

THE WIRE

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

2020 started off with a hiss and a roar but due to the Covid 19 situation progress and life around the club has suddenly halted.

The club is financially sound and along with the government subsidy we have managed to weather the storm thus far and are all looking forward to the lockdown being eased in future weeks and the club re opening.

ANZAC Day was certainly unusual with the cancellation of our dawn service but with the help of Hokonui Radio and Cave FM we managed to put together a memorable tribute, I wish to personally thank all those involved in making this happen, our community can put anything together even during times of uncertainty. If you wish to listen to the service it is posted on our Facebook page.

Our monthly meetings have been conducted via internet video from our bubbles at home and everything is ticking over as well as to be expected.

It's great to see that the kitchen is going to be back up and running this week, Steve will update you further in this publication.

Lastly I wish to thank everyone involved at the Gore RSA, I would especially like to thank our Manager Steven Brinsdon who has done an amazing job mostly working remotely from home, the Staff and last but not least the Committee and all the volunteers that contribute to our organisation.

Fingers crossed we will see you all soon at the club!

Jarrad Scott
Gore RSA President
RNZRSA Otago Southland President



Gore RSA SUPPORT OFFICER

NIALL SHEPHARD

Looking back through my records I noted that it is two and a half years since I spoke about the Veterans Independence Programme at a lunchtime meeting of the CMT club in Gore. Clearly, I struck a chord there as I am still responding to queries about VIP from ex CMT people who were either at the talk or heard about it. For those who don't know about it, VIP is a scheme run by Veterans Affairs which provides various services for people who served with NZDF prior to 1974. So, for anyone who is eligible (service pre 1974) and is currently paying someone to do their lawns or gardens, or pays for a medical alarm, or podiatry services – these services, and others, may be available to you for FREE. A simple phone call will initiate the process – if you have any questions, or need any other assistance please ask – you have nothing to lose!

I am still coming to Gore once a month, usually on the first Monday of the month to visit clients and attend to any welfare issues that crop up. There are many ways to seek assistance or advice, the main thing though is to ask someone. Linda Harvey, our tireless Local Support Advisor is usually available as is Club Manager Steve Brinsdon. I liaise closely with both so between us all we can usually respond in a timely manner to any queries. Gore's forefathers sited it well, and while not quite the centre of the universe, it is a relatively short hop from anywhere in Southland so people from across the area, and from other RSAs have taken the opportunity throughout the year to come and meet with me to discuss welfare issues. Gore RSA enjoys a good reputation as a successful club and for being good hosts – it's members also enjoy some outstanding support thanks to the proactive efforts of the Welfare Trust.

My database tells me that I currently have 43 'active' welfare clients from Gore. To give perspective I have 201 in Dunedin and 69 in Mosgiel. These range from simple to solve referrals through to ongoing complex cases involving multiple agencies.

Rather than the view many imagine of a slowly diminishing welfare need as older veterans die, our experience shows that there are many more younger people suffering service-related conditions and other needs now than ever before. What is even more disturbing is that the needs of these current people seem to be much more complex and diverse than ever before. This clearly illustrates to me that RSAs, and in particular RSA Support Services have to evolve to meet that emerging need. Gore RSA and its support network has responded well to this changing environment and, in my view, is well placed to meet the ongoing welfare demand.

If you or someone you know would like assistance or advice and think the RSA Welfare Trust might be able to help please make contact via Linda, Steve, or you can contact me directly at 0800 664 888 or by email

welfare@dn-rsa.org.nz

Niall Shephard



Harlan the biker comes to the hairdresser.

The hairdresser stares at his greasy hair in disbelief for a while and then asks, "So, did you come to cut your hair or just for an oil change?"



GORE OUTDOOR BOWLS

Now that COVID-19 has put a halt to the 2019/20 season, we won't "officially" know until after the lockdown is over and we have our next Eastern Meeting the final results for the year, but as it stands Noel Ryan's, Blue Team seem to have taken out the Saturday Competition, so well done!

Robbie Heads, Gold Team struggled a bit this year in a tough competition and finished down the lower half. In the Wednesday competition, Judy Whipps RSA 1 team took the honors with RSA 2 in the bottom half. In Round 2, Judy's team was leading but there were still a few games to play.

