

Community Connection



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The Manager's Message

By: Lieutenant Commander Allen Mortimer, RNZN
Naval Community Organisation Manager

The month has finally arrived, when we get to have lots of fun as a family at the RNZN Children's Christmas Party at Ngataranga Sports ground between 1000 -1400 on Sunday 12 December 2010.

Last year was a great effort in numbers, weather and entertainment and this year we anticipate another lively and safe extravaganza where there will be something for everyone and perhaps new rides and experiences to enjoy. As always the way that Santa will arrive will be a well kept secret and everyone here at NCO is sworn to secrecy.

We have looked at the pick up points from last years Children's Christmas Party and will be making some improvements this time. Safety is our first and foremost concern, especially for the children. Therefore Santa's arrival will be controlled (as much as possible) and an area sectioned off and monitored so that children will not come to harm in the excitement of his arrival.

Registration will happen in good time, so that there are no long queues waiting and also so that the rides and entertainment are loaded and ready to go bang on 1000. At the end of the day the vendors will ensure that the queues are finished before winding down.

We will make sure that any identified health and safety concerns are limited. Last year there was a small issue with children riding as pillion passengers on motorbikes. If the opportunity for motorbike

rides happens this year, we will make sure it is done safely in a controlled fashion. However, all are reminded that at this time of heightened joy and entertainment, parents do have the sole responsibility for their children or children they are taking care of.

We do want this to be a safe event.

Remember to bring lots of sun screen, your lunch, liquid refreshments, sun umbrellas and cash for the raffles, food and beverage vendors. We have to make sure we don't 'over sell' this event as we want our navy children to have the greatest of days and this is why we have had to limit the sale of tickets to friends of children this year. Some rides will be more popular than others, so you may have to put up with the odd long queue; unfortunately we cannot operate like Disneyland with 'fast passes' for shorter queues.

We all look forward to seeing you at the RNZN Children's Christmas party and you can be sure that our team will be working hard to ensure that everyone has a super day and an entertaining time. Bring on the sunny weather – as we don't have a 'rain day' planned.

In January we will be taking a communication break, so from the team here at NCO we wish you a very happy Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.

Until next time from all of us – please take care.



Hi. My name is Michelle from Auckland Transport and I am married to POET Matty Anderson.

Auckland Transport (formerly North Shore City Council) and the Navy are working together to implement a carpooling scheme for Navy personnel and civilian staff working at the Devonport Naval Base.

About 39,000 vehicle trips are made along Lake Road every day and it is often congested. The more cars on the road, the worse congestion gets. If people can fill empty seats in their cars, the smoother the drive becomes for everyone.

Lake Road is currently being upgraded between Hauraki Corner and Esmonde Road, and more congestion is likely during these road works. Coupled with limited parking in and around the Base and the increasing cost of fuel and running a vehicle, now is an excellent time to give carpooling a go. It's also a great way to get to know the people you work with.

To find out more about the Navy carpooling scheme and to reap the benefits of sharing a ride to work, please contact me at:

michelle.anderson@aucklandtransport.govt.nz or phone 0272 161891.

For general carpool enquiries please email the Auckland Transport Travel Planning Leader, Melanie Alexander on:

melanie.alexander@aucklandtransport.govt.nz or phone 09 3076061.

Christmas in the Park... "NCO SUBSIDISED BUS"

Date: Saturday 11th December 2010, Auckland Domain
Time: Devonport pick-up 6.30pm -
Departing the Domain: 10.30pm
Cost \$5 per family for a return bus
Venue: Bus departs from the Navy Daycare carpark,
65 Calliope Road, Devonport

The NCO is providing a bus to take Naval Families 'to and from' this years 'Coca-Cola's Christmas in the Park' concert, with a detour via Franklin Road to see the lights on the way home. Please come up to the NCO office and pre-pay for your families seats by Tuesday 7th December, ensuring your place.

We look forward to seeing you.

NB: Cash or cheque only as we have no EFTPOS facilities at the NCO. Any further questions don't hesitate to call us on 09 445 5915.

Community Events in December

Date: Fri 3 Dec 2010
Event: **Onehunga Christmas Lights**
Time: 7:00pm–9:00pm
Venue: Jellicoe Park, 131 Trafalgar St

Celebrate the spirit of Christmas with friends and family at the Onehunga Community Christmas event.

