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PRESIDENTS REPORT

2018 has again been an amazing year for the Gore RSA. We have seen some spectacular growth within the club throughout the year and the patronage figures are well up on previous years, so a massive thanks need to go out to all the Staff and the committee for their combined invaluable work throughout the year. A special thanks also needs to go out to Steve Brinsdon our Manager, he is constantly working above and beyond his job description and having him onboard makes this club what it is today.

2018 also marked a very special milestone for the town with the holding of the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day service. This was a great service and was well attended by all in perfect weather conditions, we had the Red Cross choir in attendance and several collectors gave up their time to put on a weapons display in the clubrooms which was enjoyed by all, later that day we held a special screening of Sir Peter Jackson's new movie which was well attended also.

For the first time we streamed a live video of the service on Facebook, this was watched live by people from all around New Zealand and Australia and to date the video has been watched 700+ times.

Last month a group of us travelled to Wellington for the 102nd RNZRSA National Council. As always, the Gore RSA was well represented, and we have had many favourable comments about our club from around the country. The National Vice President Bukit Hill showcased our cenotaph in his presentation showing the rest of the country how things are done.

Sadly 2018 has seen us lose some of our members and I wish to convey my condolences to all the families that have lost a loved one in the past year.

Lastly, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Jarrad Scott
Gore RSA President
RNZRSA Otago Southland Snr Vice President



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Attention Service, ex-service, police & partners.

- Struggling to adjust back to civilian life?
- Having health or stress issues possibly resulting from your service?
- Is your family life suffering?
- Finding it hard to make financial ends meet?

Our Support Advisor, based in Dunedin is available to help make those BIG problems smaller. Grant funding, referrals to appropriate agencies and services, advocacy and advice are just some of the support services available.

Contact 0800 664 888 or email welfare@dn-rsa.org.nz for help



Gore RSA SUPPORT OFFICER

NIALL SHEPHARD

Monthly support service visits to Gore (usually the first Monday of the month) have continued throughout the year and seem to be working well. The idea of having local volunteers conducting regular visits to known ex-service people help to identify anyone with specific or complex needs makes good efficient use of my time as well as that of the local volunteers. Close liaison with Linda Harvey, Manager Steve Brinsdon and support from the Welfare Trustees make all our jobs easier too.

Several opportunities to talk with groups throughout the year has resulted in contact with people with various needs, previously not known or engaged with the RSA.

VANZ VIP services have proven popular and provide services around the home for anyone who served with NZDF prior to 1974. Spreading the word about these services has resulted in a steady stream of referrals.

26 people from the Gore area have been referred to me for some sort of assistance over the last year.

For a confidential appointment with our Support Advisor phone 0800 664 888, email welfare@dn-rsa.org.nz, or leave a message with staff at the club.



GORE RSA TIN HAT REPORT

Greetings to all from the Gore Tin Hat Club being the only in in NZ still having regular Tattoo meetings. During 2018 we have had a busy time with attendances ranging between 90-120 whilst we only had two speakers (both very good), however great entertainment was enjoyed by all. The committee considered that if good speakers were not available, we would provide various forms of entertainment and this seems to have the approval of the members.

During the year Life Membership was awarded to Alan Wilson and Neil McVicar for their many years of service to the Gore RSA Tin Hat Club.

Thanks, must go to the members of the committee for their ever-continuing efforts and a special thanks to those ladies who come in early on a Sunday morning to make sandwiches for us all to enjoy at our Tattoos. We also must thank those members of the Executive who have regularly joined with us at our Tattoos.

Should any members of the Club be interested in making sure the Gore RSA Tin Hat Club has enough helpers in the years ahead to enable it to keep on havening its regular meetings they would be most welcome to join our committee.

The next meeting for the year will be our 384th Tattoo to be held on 25th November with an afternoon of entertainment and some extras so all welcome to come and enjoy our clubrooms.

I must thank everyone for the support given to us over the last year that has enabled the Club to go from strength to strength.

Lex Keith - Chairman



Tom and Anna are both 60 years old and have been married for 40 years.

One day they go for a walk and suddenly, a good fairy stands in front of them and says, "You've been married for so long and you're so cute together, I'll grant you a wish each."

The woman is beside herself with joy and wishes for a trip to Thailand. Poof – she's holding two tickets to Thailand and a five-star hotel voucher for two.

The man says, "Wow, that's one chance in a lifetime! I'm sorry, darling, but I wish I had a wife that's 30 years younger than me."

"Are you sure?" asks the fairy.

"Yes!" replies Tom without hesitation.

Poof once more – and he's 90.



BUILDING REPORT

Over the past months there have been some changes around the club.

We have removed the old wall unit to allow installation of new bench for both the coffee machine and the computer, we have also installed the triangular display unit to the museum area in front of office. The Spinning wheel has been housed in the cupboard as part of plan to relocate raffles etc to central area of club. This new raffle room should be in place around the end of January, this will mean no more dragging out the trolley and wheel to set up each night.

We have completed shelving and barriers to store area over the Snooker room store and next step will be reconfiguration of room behind the stage and the storage area above there.