Our Tournament Winners:

Silver Fern Farms Xmas Tournament

1st: Donna Kirk, Krystal Langley, Emma Hanley, Robbie Heads

Gloria Fisker Trebles

1st: Sam Creighton, Steve Brinsdon, Tony Cooney

RSA Elimination Trebles

1st: David Horrell, George Hoskins, Russell Andrews

Club Results:

Ladies: Singles – Ruth Benson

Pairs – Shona Klemick, Rose Graves

Trebles – Joyce Wilson, Eileen Wicks, Ruth Benson

Fours – Judy Whipps, Emma Hanley, June Ryan and Donna Kirk

Mens: Junior Singles – Max Bradbury

Club 4s – Barry Graves, John King, Steve Brinsdon, Robbie Heads

Other matches will now be played at the start of next season.

Our Southland Results (so far):

Arthroball Pairs – 3rd equal: Jane Ryan/Lynda Gardyne

Mixed Pairs – won: Shona Klemick/Bruce Ross

Hensilite Singles – 3rd equal: Mark Kubala

Rothbury Insurance Fours – 3rd equal: Judy Whipps, Donna Kirk, Ruth Benson, June Ryan

Emma Hanley Southland Development

Womens Triangular at Roxburgh – won overall

Southern Zone at Alexandra – second

Vs South Otago at Balclutha – won overall

Well done to all, it's good to see players entering these competitions and being selected for rep play. It's a shame that our Gore Memorial RSA 5s couldn't go ahead, but it's for our own safety and the only way to stop the COVID-19 virus getting out of control is lockdown. So please look after yourselves and ring others you know who are lonely or on their own and help someone in need if you can. We will all be looking forward to next season and hope the end of COVID-19.

Mark Kubala
President



GORE RSA POOL SECTION

Pool commenced back early February. We have a new noticeboard down by the Pool tables and as a Section we have started running our first Club Championships with singles and doubles being played. Final is set for 3 May. We are also at the moment getting an Honours Board made which will be put up in place once it has arrived.

Come on down on a Sunday afternoon from 1 – 3pm for a friendly fun game of pool. We look forward to new members.

Ken Lloyd
President



GORE RSA TRAVEL CLUB

Welcome all to 2020 and our bus trips. Our Christmas meal was at Paddington Arms in Invercargill and was enjoyed by a lot of members. We took a bus and a minivan. On the way home we went to Winton to see their Christmas parade.

Our 1st trip this year was to Riverton to visit the only flax mill still operating in NZ. Everyone enjoyed the demonstration seeing how flax was stripped going through a different machine ending up with fibre that was used for binder twine for hay bales and making ropes. I have a special interest in this mill as it was my grandfathers mill on the Waimatuku river. The Templeton’s bought it off him and shifted it to the present location on their farm.

On our way home we visited Argyle gardens at Waianiwa. Lovely gardens and the perfect venue for a wedding in the church and surrounding gardens.

We welcome new members so just call me on the number below.

Allan Bennett
President



Teacher: “Who do you think invented dancing, children?”

Little Johnny: “My guess is a big Irish family with just one bathroom.”



CARDS – Gore RSA Flag 500

Gore RSA Flag 500 has restarted for the year so come along and enjoy a game of cards. We play on a Wednesday night from 7:30 to 9:30pm. We would love to have some new members.

Phyllis Caughey
Convener (208-7501)



Joke



GORE RSA WOMEN’S SECTION

Our Women’s Section has had a quiet time over the Christmas break. February meeting was taken up with gathering ideas for the 2020-2021 programme. 3rd March was the AGM with a disappointing attendance. Fortunately, most of the committee were willing to stay in some positions as last year. Still needing a Vice President. 4 members will travel to Invercargill for Friendship Day on 18th March. Have a week delivering Meals on Wheels at the end of March and will help with selling Poppies 17th April. Our 78th birthday lunch will be held on 5th May. We are looking for RSA ladies to join our section. Come along to the meetings on the first Tuesday of the months February to November at 10:30am in the RSA. You would be made most welcome at our meetings where we have speakers, outings, lunches etc. We have raffles and play housie.

