



NGAPONA EX MEMBERS ASSN – LONGCAST

- 21 July 17 - Old Salts Lunch at Papatoetoe RSA
- 18 August 17 - Old Salts Lunch at Hobsonville RSA
- 27 August 17 – HMNZS Ngapona Ex Members Assn AGM at 1500 at Pt Chevalier RSA
- 15 September 17 - Old Salts Lunch at Birkenhead RSA
- 6 October 17 – RNZN Communicators 50th Anniversary, Navy Museum
- 20 October 17 – Trafalgar Day Lunch at Te Atatu RSA
- 20 October 17 - Old Salts Lunch at New Lynn RSA
- 17 November 17 - Old Salts Lunch at Titirangi RSA
- 15 December 17 - Old Salts Lunch at Orakei RSA

Hi Folks

MONTHLY LUNCH

Our monthly lunch is this Friday at the Papatoetoe RSA. Below is the train timetable if you want to use your Gold Card.

Look forward to seeing you there.

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| To Papatoetoe | SOUTHERN LINE | Britomart | Newmarket | Papatoetoe |
| Return | Papatoetoe | | | |
| | | 10.58 | 11.06 | 11.30 |
| minutes past hour | 18 ---- 38 | ---- 56 | | |
| | | 11.18 | 11.26 | 11.52 |
| To Papatoetoe | EASTERN LINE | | | |
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| minutes past hour | 06 ---- 26 | ---- 46 | | |

HMNZS NGAPONA EX MEMBERS ASSN - AGM

Our AGM will be held on Sunday 27 August at the Pt Chevalier RSA at 1500hrs.

PROUD TO SERVE THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Aide-de-camp to the Governor-General (by Lt Swallow from NZDF web site)

"You've got 12 months to make the most of a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

That's how a Masterton-born Navy lieutenant describes her role alongside the Governor-General of New Zealand.

Lieutenant Holly Swallow, an old girl of St Matthew's Collegiate School in Masterton, is finishing her role as one of two live-in aides-de-camp to Dame Patsy Reddy.

There are always two aides-de-camp to the Governor-General, both accommodated at Government House in Wellington. One is "in waiting", primarily on duty, and one is "out of waiting", who can defer

to the primary aide-de-camp while catching up on other duties and planning longer-term events. The pair swap roles each week.

Aides-de-camp meet the Governor-General daily to discuss her programme and attend events at Government House or elsewhere. They have to liaise with event managers, organise gifts for events, and arrange travel. They organise her appointments and schedule, keep up with correspondence, and ensure speeches have been written.

The demands on an aide-de-camp's time are high, with not much time off, which is why the military appointment is only for a year.

"I started in June 2016 with Sir Jerry Mateparae," Lieutenant Swallow says. "That was pretty cool, to serve someone with a military background, and then someone with no connection to the military. They both had that same kind of mana—you have that automatic respect and awe."

International travel is a big part of the job, she says.

"It's VIP treatment, which is always fun."

Another highlight has been meeting amazing people in the community.

"It's simple things—like someone getting invested for service to their community, and with each person she remembers who they are. It's really cool meeting people who put their heart and soul into a community."

The job comes first, she says, because the Governor-General is the most important person in New Zealand.

"At the end of the day you are in the military, you are serving the Commander-in-Chief, and she comes first. But it helps that there's two aides-de-camp, so you can share the load."

The role has opened her eyes to how the Government works, and has given her insights well beyond her experience as a Navy supply officer.

She had decided on a career in the Navy by year 11, having been pointed by her father to a careers expo, and she followed a recruiter's advice to get a degree first, with the Navy assisting with a scholarship. She joined the Navy's 2014 officer intake.

After a posting on HMNZS Canterbury, her careers manager pitched the idea of a stint as an aide-de-camp to her.

"I was only 23, I didn't know much about it. But the more I read the more interesting it sounded."

It is not a "bag-carrying job", she says. "People will look at you because you're in uniform and they will look to you for guidance, leadership and example."

Her Navy career was a departure from her years of dancing with her grandmother, Geraldine Inder, the founder of Wairarapa's Geraldine Inder School of Dance. Her mother, Nicola Swallow, also teaches there.

"I just knew I would never be a dancer," Lieutenant Swallow says. "It's a hard industry to get into. I just wanted something different, and I found the answer in the Navy."

The dancing side of her family might have been "slightly disappointed" when she left dancing, she says.

"But they are proud of what I have achieved in a short space of time. I've done my own thing, rather than what could have been laid out for me."

(See attached photo, Lt Swallow on the left.)

CNS #4

Rear Admiral George Walter Gillow Simpson CB, CBE, RN - CNS July 1947 - June 1950
Royal New Zealand Navy - Chief of Naval Staff & First Naval Member

Birth: Jun. 6, 1901
Guildford
Guildford Borough
Surrey, England
Death: Mar. 2, 1972, New Zealand

Rear Admiral Simpson was the second son of Rev. Simpson of Guildford. In the Navy he became known as "Shrimp" due to his small stocky stature. Educated at Osborne and Dartmouth Naval Colleges, Simpson joined the Royal Navy in 1917, he served in the Grand Fleet (HMS Superb) late in WW1 and in 1921 joined the RN Submarine Service. He became commanding officer of the submarine HMS L27 in 1935 and of the submarine HMS Porpoise in August 1938. 1921-1939 Various appointments and postings including the China Station, studying the Russian language in Estonia and service on HMS Nelson 1929-1931.

January 1941 - Appointed Captain (S) 10th Submarine Flotilla Malta ("The Fighting Tenth"). He remained throughout the Siege, departing on 23 January 1943. Simpson became Chief of the New Zealand Navy Staff in 1948, Flag Officer Germany in 1951 and Flag Officer Submarines in 1952. In this role he was dual-hatted as NATO Commander Submarine Force Eastern Atlantic. He retired in 1954. 1955-72 - Farming at Whangaruru NZ. He died at Whangarei in New Zealand on 2 March 1972 and was buried at Maunu Lawn Cemetery in Whangarei.

Ranks

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| 15 Sep 1920 | A/S.Lt. |
| 15 May 1921 | S.Lt. |
| 15 Apr 1923 | Lt. |
| 31 Dec 1935 | Cdr. |
| 30 Jun 1941 | Capt. |
| 7 Jul 1950 | Rear-Admiral |

Decorations

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| 19 May 1942 | CBE |
| 8 Jun 1950 | CB |

Take care

Jerry Payne

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President

Ngapona Ex Members Assn

"There are good ships, and there are wood ships, the ships that sail the sea."

"But the best ships are friendships, and may they always be."