- Enjoy carol singing and performances from the local community, including Laura Schilperoort, Royal Oak Primary Ensemble, Te Papapa Primary Choir, Onehunga Primary School, local churches group, Marcellin College and the Philippines Christian Group.
- Join in the countdown for the lighting of the Christmas tree.
- Visit Santa at Santa's Gazebo.
- Free children's entertainment including face painters, balloon-twisting.
- Explore the historic house.

Date: Sat 4 Dec 2010
Event: **Takapuna Beach Christmas Carnival**
Time: 9:30am–1:30pm
Venue: Takapuna Beach

The Lion Foundation Takapuna Beach Christmas Carnival in association with Classic Hits. This is an event for the whole family with markets stalls, buskers, kids rides and activities, Santa and friends.

Check out the stage:

9.30am - The Old Lolly Shop Community Stage - community & cultural performances.
 11.30am - Phineas Phrog's: A touch of Frosty.
 12pm - Santa!
 12.10pm - The Busking Competition - come view the talented buskers - musicians, magicians, jugglers and dancers compete in front of a celebrity judge panel for fantastic prize money.
 Spend the morning at the carnival then head down to the beach for the rest of the afternoon.

Date: Sat 4 Dec 2010
Event: **Browns Bay Christmas Parade and Airshow 2010**
Time: 10:00am–4:00pm
Venue: Browns Bay Town Centre and Beachfront, Clyde Road, Browns Bay

The Browns Bay Christmas Parade and Airshow 2010 is fun and entertainment for all the family. You will find a host of food, children's entertainment, helicopter rides, sky divers, air display and so much more.

Be a part of this spectacular event.

Date: 12 Dec 2010
Event: **Birkenhead Santa Christmas Parade**
Time: 12:00pm–1:00pm
Venue: Birkenhead Town Centre, Birkenhead Ave

Annual Birkenhead Santa Christmas street parade with 50 floats, many bands and other amusing characters. An event for all the family to come to watch and enjoy.
 Meet Santa afterwards at the new Birkenhead Library and enjoy the market/festival afterwards.

Date: 16 Dec 2010
Event: **Milford Lights Party**
Time: from 5.30pm
Venue: Central Milford, Kitchener Rd

"Milford Lights" is fast approaching! From December 1st – 16th, every purchase in a participating Milford business gets you a vote for your favourite Christmas display. **Then join our party 16th December, from 5.30pm**, for the giant hamper draw worth over \$500 (you have to be there to get the prize) and the presentation of the BNZ Milford Trophy to the overall winner of "Milford Lights".

Date: Sun 19 Dec
Event: **Carols by Candlelight**
Time: 7:00pm–9:00pm
Venue: Potters Park, 173 Balmoral Rd

Celebrate the spirit of Christmas with friends and family at the Balmoral Community Christmas event.

- Enjoy carol singing and performances from Queen City Big Band and the Auckland City Brass Youth Band.
- Visit Santa at Santa's Gazebo.
- Free children's face painting.

The event is just one of many free Christmas events being celebrated in communities across Auckland with support from Auckland Council.

Date: Fri 31 Dec 2010
Event: **Free Family Fun Day**
Time: 12:00pm–6:00pm
Venue: Alexandra Park Raceway, Greenlane Rd West

Free carparking, free kidz zone, face painting, bouncy castle, live racing action, food & beverage on site, lolly scramble, pony sulky rides & much more for the whole family.

Contact us today 09 630 5660 or vanessa@alexpark.co.nz.



RNZNDIVISIONS

His Excellency the Honourable Sir Anand Satyanand, GNZM, QSO, Governor General of New Zealand will review the largest parade of sailors for the year. The parade will include sailors from both shore establishments and ships.

The parade will be held on the **21st January 2010** at the **Ngataranga Bay Sports Fields** and will commence at **1000am**.

It is anticipated that the parade will be attended by Members of Parliament and Mayors from the local area.

This is an opportunity for families to gather and see the largest parade of Naval personnel for the year. Families are requested to arrive at the Ngataranga Bay Sports Complex by **0945**.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

HOLIDAY TIPS.

Most burglaries are opportunist and happen when owners are away. Unfortunately it is necessary to be especially careful at Christmas time, as homes are more often empty with many people shopping, socialising or on holiday. Burglars are also aware that most houses have presents to steal. While enjoying the festive season and your holiday, please don't overlook your home security. Taking a few simple precautions that will help to deter all but the most determined burglar.