Eileen Wicks
President



THE PADRE PONDERING

As we move closer to commemorating yet another Anzac Day and in seeking for some inspiration as to what to write about for this edition of The Wire, it got me to thinking as to what was being written in our local newspaper this time 100 years ago in 1920.

Looking at the pages of The Ensign for April 1920, I noted that there was an Anzac Day Memorial Service to be held at the Princess Theatre on Sunday 25th April. However, it wasn’t some much this item that caught my manager@gorersa.co.nz www.gorersa.co.nz 03 208-6218

eye, but a Letter to the Editor which appeared in *The Ensign* on April 27, 1920 which was simply entitled: DAY OF THE ANZACS.

The letter was written by an unknown person who had used the nom-de-plume “1914” and to my mind the words that this person wrote are equally as true today as they were then when the wounds and hurts of war were still fresh, and so with that in mind I make no apologies for the full text of this letter which now follows:

TO THE EDITOR. Sir.—In common with many others present at the Princess Theatre on Sunday afternoon. I could not help thinking that the main purpose of the gathering had been missed. Apart from the part played by the returned soldiers and military, the true spirit of “The Day” failed wholly to be appreciated. The purpose was to bring before the public the glorious deeds of Anzac and afterwards, the self-sacrifice and heroism displayed by our kith and kin, that those growing up in our midst might learn, and having learnt keep alive, those traditions of which we are to-day so proud, and that those who paid the supreme sacrifice should be remembered. Five years ago, on that Sunday morning the soldiers of our King drawn, from every corner of that Empire on which the sun never sets, added another chapter to the imperishable pages of British history and made probably the first chapter of the history of Australasia. As we know the call was responded to by those men who put the “N.Z.,” in Anzac, strong in their manhood, who left their homes, the plough, pen and workmen’s tools in the rush to shoulder the rifle. Our little Dominion had never before had the stern reality of war so quickly brought to her notice. In the chill early dawn of that April morn, to the reveille of the big guns, those gallant, souls leapt ashore on that death-strewn beach, in the face of almost overwhelming odds. Scenes of dauntless heroism were quietly enacted on the fire-swept shores of Helles and of Anzac, and New Zealand’s sons poured out their life’s blood in the same manner as their gallant forefathers did of old, and the first page of our history was complete. To those glorious dead, who gave so willingly their young lives that we might have liberty, we pay our homage on Anzac Day. Fathers and mothers, brothers, sisters, wives and children mourn their losses and comrades cherish memories of lost comrades. To the soldier Anzac Day is the day of days. In Flanders, France, Gallipoli, Egypt, Mesopotamia and other outposts of the British Empire, and in our own beloved soil they rest —comrades in the world war — but not forgotten. True to our duty we come together to remember them, and their sacrifice and devotion to duty, though they lie in many lands. Through them was victory made possible. On the children of this generation will devolve the duty of seeing that the true spirit, of Anzac is kept alive. They will be taught no doubt of the part their fathers and brothers played in 1914-1918. Let us see to it that they fail not in keeping up the grand traditions commenced at Gallipoli and completed at Le Quesnoy, and that those who fell are not forgotten. And so, as each succeeding April 25 comes round, let us not forget our sleeping heroes, but keep their memory and the principles for which they fought and fell, forever before us.

Well has it been sung:

“They went with songs to the battle, they were young, “Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow. “They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted, “They fell with their faces to the foe.

“They shall grow not grow old as we that are left grow old, “Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn, “At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, “We shall remember them.” —I am, etc., 1914.

Hopefully you the reader will perhaps agree with me that these words written 100 years ago are timeless and that ‘we do remember them and will continue to do so’. Blessings upon you and yours. **Padre Bruce**



I have a very good feeling about my job interview today. The manager said they were looking for somebody responsible.

“You’ve found your man,” I responded, “whenever there was a problem in my last job, they always said that I was responsible!”



GORE RSA INDOOR BOWLS

The opening night for the 2020 season for Indoor Bowls will be held on the 17th March. The Eastern Competition will begin on Monday 6th April. New Members most welcome so, if you would like to come along and have a try at Indoor Bowls do so on a Tuesday at 7.30pm.

