



# Dunedin Returned Services Assn & Dunedin RSA Welfare Trust

**Poppy Day 2012 at the new Forsyth Barr Stadium**



# Last Post

**In remembrance of all service &  
ex service personnel who are no longer with us**

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



## Dunedin RSA Newsletter



### ***BE PART OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR CENTENARY***

The Dunedin RSA would like to hear from local groups, schools and individuals in the community on what they would like to see happen to commemorate the WW1 Centennial celebrations.

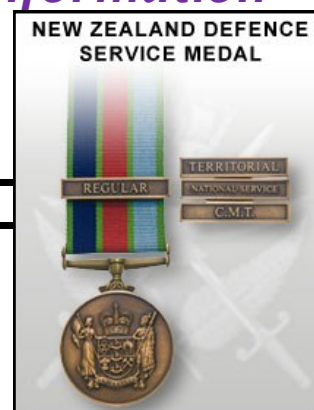
The First World War (1914–1918) was one of the most significant events of the 20th Century and had a seismic impact on New Zealand society.

The legacy of the war, the growing attendance at Anzac Day ceremonies in New Zealand, and the steady increase in the number of visitors to battlefields in Turkey and Europe demonstrate a continuing interest in its significance.

Please ring the office on 4664886 or email [finance@dn-rsa.org.nz](mailto:finance@dn-rsa.org.nz) with your thoughts and ideas.

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### **New Zealand Defense Service Medal** **Presentation Saturday 21st April**



On the 21<sup>st</sup> April – Friends and family gathered as 137 former and current Service personnel were presented with certificates. Special thanks to the Dunedin Army Cadet Unit, Ralph Miller, Dunedin NZDF personnel and invited guests for supporting this event.



## The Dunedin RSA

Executive & staff wish to acknowledge the Following Trusts & Organisations who supported Anzac Day & Armistice Day in our community in 2012.

DCC Community Grants, The Shacklock Trust, St Kilda Community Sports Society & The Southern Victorian Charitable Trust .

Dignity Funerals , NZ Defence Staff, Dunedin Cadet Units and all the other people & organisations in our community who just get in and help out .

A very **big Thank you.**

### *Special Mention*

It was great to see so many RSA members, Service & ex Service people and members of the local community attend Anzac Day this year. Thanks go to students from the University of Otago who helped prepare breakfast on the evening before Anzac Day, and returned at 6am on the 25<sup>th</sup> to help cook and serve the breakfast.

Special thanks also again to NZ Defence Services in Dunedin. HMNZS TOROA for enabling us to join them for breakfast & 4th Otago and Southland Battalion Group for an invitation to Kensington Army Hall

## Dunedin RSA President

Greetings to all

I hope this newsletter finds you all well and looking forward to Christmas, and with that comes summer. I hear that the Southern Rata trees are starting to bloom abundantly, and this, apparently, is a sign of a long hot summer... let's hope so.

The RSA Executive has had a busy year, a large proportion of this has been to re-build after the closure of the United Services and Community Club, and talking of this, we are hopeful that the sale of the building to a Church group will be confirmed within days. We also hope to receive the subscriptions that went into the USCC account, as we have struggled financially this year. To all those whom we have not been able to assist this year, we apologise and we hope to be in a better financial position next year to help with wreaths, commemorations etc.

We have been engaging in a membership drive. Unfortunately we lost quite a few members with the closure of the club. So I would urge you please, to get out there and promote the Dunedin RSA... the more members we have, the more we are able to offer. Sally is already working on securing member discounts with various businesses in the community and we hope to be able to offer our members even more in the future.

We were pleased to welcome SSGT Bobby Proctor and SQN LDR Rtd Stephen Hall to the Executive Committee. They have both already proven their value and their commitment to the Dunedin RSA.

One highlight of the year was the Medal Parade held at the Mosgiel Memorial RSA in April 2012. It was great to see so many people there, proudly receiving their medals.

Sally in particular, has enjoyed a closer relationship with our Mosgiel colleagues, and we wish them well with the refurbishments to their club.

