

Community Connection



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NAVAL COMMUNITY ORGANISATION
Phone: 0800 NavyHelp
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The Manager's Message

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

Welcome to the first issue of the Naval Community Connection for 2011.

The RNZN's Children's Christmas party went very well and it was great to see that some of the improvements we incorporated from the year before worked. Santas arrival was a little more measured and we were thankful that there were no injuries reported. Nearly 2,500 people inclusive of 650 children really enjoyed their day. The positive feedback we have received has been most encouraging and we feel the Family Support Fund was utilised to create a spectacular day for our Naval families.

The start of the year is a good time to remind people of the need to review Next of Kin, Alternative Next of Kin and Casualty contact details. As with last year we will continue to hold exercises where we take a proportion of serving personnel contact details from a ship and actually contact all nominated personnel. We always leave a message so you know our calls are not for real events and we are only checking the currency of the information provided. Last year showed some improvement but I am sure we can do better. In the event of a real crisis we do want to be sure that our information is correct so now is a good time for Service personnel to ensure the validity of their contact information is 'spot on'.

The NCO is continually reviewing the services it provides, coming up with new initiatives from time to time. Last year there was a Housing seminar conducted for personnel interested in buying their first home.

Also there has been a start to a carpooling scheme supported by the Auckland City Council. You may have seen the article in Navy Today. So if you have any other ideas on how we can best help our Navy Community please do not hesitate to contact us.

In mid March (22nd to 24th), we are holding our annual three day Resettlement and Lifestyle Planning seminar. This is a free seminar for eligible personnel conducted by John Morrell and associates at the Philomel Seminar Centre. All eligible personnel will be invited to attend in the next few weeks. Partners are also encouraged to come along.

Just a reminder to those of you who would like to receive the Naval Community Connection electronically or no longer wish to be on the mailing list, please contact the NCO on 0800 NAVYHELP.

I am sure this is going to be another interesting and challenging year for the Navy Community and so until next time please take care and enjoy the great summer we are having.

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Free Sausage Sizzle



Calling all Shipmates who wish to carpool or who currently share a ride to work already.

Auckland Transport is hosting another FREE BBQ on **Monday 14 February** from 1100-1300 hours outside the Philomel Seminar Centre.

Come along to hear more about Carpooling and sign up! \$10 cafe vouchers are up for grabs!

Please note: **The BBQ is open to all staff that work on Base.**

2011 RESETTLEMENT SEMINAR "We want you!"



- **RESETTLEMENT CAREER PLANNING SEMINAR
22-24 MARCH 2011**

All regular force personnel who are within three years of completing service are invited to attend a Resettlement Career Planning Seminar which will be held at DNB 22-24 March 2011.

- **FUTURE LIFESTYLE PLANNING SEMINAR 24
MARCH 2011**

All regular force personnel are invited to attend a Future Lifestyle Planning Seminar which will be held at DNB 24 March 2011.

If you are eligible/interested in attending 2011 Resettlement Seminar held at Devonport Naval Base **22-24 March 2011**, please contact NIB 0800 682 94357 or email nib@nzdf.mil.nz.

Registrations close 4 pm Friday 4 March 2011.

Congratulations NCO Team

For winning the Naval Support Command Customer Service Trophy, it is wonderful to have all your hard work recognised in an official manner. Keep up the great work.

New Discount NAVY SPECIAL

Indoor Go-Karting

Auckland Raceway
82 The Concourse, Henderson
Ph: 09 836 5895
Email: admin@aucklandraceway.co.nz
www.aucklandraceway.co.nz

10% discount when you produce your Navy ID card. Not to be used in conjunction with any other offer.

Suitable for Ages 10 years +. Running up to 50 people at one time. Also suitable for Corporate events, Stag parties, Christmas and Birthday parties.

Open Polytechnic

Available: Nationwide
Web: www.openpolytechnic.ac.nz

25% discount off student tuition fees* for staff and immediate family members

25% discount is available only by enrolling on the NZ Defence Force pre-coded 2011 enrolment form

(Discount applies to Open Polytechnic Government funded courses only)
2011 enrolments - This benefit is available to enrolments made prior to 31 March 2011.
Enrol now using the 2011 pre-coded enrolment form.

Trimester One enrolments close 14 February 2011.