Bruce Hellier – President
(03) 2087537

Margaret Hughes – Secretary
(03) 2087053



GORE RSA TIN HAT REPORT

The last Tin Hat Tattoo for 2019 saw a very good attendance of members that were treated to a great afternoon provided by Nic Bourke and friends.

The AGM of the club was held at the end of February where Ewen Price was elected Chairman with Diana O'Neill as Secretary and Rosann Graves as Treasurer/Quartermaster. The following were elected as committee members, Marilyn Fox, Brian Elder, Murray Kirk and Lex Keith together with all Life Members.

The Club is fortunate that it has so many members that are willing to give of their time and assistance particularly on a Sunday morning to ensure our usual tattoo meetings run smoothly and the Club continues to go from strength to strength.

New members are most welcome, and you do not need to be a member of the RSA to join the Tin Hat Club. Best wishes for the year ahead and please support Ewen Price in his new role as the club chairman.

Lex Keith – Outgoing Chairman



GORE RSA GOLF SECTION

It has been a busy year for the Section as we were heavily involved in helping run and organise this year's South Island Chartered Clubs Men's Golf Tournament in conjunction with the Gore Town and Country at the Gore Golf Course on the 1st & 2nd of February.

Our Gore RSA Team of John O'Shea, Brian Elder, Ivan Butel, Chris Cahill played some excellent Golf and led the field by two strokes on the first day.

On the Sunday 2nd the team got off to a flier and were 12 strokes ahead when they came off the Course only to be matched by The Invercargill Working Men's Club and on count back our team took out second place.

What a fantastic result for the section.

We have had two new members join up in the last month - Pat Hurley and Gavin Yates, and we welcome them to the section.

We are always on the lookout for more members so if you are interested please make contact with the RSA or phone me on 0274327917.

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It is that time of the year for our Section to go on a study tour and this year it will be down by the sea at the Riverton Golf Course on the 29th March.

In May it is the Sections turn to run the raffles and thanks goes to the executive for the allocation as it is much appreciated.

John Speden - Co-ordinator Golf Section



SPUD IN A BUCKET COMPETITION

A great turn out this year with around 50 buckets getting judged. The winners on the day were. Heaviest Spud to Alastair Connell (566g). Heaviest crop to Robynne Connell (1.970kg) - this family must have secret soil there in East Gore. Smallest crop went to Emma Hanley (134g). Best Dressed to Judy Dolamore with her Red Chilli outfit. Prizes too for Valda McLeod, Billy Couper, Eric Smith and Alex King for their garden outfits. Boots was disqualified for adding rocks in his bucket that looked like potatoes.

Thanks to our major sponsor Gore Mitre 10 for the buckets and the seed spuds and to Grace Engineering for providing the weigh in scales on the day. \$600 was raised for RSA welfare and \$82.50 for St Johns on the day. Thanks to all who supported this event. Remember if you want to take part in this fun competition each year we start the event at Labour weekend and entry is only \$10 which all goes to charity

Kevin Fiveash - Organiser



FROM THE OFFICE

Well it's an understatement to say we are in challenging times and the future of NZ is certainly going to be different after this virus has run its course. Who knows how long it will take to resume normal activities (if we ever achieve that again) but the club is in a great financial position to weather this storm and as soon as we return to Lockdown Level 2 we will be reopening our club back to our members. What restrictions will be in place at the time this comes into effect will not be known until then. In the meantime, we are in Lockdown Level 3 and we expect to remain at this level until at least the middle of May. During that time, the only food businesses that can operate are takeaway, drive through and home delivery.

As a result, we will be opening our restaurant from Thursday 30th April for 4 nights per week (Thu – Sun) for our members to order home delivery meals. Our delivery menu is attached for ordering purposes and further details can be found on our Facebook page and website. This service is strictly available to Gore RSA members only and you must live in the Gore town boundary to receive your meals. Payment must be contactless so the only way we can process the food transactions is through the points on your membership card. By using the membership number, we have access to your name and the delivery address as well so no need to handle cash

or other card payments. Once the transaction has been processed through our system, the meals will be cooked and delivery by our bar staff as soon as possible at your desired time.