Sadly, the Medal Parade was the last public appearance of John Campbell, who died some weeks later. John was had a huge supporter of the Dunedin RSA and he will be sadly missed. Our love and support go to his wife Beth and the family.

We also lost Ray McCormick, whose tireless dedication to the Peninsula and Dunedin RSA, was second to none. He was a great advocate for service people and ex service people. Again, our love and support go to his wife Violet , and his family.

We also note the passing of a well loved member, Bill Hall.

Lieutenant Commander Bruce Walker, the former Commanding Officer of HMNZS TOROA died during the year. Bruce was very supportive of the Dunedin RSA and planned to join us, but sadly died before he was able.

We do thank Lieutenant Commander Ian Marshall for continuing the support of the RSA, which includes making HMNZS TOROA available to us when necessary, especially on Anzac Day.

The Garrison Club is a venue that has been enjoyed by some of our members. Next year a priority for me is to look at the issue of an elevator, so all members are able to come along. We hope to have some functions next year.

On the 17th December I read a lesson at St Paul's Cathedral for the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, this was a lovely evening .

I would like to thank the RSA Executive for their work during the year, and thank you especially to Sally Turner, without whom the RSA would not be able to function.

Take care everyone, keep safe, and see you next year.

Merry Xmas & Warm Regards  
Jenepher

# RNZRSA NEC October 2012



Above:

Dunedin RSA Welfare Officer : Marie Marshall Chair: Margaret Eskrick Dunedin RSA President: Jenepher Glover & Vice President Stu Grant

Below: Placing a Poppy on the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior

Margaret Eskrick, Marie Marshall, Jenepher Glover & Ron Longley (Auckland)



## Dunedin RSA Newsletter



Colin Smith of the Maniototo sub branch RSA presenting Dave Wyer former publican of the Ranfurly Lion Hotel with a gift of thanks for more than 30 years of support from Dave.

Maniototo sub branch RSA president Colin Smith had the pleasure of officially thanking Dave Wyer for his support to the sub branch recently. Dave Wyer former publican of the Ranfurly Lion Hotel has extended long standing support for local RSA members in his 30 years of running the hotel. At the branch's last raffle night Dave was presented with a painting along with a voucher donated from the Dunedin RSA Welfare Trust as appreciation for his loyal support, and assistance with Poppy Day. During the last 30 years the RSA has worked in partnership with Dave hosting social evenings, meetings and fully cooked breakfasts for members and their guests every ANZAC morning over this time. "The RSA has been grateful for Dave's support over his 30 years at the Lion Hotel and we wanted to express this to him." The painting was done by one of the Maniototo RSA members, Glenys Walker. "With such a prominent symbol for the RSA, we saw this as the perfect gift to show our thanks to Dave." Colin said.

Dave Wyer also received a certificate of appreciation last year in recognition of his loyal long standing support of the local RSA sub branch.

Written by Raewyn Inder



# THE DUNEDIN RSA IS CURRENTLY RECRUITING MEMBERS & SUPPORTERS

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## Dunedin RSA Awards presented in 2012



Above Left: Dunedin RSA President - Jenefer Glover; Neville Selwood; Bill Hall; Otago Southland District President- John Longman, Kathleen Hall; Dunedin Deputy Mayor - Chris Staynes.  
Above Right : Neville Selwood receives his award

Left : Bill Hall receives his award.

NB Sadly Bill Hall passed away in October

Cromwell RSA Xmas Dinner &  
Presentation December 3rd .

Dunedin RSA Certificate of Merit:  
District Vice-President Dave Ged-  
des presents awards to John  
McSkimming (right) & John  
Brammall.(below left )

**Below right:**Cromwell Branch  
President Gordon Gates presents  
William Darling with the  
Certificate of Entry Special Hon-  
our's List-

**Other pictures :**Cromwell RSA  
members enjoying the celebration



## **RNZRSA ANZAC OF THE YEAR**



*The Student Volunteer Army*

The recipient of the Royal New Zealand RSA's Anzac of the Year Award 2012 is the [Student Volunteer Army](#), in recognition of its significant contribution to the Christchurch community following the earthquakes of 2010 and 2011.