New Zealand Defence Force, in partnership with Open Polytechnic, is pleased to offer staff the opportunity to take up further learning and development opportunities. Staff choosing to study with Open Polytechnic will receive a 25% discount off student tuition fees. Study may be for personal interest or work related; chosen from the nearly 1300 courses available. Courses range from NZQA approved courses to diploma and degree level programmes. For further information please review How to use our agreement with the Open Polytechnic - Questions and Answers (updated 2011)

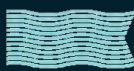
Most Open Polytechnic students are 25 or older and balance full or part-time employment with their studies. Study materials are delivered to the door or, for some courses, on the Internet via the Polytechnic's Online Campus.

Cut and paste this link into the address line of an internet machine to discover the range of courses and study options available

<http://www.openpolytechnic.ac.nz/programmesandcourses>

Tutors are easily contactable by freephone and email for guidance and support. The Online Campus helps keep students in touch with tutors and fellow students, and also provides access to the Polytechnic's library and learning support services.

To request a copy of The Open Polytechnic "Learning for an Open World Prospectus 2011" call on freephone 0508 650 200 or email customerservices@openpolytechnic.ac.nz



NAVY MUSEUM | TE WAKA TAONGA O TE TAUA MOANA

TORPEDO BAY

Don't forget to bring your family and friends to visit our new Navy Museum at Torpedo Bay
Opening hours 10am to 5pm – 7 days a week
Admission is free.

Guided Tours

Now available Saturday and Sunday
10:30am and 2:00pm
Bookings essential – please call 445 5186

Shop

We have a great range of books and unique souvenirs, plus we offer 10% discount to all Navy personnel.

Torpedo Bay Café

Opening hours 8am to 5pm – 7 days a week
10% discount for all Navy personnel
For bookings, please call Jo on 021 0247 9922

www.navymuseum.mil.nz

TRENTHAM

MARIE'S COMMUNITY NOTICES

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

GUITAR GROUP FOR AMATEUR

PLAYERS AND/OR LEARNERS: If you are interested in joining Contact Mack DTelN: 345 6346 or DDI: 04 529 6346

ZUMBA CLASSES before I look at organising these classes again I would like registrations of interest by email only marie.lotz@nzdf.mil.nz, along with your preferred day, time and instructor. Either with Anita or Lifestyle. We need at least 15 people to run a class to cover the cost of the instructor. NZDF dependents welcome.

COFFEE GROUP has started again for the year every Tuesday morning 9.30am to 11.15am in the Officers Mess Ante Room. All NZDF at home parents and pre schoolers (or prospective parents) very welcome.

CRAFT GROUP starts again Tuesday 8th February 2011 in the Trentham Camp Library 7pm to 9pm. Contact: debra.howell@nzdf.mil.nz.

COMMUNITY GARDEN PLEASE HELP YOURSELF TO FRESH VEGES FROM THE COMMUNITY GARDEN. THERE IS PLENTY OF SILVERBEET AND LETTUCE ETC. If you have time to weed or plant please do so.

WHAT'S ON

Lively Parks in Upper Hutt – happening now!

Summer is a great time to get the family out into the beautiful parks and reserves in Upper Hutt and we have the programme encouraging you to do just that!

Lively Parks is a designed to give people a taste of a range of different physical activity opportunities that are available right here in Upper Hutt. 2011 is the fourth year the programme has run in Upper Hutt.

Lively Parks encourages people of all abilities to take advantage of the opportunities on offer. So grab a water bottle and a towel, wear comfortable clothing and head along to some of the activities listed on the programme.

View the 2011 timetable www.activation.org.nz

TEACH THEM TO BE HAPPY - Seminar see attached flyer

NANNY SERVICE Do You Need Baby Sitter, Part Time Nanny or House Sitter? I have excellent references from Defence families. Contact Christine 0275268090

HOUSES/FOR SALE/RENT/BOARD

To Rent: Very tidy 3 bedroom house. Wood burner, modern kitchen, large section, single garage, 12 Bristol St, Trentham \$390. per week. Contact SSGT Whae Edwards on 7471 0272489408

To Rent: 2 Bedroom sunny newly renovated flat. This flat in Martin Street, Upper Hutt is the front unit of 5. New Carpet, polished floors, dishwasher, quiet long term tenants. \$250.00 per week. Please contact Rosa 0211361680 or email rosaniche@actrix.co.nz.

Flatmate wanted to share with one other for 3 bedroom Johnsonville townhouse. Handy to train and buses – excellent bus service. 10 minutes to Wgtn city by car/bus. Double room with triple wardrobe, own bathroom. \$230.00 per week, includes: Rent, Power, Phone (rental and National toll calls), Broadband, Sky. Contact Katrina 027 2274483 or katrina.lawrence@nzdf.mil.nz

To Rent: 3 bedroom New House built 2010. Open plan living, heat pump, new appliances. 2 bathroom, double garage. 10min to Trentham Camp. \$430pw rent. Contact Brent on 021 1030810 or 9381772.