Remember

- Shut and lock all doors, even if you're only going out for a short time.
- Close and lock all windows - burglars don't like to smash glass
- Do not 'hide' keys outside your home, nor leave them in an obvious place near doors or windows.
- Make sure your valuables - including televisions and stereo systems - cannot be seen from the outside.

- Make your home look occupied when you're away by using timers on radios and lights.
- When you buy new items like DVD players or video recorders, don't advertise by leaving the empty boxes out for recycling, turn the boxes inside out and fold them down.
- Hide or lock away passports and official documents - identity theft is on the rise.
- Don't leave car keys near doors or windows - car theft through burglary is also on the rise.
- Consider engraving your property - this puts thieves off because it makes it harder to re-sell
- Ensure you have an up to date list and photographs of your valuables and keep copies in a safe place.
- Homes with good security are much less likely to be burgled than those without.

TRENTHAM

MARIE'S COMMUNITY NOTICES

Sunday 5th December - Wellington Xmas Party.

This is a Tri service event and welcomes all Defence personnel and their families in the Wellington area. We have an awesome range of entertainment and activities scheduled for the day.....including Clown Shows, Petting Zoo, Pony Rides, Bouncy Castles, Army Band, Family Races, Food Stalls, Candy Floss, Face painting and of course the important appointment with Father Christmas.....will he arrive by land, sea or air? (please please please could it be by air.)

Contact marie.lotz@nzdf.mil.nz for information or

Gifts (low value) need to be wrapped with your child's name, the family name and your work location and given to your POC by 2nd December. See details below for your POC and they will give you a ticket for free goodies along with your appointment time with Santa.

POINTS OF CONTACT & Gift Drop off locations

All in Trentham Camp (including Spotless):

Marie Lotz or Debra Johns

Messines Defence Centre:

SSGT Sarah Player & Vicki Lock

DSS: Juliana Lynch or Christine Anstis

JFHQNZ: Edith Stone or Sue Chambers-Ross

Porirua: Joanne Bland

Defence House Wgtn: Jill in The Registry

Lockheed Martin: Tueila Holsted

New Discount NAVY SPECIAL

Face It Beauty and IPL Clinic

Ph: 09 445 0600

Email: info@faceitbeauty.co.nz -

Website: www.faceitbeauty.co.nz

Upstairs at Louise Simpson Hair Studio,
95 Victoria Rd, Devonport

**Half Price on your first treatment and
15% off all treatments thereafter
(not valid with any other offer).**

**Free 30 minute skin consultation with
your first treatment. Navy I.D must be
produced on arrival.** Specialising in waxing
(incl brazilians), microdermabrasion,
IPL permanent hair reduction, spray tanning,
facials, tinting, manicures and pedicures.
Stockist of Ultracuticals and
Viola Organics skin care!

Corellis Cafe

Ph: 09 445 4151

46 Victoria Rd, Devonport

**10% Discount on all food and drink
at the cafe.**

Open 7am till 10pm 7 days a week.

Torpedo Bay Cafe - RNZN Museum Cafe

Ph: 021 0247 9922 Jo for any questions

64 King Edward Parade, Devonport

**10% Discount to Naval staff on all food
and drinks.**

Kids Martial Arts

Sifu Scott Forrest

Ph: 09 475 5464

Email: Scott@kidsMartialArts.co.nz

I'd like to offer a 15% discount on tuition to
RNZN staff families for any kids that attend
Kids Martial Arts training in Murrays Bay or
Greenhithe...

**Kids aged 5 to 9 normally \$110 per school
term, RNZN price \$93.50**

**Kids aged 10+ normally \$140 per school
term, RNZN price \$119.00**

If we manage to get 20+ kids through RNZN
families I'll increase it to a 20% discount on
tuition...

**Kids aged 5 to 9 normally \$110 per school
term, RNZN price \$88**

**Kids aged 10+ normally \$140 per school
term, RNZN price \$112**

The initial \$35 sign-up fee still applies.

Each student receives an initial two free trial
lessons.

If they'd like to continue they simply pay the
fee above and the initial \$35, they are then
provided with a martial arts uniform plus
manuals, gradings, certificates, sashes, and
DVD's as and when needed, ie. there are no
additional costs.