The Award was presented to the Student Volunteer Army by the Governor General, The Right Honourable Sir Jerry Mateparae at the University of Canterbury at 6pm on Tuesday 24 April 2012.

It is the first time the award, which recognises the efforts of New Zealanders who exemplify the Anzac qualities of comradeship, compassion, courage and commitment, has been given to non-military personnel or to more than one person. Nominations for the award were made by the New Zealand public with the final recipients decided by a panel.

### **The selection panel included**

- His Excellency Lieutenant General The Right Honourable Sir Jerry Mateparae GNZM QSO, Governor-General of New Zealand (Chairman)
  - Lieutenant General (Rtd) Don McIver CMG OBE, National President Royal New Zealand Returned and Services Association
  - Lieutenant General Rhys Jones, Chief of Defence Force
- Sir Brian Lochore ONZ KNZM OBE

## **Subscriptions 2013**

Subscription accounts are being posted out with this newsletter

Here are a couple of important things to note

- *EFTPOS IS NOT AVAILABLE THIS YEAR.*
- *INTERNET BANKING PAYMENTS ARE NOW ACCEPTED—*
  - *To a/c 01 0902 0147925 01—*
  - *reference your membership number*
- *CHECK YOUR ACCOUNT for more information*
- *SUBSCRIPTION PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE IN THE RSA OFFICE*  
*MONDAY—THURSDAY BETWEEN 10 AM—3 PM*
  - *PLEASE RING SALLY TURNER ON 03 4664886*
- *IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS*
- *Office is closed from 20th December—re opens 7th January*
- *Access to the office is via the Prince Albert Road entry-behind*  
*Montecillo*

*Subscription accounts remain the same as last year*

*Dunedin Metropolitan area.*

*\$65.00 Returned/Service/Associate*

*\$32.50 Wife /Widow*

*\$90.00 Couple*

*All Country Members*

*\$28.25*

Please note if you are a currently serving with NZDF or over  
90 years of age there is no RNZRSA Capitation

**DUNEDIN RSA WELFARE TRUST**  
**CHAIR'S REPORT TO 31 DECEMBER 2012**

It seems that this last year has just flown and already it is time to summarise our activities for the year.

Two days ago, the Trust hosted a small morning tea at HMNZS TOROA. The purpose of this morning tea was to specifically thank our rest-home and hospital visitors and to acknowledge the two 2012 Scholarship recipients, Jack Turner and Paddy Smith. Also in attendance were Maureen McKay and Sandy Trainor from Mosgiel Memorial RSA whose support and friendship throughout this last year has proved invaluable. The Trust is very grateful for the support of the JDS Roberts Estate in funding hospital and rest-home comforts and to COGS funding that allows the Trust to host these modest events to thank our volunteers.

Earlier in the year, we hosted a larger event, also at TOROA to thank all those who assisted the Association and the Trust with Poppy Day, Posy making and support on ANZAC Day. I'm sure all those who attended were as impressed as I was by the behavior and turn-out of the Cadets. The Trust is very grateful for the support that Lieutenant Commander Ian Marshall and Amanda Buchanan continue to provide in making this venue available. Ian will be departing in a few months to take up an appointment in Korea. We wish him well and look forward to hearing about his experiences.

Two new Trustees have come onboard this last year, John Broughton and Will Martin. Will has agreed to assume the role of Chair next year. Ross Owens from Queenstown has left the Trust and although Queenstown will no longer come under the Dunedin Welfare Trust umbrella, we are sure that those ex-service people in Queenstown and their dependants will continue to benefit from Ross's welfare expertise and advice.

A few months ago, John Campbell, a former Welfare Trustee lost his battle with cancer. More recently, I attended the funerals of two former Welfare Trustees, Ray McCormick and Bill Hall. All had been champions of the needs of former service people and it was a privilege to serve with Ray and Bill on the Trust. Ray in particular continued his connection with the Trust as a hospital and rest-home visitor and in his later months appreciated the irony of being visited in turn in hospital by Trustees, staff and volunteers. All these men, by their example, left an enduring legacy for those of us who continue in this role.

