles and spot prizes.

Our 87th birthday



The cake was cut by Pam Wilcox and Lyn Lindsay.
The Connie Gibbons Shield was awarded to Lyn Lindsay for her tireless work within the Women's Section.





Hokitika Westland RSA > Potluck dinner

Another successful Pot Luck Dinner held at the Hokitika RSA last night.....

Three members were acknowledged by our President Don Hibbs and members of Hokitika RSA..... Colleen Freitas QSM, Jimmy Gordon QSM and Karen Burrows KSM.....

An evening enjoyed by all!



TE AROHA WOMEN'S SECTION REPORT.



Te Aroha s Birthday day. 3 students sang from Te Aroha college sang songs from muma mia. Very good





RSA Community

James A. Tony Hill · 1h

Hi all, I was honoured to be invited to South Korea for the 2026 Seoul International Veterans Forum. Hosted and funded by the Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs it was an extremely moving experience. I was able to present on our RNZRSA movement, visit the DMZ, National War Memorial and meet some of the veterans who served there during the conflict. I also managed to meet with heads of other Veteran Support agencies.

The highlights of the visit were representing our veterans, seeing the way they are honoured and to catch up with the Kiwis up there including Col Rob Loftus, and fellow Sappers, Lt Col Joe Totoro, WO1 Carl Fairbairn and Capt Kendyl Findlay. Capt Findlay gave an outstanding brief on the DMZ. Very proud of our young Kiwis up there.





THANK YOU

— TO ALL WHO —
Served



To every New Zealander who
has worn the uniform of our nation
in war, in peace and in service.

YOUR COURAGE.
YOUR SACRIFICE.
YOUR SERVICE.

We will
NEVER FORGET.

Lest We Forget



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