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HMNZS OTAGO ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



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Everything has beauty, but not everyone sees it.

President's Corner

Greetings to you all. And hopefully this finds you well and coping with this crazy weather. It is pointless dripping about it – there is nothing you can do except sort of lay back and enjoy it or suffer it Sorry about that, Chief.

REUNION 2020

It is now only a few months away and it is time for you to make a commitment and fill in your Rego Form and send it off (with the money). A tremendous amount of work has been done by the Reunion Committee who have arranged a very comprehensive programme of events.

This is the 60th Anniversary of the commissioning of Otago and there will be a few of the original commissioning Ship's Company attending. Do not miss out on this Reunion and then regret it ... Come and join us. Register NOW !!!! The Rego Form is attached.

A discount has been arranged with the Armitage Hotel (Ph 07 578 9119) but they will only hold and guarantee rooms for the Otago Assn until the end of April ... after that you can still book and get the discount, but there might not be any rooms available ... it is a holiday weekend. Ask for the "OTAGO 2020" discount when booking. Do your Rego and Hotel booking NOW and don't miss out.

FINANCE

The Association is in a very strong financial position and continues to function within its income despite the low return on investments. Expenditure is kept to a minimum.

MEMBERSHIP

This remains about the same. We have gained a few new members, but sadly have lost a few to the grim reaper. Of special mention is that of John Spain, a Petty Officer Cook (Officers). Our sincere condolences go to his wife Margaret They were at every reunion.

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She is at present undergoing maintenance, but it is hoped that, as always, "subject to the exigencies of the Service" we will have their usual support and participation at our reunion.

Take care of each other, and I look forward to seeing you in Tauranga.
Every kind wish.

Today is a gift. That's why we call it the present

Jim Blackburn BEM. Ld'H.

OTAGO F148 Report

Otago is in refit and her crew is on annual leave at present. It is expected the some of the crew will at the reunion or Commodore Millar will have to explain why.

Otago F111 History

The Otago story manuscript is progressing well. Because of its size it will be published in three volumes; 1960 to April, 1970, May 1970, to December, 1976, and January, 1977, to August 1987. Books will be sold individually or as a set. Sadly, five years of the Commanding Officers' monthly reports, on which the story is based, are missing so it has been a major task to search the Deck Logs and various Navy files to gather her actual movements and actions. The manuscript is now on third of the way through being made readable and proof read. I can still accept personal stories. To add your story, or photograph, please identify when and where it took place. CO's name or a port to help identify where you story fits in the manuscript. Send your stories to gerrywright@xtra.co.nz or by post to Gerry Wright, 8 Rowan Road, Epsom, Auckland, 1023.

Reunion 2020

June 2020 will be the 60th anniversary of Otago first Commissioning. The reunion will be held at Tauranga on Queen's Birthday weekend. Reunion Registration forms are attached. Otago's books will be available there at a reduced price for those attending the reunion. When you make your hotel booking do say that you are attending the Otago 2020 Reunion for the best deals.

Programme

Friday 29 May

- Registration
- Issue Bag + Beanie
- HMNZS Otago invites
- AGM
- Presentation by CO Otago
- Singalong

Saturday 30 May

- Scavenger Hunt
- Mount Manganui RSA lunch available
- Scavenger Hunt prizes
- Painting + two photographs for raffle
- Dinner – Guest speaker Commodore Tony Millar

Sunday 31 May

- Church
- Bus to Waihi Beach
- Waihi Beach RSA
- Quiz
- Quiz prizes
- Singalong

Veterans Affairs

Banjo Paterson will be available to advise members about disabilities and independent living.

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REGISTRATION FORM

Your details	Name	Spouse/Partner	Address	Email or Phone	Are you a member?
Accommodation	Preferential booking at the Armitage Hotel is available. \$229- Bed and Breakfast for 2 in King or Double room. \$214 for one pers. Contact the hotel to book at 07 578-9119 or www.hotelarmitage.co.nz/index.html .				

Date	Time	Place	Event	Cost pp	Number Attending	You pay
Friday 29 May	1600	Washington Room	Registration opens. Members \$10 pp Non-Members \$35 pp or per couple.	\$10 or \$35		
	1600-2100		Mix & mingle	User Pays		
	1800-1830		Otago Association AGM	No		
	1830-1900		Presentation by CO Otago or, if not available, another speaker.	Charge (NC)		
	1900		Finger food buffet (or restaurant at own cost)	\$15 pp		
	2000-2100		Singalong			
Saturday 30 May	1000	Washington Room	Scavenger Hunt briefing. This is a fun event where you have to visit local landmarks and find a piece of information or obtain an item. Those without transport will be allocated to spare seats in other vehicles. Winner receives a prize valued at \$100.	NC		
	1030		Hunt commences. Alternatives, free time or visit local markets, Lion & Tusk Museum, Te Papa Tauranga, etc.			
	1200-1400	Mount RSA	Restaurant open for lunch at own cost.	User Pays		
	1530-1600	Washington Room	Hunt check-in	NC		
	1600-1900		Mix & Mingle			
	1830		Scavenger Hunt prize-giving, Raffle Painting and 2 Photographs			
	1900		Formal dinner. Keynote speaker is Commodore Tony Millar MNZM, Maritime Component Commander.			
				\$45 pp		

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Sunday 31 May	1000	Baptist Church	Church service			
	1115	Carpark	Free bus departs for Waihi Beach RSA. The bus to Waihi Beach is limited to the first 48 persons who register. (Please book a seat if busing).	Nil		
	1200-1400	Waihi Beach RSA	Restaurant open for lunch at own cost. Buffet is \$15. If you don't want the Buffet, you can pay individually for what you want.	\$15 pp		
	1500		Bus returns			
	1600-1900		Mix & Mingle			
	1730-1830	Washington Room	Otago Anniversary Quiz. Form your own team from messdecks or specialisations. Winning team's prize to the value of \$50.	NC		
	1900		Finger food buffet (or restaurant at own cost)	\$15 pp		
	2000-2100		Singalong			
Monday 1 June			Breakfast, Farewell & Depart			\$
Add up your total charges to pay and insert here						

Please calculate total charges and send the form and remittance for the total charges to:
 Noel Davies, Treasurer HMNZS Otago Association,
 PO Box 128143, Remuera, Auckland 1541,
 or email to noel@davesgroup.co.nz
 Pay by Direct Credit charges into ASB Account **12-3050-0291196-00** (and don't forget to Enter Your Name)

- Notes:
1. To be sure of obtaining the preferential room rate, you will need to book before 1 April 2020 and quote the code "**Otago 2020**".
 2. Breakfast is included in the Room Rate.
 3. There is free parking in the hotel carpark but specifically not for campervans.

See over

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