On the subject of hospital and rest-home visits, I am aware that the Trust sometimes attracts unwarranted criticism which is very disheartening and does our volunteers a huge disservice. I can only emphasise that we rely on an army of volunteers to do this work and we also depend on being told that people have been admitted to hospital or rest-homes. Often the turn-around time in hospital these days is so fast that people have been admitted and discharged before we even hear about it. Many are the times that I have travelled in to visit someone only to have missed them by an hour or so.

The Trust is very grateful for the efforts put in by our hospital and rest-home visitors. We are always looking for more volunteers to undertake this valued role, so please give Marie a call if you can help. Training is provided.

Marie Marshall is our new Welfare Officer (telephone (03) 4664-888) who joined the team in September. She has impressively navigated a very steep learning curve in a very short time as well as playing catch-up on a number of outstanding grants applications. In the weeks prior to Marie's appointment, Sally Turner demonstrated considerable versatility and dedication in coming to grips with so many welfare issues in addition to keeping up with her own workload. The Trust can be very proud of the work both these women do.

Both Marie and Sally have completed Module One of the RNZRSA's Training package. They did this collaboratively at Mosgiel RSA with Maureen McKay and volunteer Welfare Officers and Support Advisors from throughout the District. Further modules are expected in the not too distant future. The purpose of this training is to support the volunteers who work so tirelessly on our behalf to ensure they don't feel out of their depth and are as well equipped as possible to give factual and consistent assistance. We are pleased that so many have embraced this training opportunity.

Last week Sally and Marie travelled to Cromwell, Wanaka and Ranfurly. From all accounts their visits were timely and well received and they enjoyed wonderful hospitality throughout. Marie has had a few referrals to keep her busy and both women were pleased to attend the presentation of the Bill King Award to Paul Tamati in Wanaka.

In October, Marie and I travelled to Wellington for National Council. This provided Marie with a unique insight into the culture of our organization and a valuable opportunity to network. The principle focus of this year's event was the scope and nature of commemorative events leading up to the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Gallipoli landings. Notwithstanding the assurances we continue to hear at Council from VANZ representatives, we continue to have concerns about the difficulty frail and elderly veterans have navigating the bureaucratic process. If we can help, we will. Please contact us if you need help.

Well that about winds up this report. I would urge those of you who can, to visit the Dunedin RSA website for updated news and photographs. Sally will also happily post photos of any event in your area. Also worth visiting is the RNZRSA website especially for the new-branded merchandise now available. If there is anything in this report, or any matter generally, that you perhaps wish to discuss with me or want addressed in my next report, please don't hesitate to either e-mail Sally or phone her on (03) 4664-886. We are in touch most days and she can always get a message to me.

It just remains for me to once again thank you most sincerely for the efforts you are all making to preserve the dignity and well-being of our former service people and their families in your area. On behalf of my fellow Trustees, Marie and Sally, I wish you all a safe and happy festive season.

Margaret Eskrick -Chair

## **Dunedin RSA Welfare Trust Newsletter**



**The annual Poppy Appeal is the primary source of funds for the Dunedin RSA Welfare Trust extensive provision of support services to War Veterans and the ex-service community.**

You don't have to be a member of an RSA to benefit from the Poppy Appeal [assistance](#). Donations are used to support veterans as well as ex-servicemen and women, and their dependants, living in the community where the funds are raised.

[The poppy](#) reminds us of sacrifices made – both past and present. Poppies were the first flowers that grew in the battlefields of Flanders in Belgium during World War One and are a symbol of remembrance and hope.

The Poppy Day street collection is held each year on the Friday before Anzac Day. Volunteers exchange distinctive red poppies for a donation to the Poppy Appeal.

If you would like to help out with the 2013 Poppy Appeal please give us a call on 4664886.