Whilst we cannot offer all our menu options due to supply concerns and workplace safety restrictions, we believe this represents our most popular dishes and something for everyone including the kids. We have a range of frozen dinners for \$10 and Frozen Soup \$5 that also form part of the menu selection. The only new addition to our menu is the daily Roast of the Day for \$12. This is the Friday Lunch Meal of the Day and can be bought in bulk for freezing.

In order to get credit onto your card you simply have to transfer money into the clubs account, and we will transfer this onto your membership card dollar for dollar. We plan to have the office manned from 10am-2pm daily to facilitate these transactions. If you can't complete online transfers for whatever reason but still want to order meals for delivery call me between 10am-2pm daily and we can discuss a safe way of making this happen.

Meals to be ordered from 4pm on the days of delivery by phoning 208-6218 Ext 1. Please quote the last 5 digits of your membership card when ordering. We will also be taking orders via our Face book Messenger.

Steve Brinsdon – Secretary/Manager



UPCOMING ENTERTAINMENT (subject to lockdown level rules)

Sunday 19th, 26th July	Melodies with Margaret	3 - 6pm
Sunday 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th August	Melodies with Margaret	3 - 6pm
Sunday 6th September (Father's Day)	Melodies with Margaret	4 - 8pm
	\$30 Buffet/Carvery Special from 6:00pm	
Friday 28th August (Daffodil Day Fundraiser)	Various Artists	7 - 11pm
	\$30 Buffet Special from 6:00pm	
Saturday 28th November (Scottish Night)	Shindig	7 - 11pm
	Feat. Hokonui Celtic Pipe Band and \$30 Buffet Special from 5:30pm	
Thursday 31st December (New Year's Eve)	Midnight Cruise	7:30pm – 12:30am
	\$30 Buffet Special from 6:00pm	

Ticket Shows:

Saturday 12th September	Kenny Rodgers/Dolly Parton Tribute	7:00 - 10:00pm
	\$50 Buffet Dinner and Show Special from 6:00pm. \$20 Show Only	

Delivery Menu

TROOPERS RESTAURANT

Open Thursday to Sunday for evening meal delivery only. Delivery times from 5:30 to 8pm



RSA **GORE NEW ZEALAND**

Gore RSA Members Only. Payment via membership card points. Delivery restricted to Gore Town Boundary

Battered Blue Cod Light \$22.00
Battered Blue Cod Main \$32.00
 Served with tartare sauce and your choice of sides.

Pork Ribs \$25.00
 Slow cooked baby back ribs with sauce with your choice of sides

Battered Sole \$18.00
 Served with tartare sauce and your choice of sides.

Ribeye Steak \$30.00
 Quality Silver Fern Farms ribeye served with a mushroom, pepper or garlic sauce & sides

Beef, Bacon and Egg Burger \$18.00
 Served with your choice of sides.

Roast of the Day \$12.00
 Pork, Ham, Beef or Chicken (Changes Daily) served with roasted vegetables.

Chicken Schnitzel Light Meal \$18.00
Chicken Schnitzel Main Meal \$24.00
 Freshly made Chicken Schnitzel served with either an apricot or mushroom sauce and served with your choice of sides.

Surf n Turf \$32.00
 Quality Silver Fern Farms ribeye topped with Battered Prawns and choice of sides.

Ham Steak \$18.00
 Succulent Ham steak with a grilled Pineapple served with your choice of sides.

Thai Beef, Chicken or Prawn Salad \$22.00
 Crispy Salad served with crunchy potatoes and topped with sweet chilli and aioli sauce

Lamb Shank \$22.00
 Rosemary and Mint flavoured Shank Served with our creamy mash potato

Kids Meals - \$8
 Must be ordered with a main meal

Chicken Nuggets Cheeseburger
 Mini Hotdogs

EXTRAS
 Must be ordered with a main meal

Chips \$4.00
 Wedges \$5.00
 Battered Onion Rings \$4.00
 Egg \$1.50
 Frozen Roast Meal \$10.00
 Frozen Soup Meal \$5.00

Choice of Sides:

Chips, Wedges or Roast Vegetables

Phone: 208-6218 Ext 1 from 4pm (Thu – Sun) to place orders with kitchen or use Facebook Messenger. Quote last 5 digits of membership card when ordering

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