Amenities & Motels

Navy Amenities - Payments for Xmas bookings

Please ensure all hire equipment bookings for Dec/Jan are made as soon as possible. Early payment for hire items and motel ballot bookings would be appreciated as although the Amenities Office will be open the week before Xmas staff will be busy preparing equipment during the last week of work. After hours/holiday uplift arrangements will be advised once all bookings are confirmed, and close down dates will be advertised via the Navy intranet in due course.

Navy Motels

The motel ballot was extended until the end of school holidays in early February due to demand. The motels are currently 100% occupied until 30th January at Taupo and 14th February at Mount Maunganui. All weekends are fully booked until May, however if you wish to be put on standby please let us know and we will advise you as soon as a cancellation is received.

**To contact us please phone (09) 4455131 or
email: navymotels@nzdf.mil.nz.**

Library Corner

PHILOMEL BASE LIBRARY
Base Librarian Janet Gilmore



At last a book about New Zealand's Provincial Reconstruction Team in Afghanistan.

Richard Hall

A long road to progress: dispatches from a Kiwi commander in Afghanistan

"This book is a personal recollection of leading one contingent of the NZPRT: 'CRIB 13', the thirteenth rotation of Operation CRIB as the New Zealand operation is called. It is an account of the many brave and sincere people I met whose dedication to making a difference made a lasting impression on me; of the complex and sometimes intractable issues that the contingent had to grapple

with; and of the unforgiving but the stunningly beautiful landscape and punishing climate."

So wrote Richard Hall in the Prologue of his book "A long road to progress". This book is written as a day by day record of his six months at Kiwi Base in Bamiyan. The military personnel in Afghanistan have to be soldiers, politicians, humanitarians and also be very aware the culture of the local people. Three Naval personnel are mentioned in the book and they are Lt Gina Goodridge, WO Lionel Jamieson and WO Tom Teweehi.

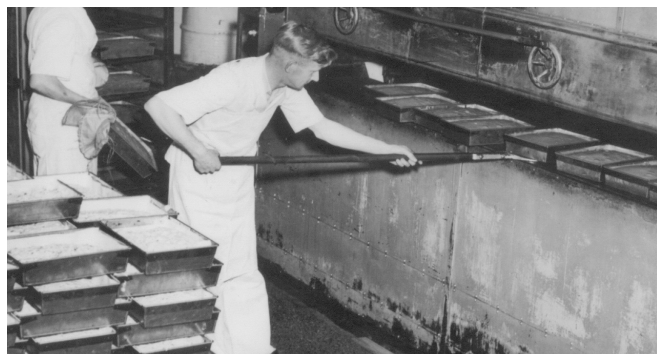
A book well worth reading to see how the New Zealand presence in Afghanistan is making an improvement in the lives of the local people.

Recipes from Lineetta's Deli

CHRISTMAS GOODIES

Normally I try to make my Christmas cake in October, however this recipe although better made in advance is pretty good anytime. It can be a bit tricky if the eggs start to curdle but will still come out ok. For the fruit I make up the correct weight with any dried fruit including cherries, date's, apricots, almonds pretty much anything you fancy.

500gm currant
500gm raisons
500gm sultanas
1 1/2 cups packed brown sugar
Rind of one lemon
Rind of one orange
1 tblsp treacle
5 eggs
2 cups of flour
1/2 tsp each of allspice, cardamom, cinnamon, coriander and nutmeg.



This Christmas Cake recipe has been passed down the Bremner family line. Above is baker Mr Keith Bremner (my grandfather) baking Christmas cakes in his Christchurch bakery, 'Bremners Bakery'

I also add some vanilla and almond essence.

The recipe calls for you to wash and separate the fruit several hours before hand, then spread it in the sun or oven to dry it. I cheat by mixing the fruit with a little of the flour and separating the fruit by hand.

Mix the peel with the sugar, either grate the peel or use food processor .

Cream the butter and sugar, add the treacle and cream again. Add eggs one at a time, with a tablespoon of the flour between each, this should stop it curdling.

Mix the rest of the flour and spices with the fruit in a large bowl, tip the creamed mixture into the floured fruit and mix until soft enough to drop from your hand. If it is too stiff you can add 1/4 cup sherry, I often add ginger beer.