**Thanks Petals!**

**In the Area of the Dunedin RSA \$ 87,000  
was collected in 2012**

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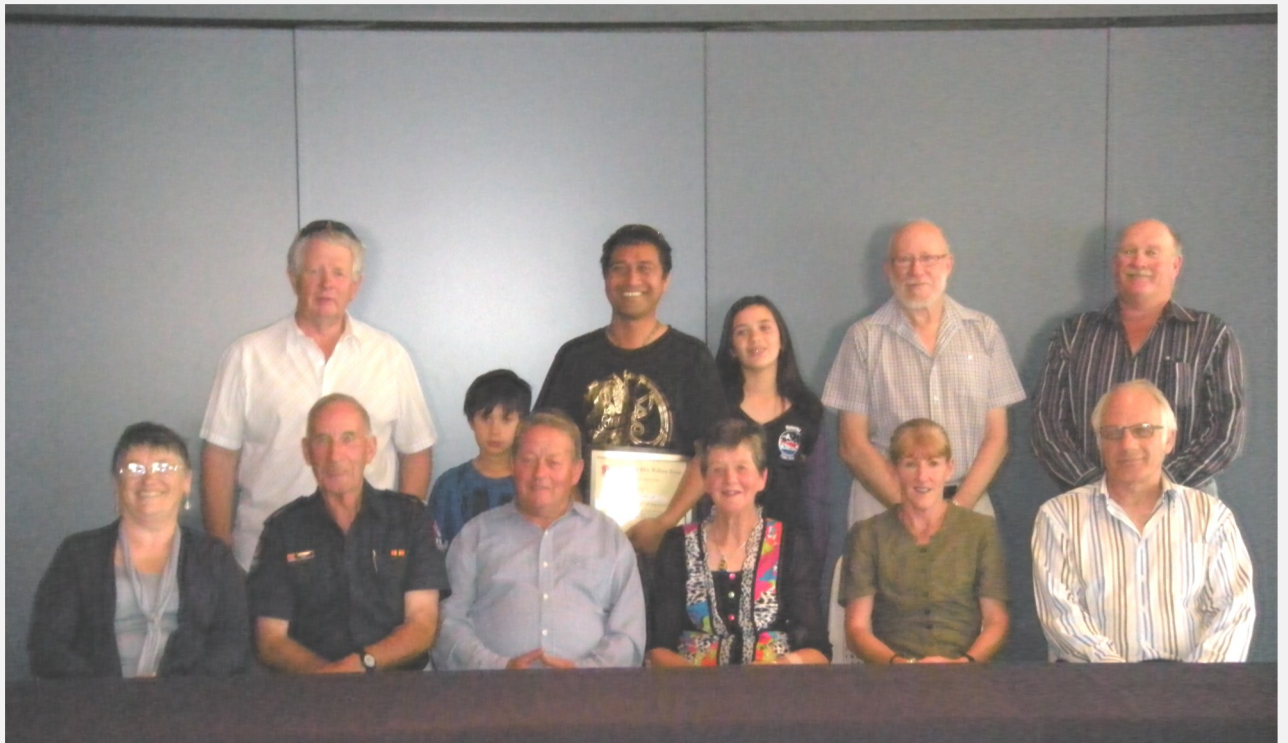
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**WILL OFFER DUNEDIN RSA MEMBERS BEST PRICE POSSIBLE**

## Dunedin RSA Welfare Trust Newsletter

The Bill King Award was presented to Paul Tamati on the 3rd December at the Albert Town Tavern near Wanaka. Below :Lyal Cocks introduces Mrs King and speaks on the Bill King award



**back row left to right** - Bryan Lloyd, Hadley and Paul Tamati, Erina Tamati, Allen Hogan, Doug Brensell. **front row left to right** - Robyn Holland, Ralph Fegan, John Holland, Loris King, Marie, Marshall Lyal Cocks.