To Rent: 2 bedrooms, off road parking, private garden, shed, cul de sac location. The rent would be \$240-00 per week. Contact Simon 04-526-9924 or mobile 021661129.

House For Sale – Waterloo, Lower Hutt The hard work has been done * Exterior has been repainted * 3 bedrooms * Modern bathroom * Separate Toilet * Under floor insulation * Heat pump * Open plan modern kitchen & dining * Large lounge, with polished timber floors, opening to outdoor living & sun deck * Fully fenced section * 8 min walk to Waterloo Station * 15 min walk to Queensgate Mall *

Quiet street, safe for children and pets *CV \$510,000 *All reasonable offers considered. Phone Kerry 4960 530 wk or 021 154 9436 a/hrs

HOLIDAY HOMES

HOLIDAY AT CASTLEPOINT THIS SUMMER. Ex Waiouru house, 3 bdr, sleeps 6-8, only linen/towels required, week long periods preferred, Dogs allowed, \$50 per night (\$10 for extra pers) Contact Steve/Sandy 04-9772903 or 0274 470223 or odell@paradise.net.nz.

FOXTON BEACH COTTAGE: 3 Bedroom cottage, sleeps 6, byo linen/towels. 5 minute walk to Estuary for fishing and bird sanctuary, ten minutes walk to the beach. Checkout photos and availability on <http://www.holidayhouses.co.nz/properties/19086.asp>. Contact Marie/Harry 04/5268077 or harry.marielotz@xtra.co.nz.

DISCOUNTS

Health 2000 located upstairs in the Upper Hutt Mall offers all NZDF employees on presentation of id card a 10% discount.

WELFARE SERVICES

Welfare assistance is available to all personnel in the Trentham Defence Area:

COMMUNITY SERVICES OFFICER:

As the Trentham CSO the service I provide can be in response to any family, personal or social issue that you or your partner or family may be experiencing. I offer information, a listening ear and I can assist you or your partner to access resources and services most appropriate to you and your situation. Please email or phone if you require assistance (see contact details below). If you are new to the area please contact me if you haven't already received a Welcome Pack and would like one.

Marie Lotz DDI: +64 4 5275029 DTelN: 347 7029 Mobile: 0272171 476

CHAPLAINCY SUPPORT As Chaplains we are employed for your benefit as a resource to help out with a wide range of personal issues including work, finances and relationships.

Chaplain Jen Betham-Lang
Mobile: 0212427637

Library Corner

PHILOMEL BASE LIBRARY
Base Librarian Janet Gilmore

Greg Mortenson

Stones into schools : promoting peace with books, not bombs, in Afghanistan and Pakistan

Greg Mortenson got lost coming down from K2 and wandered into a small village on the slopes of the mountain. The villagers looked after him and before he left he promised one of the children he would come back and build a school. Because of this encounter Greg founded the Central Asia Institute, an educational charity, that provides schools for girls in the remotest areas of Pakistan and Afghanistan. From mountaineer to builder of schools, sound familiar, one of his inspirations was Sir Edmund Hilary.

This book gives you insights into the value of education in this very poor part of the world. Education that we all take for granted. It is a fascinating tale of building relationships with the local people who work for the Institute and in turn the relationships they build with the villagers. There are harrowing stories and some very uplifting ones. It is impressive to read about one man's dream that has become reality through hard work and the difference he has made to so many lives. This is one of the most inspirational books I have read for a while.

"If you educate a boy, you educate an individual, but if you educate a girl, you educate a community."

NCO would like to thank you wholeheartedly for your support and generosity.



Everyone who attended this years Fleet Christmas party in late December will agree a wonderful, exciting day was had by all.

So many people having so much fun with their children, in a relaxed and informal environment.

It was particularly rewarding to catch up with those who had returned home from long deployment, and NCO hope the party provided an opportunity to reconnect with your family and friends.

An event like this could not happen without the wonderful support from groups and individuals such as Mr Robbie Sommerville, The Patriots, Hedgehog Bikes Takapuna who for three years running have generously donated fantastic bicycles to be raffled.

