

## HMNZS NGAPONA ASSOCIATION INC

### LONGCAST

11 December 20 - Navy Club Lunch – Remuera Club  
18 December 20 - Ngapona Assn Lunch at Orakei RSA  
20 December 20 - HMS Neptune Commemoration Service, St Christopher's Chapel, DNB  
15 January 21 - Ngapona Assn Lunch at Swanson RSA  
1 February 21 – Auckland Anniversary Day  
8 February 21 – Waitangi Day  
12 February 21 - Navy Club Lunch – Remuera Club  
19 February 21 - Ngapona Assn Lunch at Titirangi RSA

Hi Folks

#### **CORRECTION**

In the article last week on the *Spirit of Enderby*, I incorrectly stated that there was only one female harbour pilot in New Zealand. There is also a female pilot in Auckland, NZCMM Member Captain Holly Clayton.  
(Thanks to Larry Robbins)

#### **HMNZS NGAPONA ASSN – XMAS LUNCH**

Our final lunch for the year is at the Orakei RSA on 18 December. Mark this in your diary now. The Xmas lunch is one of the highlights of the year. The Orakei RSA has new caterers and the meal will again be served by Navy Cadets from TS Achilles. There will be a door prize and of course 'Up Spirits'.

The cost will be \$25.00 per head, to be paid to the RSA on the day.

There are a few places left but filling fast. We need to know numbers for catering. We require an indication of numbers for the caterer and also any special dietary

requirements. **Please reply to this email if you intend joining us. Please do it now!**

PS – Those travelling from the north should be aware that some roads at the bottom of town will be closed from 15 to 20 Dec due to the America's cup racing. Suggest you take the Greenlane exit to avoid delays.

## **MEMORIAL SERVICE – 79TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SINKING OF HMS NEPTUNE**

Sunday 20 December 2019, 1000 St Christopher's Chapel, Devonport Naval Base  
Rig: 1BW (negative swords) On 19 December 1941, HMS NEPTUNE sunk after hitting a mine off the coast of Tripoli in the Mediterranean. All but one of the 764 personnel aboard lost their lives. Amongst the crew were 150 New Zealanders, many of whom were reservists. This event represents the largest loss of New Zealand life at sea and forms a significant event in the history of our Navy and especially of our Naval Reserve. Association members are invited to attend the service which will be led by Padre Michael Berry. Further information can be obtained from the Padre on his civilian address  
[michael.berry@aucklandanglican.org.nz](mailto:michael.berry@aucklandanglican.org.nz).

## **MESS DINNER TO FAREWELL WOSCS REECE GOLDING, MNZM, MSM.**

NGA TGA hosted a farewell mess dinner at the Classic Flyers Museum, Mt Maunganui, in honour of WOSCS Reece Golding's farewell from the RNZN and RNZNVR. 59 attended. It was a great night and very well organised by the Tauranga unit. Reece has left a gap in both the naval reserves, and the wider NZDF that will be very hard to fill.

## **EX HMNZS KUPARU – HAULOUT**

Scott Perry, owner of *Kuparu*, has been putting in the 'hard yards' doing much needed restoration work on *Kuparu*. She is currently hauled out at Marsden Cove, Whangarei, Scott found some worm in the keel which had to be attended to and this has extended the time on the hard. She is due to go back in the water next week. The good news is that her hull will be black, the way most of us remember MLs. If you get a chance, Scott would appreciate a hand. It is a big job for one man on his own. If you are in the area give him a call – 027 278 2542.



### **SHIP OF THE WEEK – HMNZS TAUPO F421**

HMNZS *Taupo*, originally HMS *Loch Shin*, was a Loch-class frigate which served in the Royal Navy during the Second World War, and then in the Royal New Zealand Navy (RNZN) from 1948 to 1961. She was scrapped in 1962.

On Commissioning in October 1944 *Loch Shin* was allocated for service in the Western Approaches. On 4 February 1945 she participated in attacks on the German submarine *U-1014*, which was sunk. The following month she was allocated for escorting Russian convoys. At the end of the war and during 1946 she was employed on Operation Deadlight to sink captured German U-Boats.

She was paid off from Royal Navy service in June 1947 and was reduced to reserve status.

In early 1948 *Loch Shin's* sale to New Zealand was negotiated and she was re-fitted at Chatham before sale. Her name was changed to HMNZS *Taupo* and her pennant number was changed to F421.

During her service with the RNZN she served in the Pacific and Mediterranean and in 1951 and 1952 was deployed for service in the Korean War. Her service included shore bombardment operations. She paid off at the end of 1952 and was held in reserve status at Auckland.

She was sold for scrapping on 15 December 1961.



Regards

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