**Dunedin RSA Welfare Trust Newsletter**

**THE DUNEDIN RSA WELFARE TRUST WISHES TO  
ACKNOWLEDGE**

**NZ Lottery Grants Board**

**NZ Lottery COGS Committee**

**JDS Roberts Estate**

**NZ Defence Forces & Cadet Groups**

**Highlanders Trust**

**ANZ Bank**

**Otago Daily Times & The Star**

**And the many other community groups & people who have  
supported the Trust in 2012—Thank you & Merry Xmas**

**DUNEDIN RSA & WELFARE TRUST  
OFFICE HOURS**

**SALLY TURNER—ADMINISTRATION MANAGER**

**MONDAY—THURSDAY 8 - 4PM**

**MARIE MARSHALL —WELFARE OFFICER**

**MONDAY—THURSDAY 8 - 4PM**

**THE OFFICE IS CLOSED FOR XMAS  
CLOSING THURSDAY 20TH OF DECEMBER  
REOPENING MONDAY 7TH January**



**WANTED: Hospital Visitor— this job would suit a person who likes to have a good chat and can spare one day a week to visit those in hospital.**

**Rest home visitor - once every two months**

**Please phone Marie on 03 4664888**

## Dunedin RSA Welfare Trust Newsletter

***On the 11th December thanks was given to volunteers. Also attending the morning tea were the 2012 Scholarship recipients.***



***From left : Anne Coleman, (Rest home volunteer) Sandy Trainor (Hospital visitor) Jack Turner & Paddy Smith—(Awarded Dunedin RSA Welfare Trust Scholarship's for 2012 ) Brian Hughes (Hospital Visitor) Cecily Trinder (Rest Home Visitor).***

***Absent from the picture is Carly Ross, and Penny Tipu & Mary Dean who were unavailable to attend the morning tea.***

# Dunedin RSA Welfare Trust Newsletter

## Rest Home & Hospital Visitors



Carly Ross this year started visiting Francis Hodgkins retirement village . Originally from Auckland Carly came to Dunedin to complete her University degree in Accounting. Having completed her studies she was offered a job at Deloitte working in the Tax Service Line. In her spare time she enjoys being in the outdoors, playing ukulele or hanging out with friends.

Brian Hughes—Has been with us for 7 years .

Each week he visits Dunedin Hospital wards and various Rest homes. In his spare time Brian can be found playing bowls .



Cecily Trinder—Has been visiting Rest homes in Dunedin for the past three years. Cecily is kept very busy and visits 6 rest homes each month

## Welfare Officers Report for 2012

What a busy and interesting few months it has been for me. It has been huge learning curve, but an excellent experience. Thank you to all those who have provided help and guidance, it is greatly appreciated.

I would like to thank all of our Hospital and Rest Home volunteers for the wonderful work they have done over the past twelve months.

Sally and I had an enjoyable time visiting the sub branches this month . Thank you for your hospitality and the wonderful work that you all do within your own community. If you require any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

We have had a number of successes with assistance for our clients through The Dunedin RSA Welfare Trust, Elgar Trust, RNZRSA, The Royal British Legion and a number of other UK agencies.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you know of any members that may be in Hospital or any member that might be in need of assistance, as I am here to help. Please keep the lines of communication open as I cannot do it without all your help. I really appreciate any support that you can provide me.

Just a few reminders of some of the assistance which we may be able to help with:

War Disablement Pension, Surviving Spouse Pension, Funeral Grants, Medals, Service Files, Taxi Vouchers, Disability Allowance application, Rates Rebates, Electricity assistance, Hearing Aids, Glasses and Dental work.

For any assistance please contact me on (03)4664888 or 0274 165 030.

I would like to take this opportunity of wishing you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Marie Marshall*



# WELFARE WORK– assistance from the UK

Left: Marie Marshall & Maureen McKay (Mosgiel RSA) had the great pleasure of meeting Graham Barber, a Legion Rider and ex Royal Marine. The Legion Riders are part of The Royal British Legion. The Legion assists the Welfare Trust with funding for some UK Ex Service people who live in our area. Graham also met with the RSA Executive committee at the December meeting.

This is the second time Graham has visited New Zealand and he has plans to return for a longer stay.





**Trust Chair**

Margaret Eskrick

**Trustees**

Will Martin, Jenefer Glover,  
Lyal Cocks, Lox Kellas, John Broughton,  
Andrew Rooney.

**DUNEDIN RSA  
WELFARE TRUST**

63 Bay View Road, St Kilda, Dunedin

Supporting all ex-service people, men and  
women,

Young and old, in our community.

Phone: Marie Marshall  
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