I also add a dessertspoon of glycerine (available from chemist), which is a secret of my grandparents, this keeps the cake moist. Line the 20-30cm tin with 2 layers of paper, bake at 150c for 1 hour, then turn the oven down to 140c for about another 3 hours or until a skewer comes out clean.

Dribble 1/4 cup of any spirit over it while it is hot, leave an hour in the tin before removing.

I love this cake as it is dark and spicy, I often put in closer to a whole tsp of the spices, which just depends on your taste.

If you are organised enough to make the cake early, you can keep dribbling over rum, or brandy or sherry every week or so until Christmas.



Thank you to one of our readers Mrs A Wallace from Gore who has sent through one of her favourite Christmas recipes to share with us all.

Yummy Rocky Road

300g chpped marshmallows
1 cup of raspberry lollies halved (or any other favour)
1/2 cup shredded coconut
1/2 cup pistachio kernels or any other yummy nuts
450g good white chocolate chopped and melted

1. Lightly greese 2 8x26cm baking pans
2. In a large bowl,combine marshmelows,lollies,nuts and coconut.Stir in chocolate,mixing well
3. Divide mixture between prepared pans,smoothing top.
Chill until firm. Cut each log into 12 squares,to serve. Enjoy!!!

Lolly loaf Insted of using the fruit puffs try pineapple chunks or liquorice all sorts or any other sweets you love.

Where the ships are in Dec/Jan

NB: This forecast is subject to change.

HMNZS CANTERBURY

Dates Programme

DECEMBER
01-31 DNB
JANUARY
01-31 DNB

HMNZS MANAWANUI

Dates Programme

DECEMBER
01-03 At Sea
03-06 Port Visit - Wellington
06-10 At Sea
10-13 DNB
13-15 At Sea
15-31 DNB
JANUARY
01-31 DNB

HMNZS RESOLUTION

Dates Programme

DECEMBER
01-12 IMAV/HATS
13 SATS
14-15 At Sea
15-31 DNB
JANUARY
01-16 DNB
17-21 Harbour Training DNB
21-24 DNB
28-28 At Sea
28-31 DNB

HMNZS TE KAHA

Dates Programme

DECEMBER
01-03 At Sea
03-06 Port Visit - Timaru
06-09 At Sea
09-13 DNB
13-15 At Sea
15-31 DNB
JANUARY
01-31 DNB

HMNZS OTAGO

Dates Programme

DECEMBER
01-02 At Sea
02-06 Port Visit - Bluff
06-15 At Sea
15-31 DNB
JANUARY
01-10 DNB
10-28 Marlborough Sounds
28-31 DNB

HMNZS TE MANA

Dates Programme

DECEMBER
01-03 At Sea
03-06 DNB
06-15 At Sea
15-31 DNB
JANUARY
01-31 DNB

HMNZS ENDEAVOUR

Dates Programme

DECEMBER
01-31 DNB
JANUARY
01-31 DNB

HMNZS TAUPO

Dates Programme

DECEMBER
01-03 At Sea
03-13 DNB
13-15 Sea Training
15-31 DNB
JANUARY
01-17 DNB
17-20 At Sea
20-28 DNB
28-31 Port Visit - Whangarei

HMNZS ROTOITI

Dates Programme

DECEMBER
01-03 At Sea
03-05 Port Visit - Opua
05-10 At Sea
10-13 DNB
13-15 At Sea
15-27 DNB
27-31 Marlborough Sounds
JANUARY
01-07 Marlborough Sounds
07-31 DNB

HMNZS HAWEA

Dates Programme

DECEMBER
01-06 DNB
06-10 At Sea
10-13 DNB
13-15 At Sea
15-31 DNB
JANUARY
01-24 DNB
24-28 At Sea
28-31 DNB

HMNZS PUKAKI

Dates Programme

DECEMBER
01-06 DNB
06-10 At Sea
10-13 DNB
13-15 At Sea
15-31 DNB
JANUARY
01-10 DNB
10-28 Marlborough Sounds
28-31 DNB

HMNZS WELLINGTON

Dates Programme

DECEMBER
01-03 At Sea
03-06 Port Visit - Bluff
06-15 At Sea
15-31 DNB
JANUARY
01-16 DNB
17-20 At Sea
20-31 Port Visit - Auckland