Devonport New World for their donation of hamper goods to be raffled, vouchers from Kelly Tarltons, North Shore Leisure, Hoyts Cinemas, Putt Stix, Rainbows End. Also Generous donations from Bidvest Food Stuffs, HMNZS Te Kaha, Te Mana, Endeavour, Canterbury, Otago, Wellington, Rotoiti, Hawea, Pukaki, Taupo, Manawanui, Junior Fleet Mess, Senior Fleet Mess and The Ward Room.

Without you the NCO could not offer such a wonderful day for our Naval Family. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you.



Neighbours Day

Fill the gas bottle, put the jug on, and gather your neighbours. It's time for a celebration to build some neighbourly spirit!

So, what can you do? Start now! Get your street or whole community together to start planning what you'll do together for Neighbours Day Aotearoa in your streets, and how to spread the word in your region.

Mark 26-27 March 2011 on the calendar. Knock on doors with home-baking, bring out the back-yard cricket, lean over the fence for a chat, or spark up the BBQ and invite the neighbours – there are many things you can do.

It just takes one person to get things going in a street.

Please help spread the word about Neighbours Day Aotearoa 2011 to your workmates, friends, family and of course – your neighbours. And remember, every day is a good day to be a good neighbour!

Date: 26-27 March 2011

Got questions or want to share a story about your neighbourhood:
kiaora@neighboursday.org.nz

www.neighboursday.org.nz

Don't forget if there something you would like more information on? Call 0800 NAVY HELP or email the Naval Information Bureau on: nib@nzdf.mil.nz and we will do all that we can to help your situation.

RNZN Fishing and Diving Club

Weekend Dive Charter 18-20 March 2011 - 4 places left!
In conjunction with Black Magic Charters the RNZNFADC is pleased to announce a weekend dive charter out from Whitianga.

Basic Details are as follows:

Depart Whitianga 1200 18 Mar 11 to Great Barrier Island/Mercury Islands/Coromandel (weather dependent) and returning to Whitianga mid PM 20 Mar 11.
The intention is for 7-8 dives including a night dive.
There are 4 spots left out of the 8 places.

Cost: \$380 pp (inc food).

Dive gear and tanks are not supplied but a compressor will be available (recommend 2 tanks). You must hold a dive qualification. Opportunity for evening fishing as well....rods provided!

This will be a great weekend for everyone. To secure your place contact LTCDR Grant Judson. **A \$100 deposit to the club is required to secure your place.**

Contact: LTCDR Grant Judson - grant.judson@nzdf.mil.nz

Where the ships are in February

NB: This forecast is subject to change.

HMNZS CANTERBURY

Dates	Programme
01-07	DNB
07-11	At sea
11-14	DNB
14-16	At sea
16-21	Port Visit - Napier
21-25	At sea
25-28	Port Visit - Timaru

HMNZS MANAWANUI

Dates	Programme
01-07	DNB
07-11	At sea
11-14	DNB
14-17	At sea
17-28	DNB

HMNZS RESOLUTION

Dates	Programme
01-10	At sea
10-14	Port Visit
14-24	At sea
24-28	Port Visit - Wellington

HMNZS TE KAHA

Dates	Programme
01-03	DNB
03-04	At sea
04-07	Port Visit - Waitangi
07-09	At sea
09-21	DNB
21-25	At sea
25-28	Port Visit - FBE

HMNZS OTAGO

Dates	Programme
01-03	At sea
03-07	Port Visit - Waitangi
07-09	At sea
09-16	Port Visit - Lyttleton
16-28	At sea

HMNZS TE MANA

Dates	Programme
01-04	At sea
04-07	DNB
07-11	At sea
11-21	DNB
21-25	At sea
25-28	Port Visit - FBE

HMNZS ENDEAVOUR

Dates	Programme
01-28	DNB

HMNZS TAUPO

Dates	Programme
01-04	At sea
04-07	Port Visit - Wellington
07-11	At sea
11-14	Port Visit - Nelson
14-18	At sea
18-28	DNB

HMNZS ROTOITI

Dates	Programme
01-28	DNB

HMNZS HAWEA

Dates	Programme
01-03	At sea
03-07	Port Visit - Waitangi
07-13	At sea
13-15	DNB
15-19	At sea
19-21	Port Visit - Tauranga
21-28	At sea

HMNZS PUKAKI

Dates	Programme
01-14	DNB
14-18	At sea
18-21	Port Visit - Wellington
21-25	At sea
25-28	Port Visit - Lyttleton

HMNZS WELLINGTON

Dates	Programme
01-02	DNB
02-11	At sea
11-14	Port Visit - Bluff
14-28	At sea