In near future there will be a shelter installed over the Fire Doors that discharge onto Fairfield St Carpark. With the sale of the building on corner of Bowler Ave and Main St, there may be some disruption to carpark access/egress while demolition and construction of new building take place. This will most likely entail loss of the exit on to Bowler Ave and loss of some carparks, for duration of project. We will still have entry and exit onto Mersey St. We are unsure of timing at this stage but will keep you informed.

We still have a couple of items on the to do list, removal of old ventilation units from the roof, enclosure of steel frame to veranda and completion of paint to exterior of the building.

I would like to express my appreciation to all who have been involved in working bee/s and ongoing work in and around the club. Maintenance and Repairs are a continuing item for the club.

If you notice anything that you think needs to be brought to our attention please contact the office or myself (Neil Bone 0276866392).

Finally, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and hope you all enjoy whatever break you have with Family and Friends.

Neil Bone
Convenor



GORE RSA TRAVEL CLUB

Another few months has passed since our latest newsletter. Our section has travelled in many different directions. One of the trips was to Kaitangata where we had an outstanding meal at the local hotel. A local resident spoke on the economy of Kaitangata and the employment in the area. The town is opening several sections and they have people as far as Auckland moving in.

Another great trip was to Te Anau where after lunch, local agent, Lloyd Anderson got on the bus with us and we went around the new housing area. He told us prices of homes for sale – some being in the millions.

Our section numbers are not too bad, but we could always do with new members.

If interested phone me on (03) 2084719

Allan Bennett

President



CARDS – Gore RSA Flag 500

Seven of our members went to a tournament in Invercargill recently where we came first and second. We also attended a tournament in Balclutha.

We would like to thank the bar staff of the Gore RSA for setting up the gear each Wednesday evening.

We finish on 12th December and restart back next year on 6th February.

We welcome new members and we play every Wednesday evening starting at 7:30pm finishing up around 9:30pm. A merry Christmas to you all.

Phyllis Caughey

Convener (208-7501)



THE PADRE PONDERING

Earlier this year I wrote that in November we would mark the end of WW1, and in writing this report for The Wire, plans are well under way for our commemorations for a Remembrance / Armistice Day service to mark this significant event that took place 100 years ago on November 11, 1918.

Recently when looking at various reports that appeared in our local newspaper the *Mataura Ensign* from around that time, I noted an item that appeared on page 5 of the issue for 13 November 1918 which was headed **PEACE DAY Gore Celebrations – A Glorious Memory**. [The first paragraphs read as follows]:

For four long years the people of Gore, in common with those of every other community under the British flag, have borne the expense and anxiety of a European war, in which many of the young manhood of the town and district have taken part. Yesterday when the armistice news was received the heavy weight of suspense was

suddenly lifted and residents gave vent to their feelings in no uncertain fashion. "Britain's glorious standard," flown on the breeze from every available pinnacle, carried a song of victory, and the happy faces of the crowds that thronged the streets bore their own message. Whistles tooted incessantly throughout the day, the shrill echoes of the morning sirens drawing the people to the principal centre of interest—Main Street. Incoming and outgoing trains were decorated and bore crowds of enthusiastic people.

Yet withal beneath the surface a correct note was sounded. The thanksgiving services with which official proceedings began and ended showed, more clearly than anything else how deeply the significance of the day was realised in the hearts of the people. There was a recognition that the sacrifice of so many young lives—bitterly cruel though the necessity may have been—will have its outcome in a purer, nobler and higher national life. Suffering, real personal suffering if need be, is probably the sole means by which all the dross of frivolity and triviality could be removed from our lives, leaving only the pure metal untouched and unsullied. And there are probably few who have not long ere this realised that it is better to have suffered in this war than deliverance from the jaws of the Prussian soul. The day is one that will perpetuate itself for ever the historical records of the British Empire, and it is hut just that the devotional note should take precedence over all others.
MEETING IN MAIN STREET. *In the afternoon a great crowd assembled in Main Street - and after the processions had paraded the streets the people were addressed by various speakers...*

By the time you read this report we will have held our centenary service at the Gore Memorial to recall and remember those who gave of their lives for the freedom that we are privileged to enjoy today.

As part of this service The Red Cross Choir from Dunedin will have given us their rendition of the song "*In Memoriam*" which was originally composed in 1998 by Vic Macdonald of Dunedin and for your interest the words to this poignant song are as follows:

*Fires burned in Europe, our young men gathered round,
 They emptied out the cities and our farms and country towns:
 And we knew they were better men, we knew they'd serve us well.
 We chose our best and finest boys, to die for us in hell.*

[Chorus]

*And the man from Naseby saw the Angel of Mons
 The boys from Mosgiel bled into the Somme
 "We'll fight for home and freedom" was their cry
 As they sailed away to battle, and to die
 Another generation, another bloody war
 The sons of the survivors came from Oamaru and Gore
 They fought across the ocean, on land and air and sea,
 They fought with muscle, blood and bone,
 To keep our country free.
 And as you go from town to town, in this lovely empty land
 Proudly in the heart of town, the soldier's statue stands.
 Memorials in granite stone, that tear against the sky.
 Around the base the names of sons, and brothers who have died.*

[Chorus]

*There is no unknown soldier, these are not forgotten men
 The fathers, sons and neighbours, who will never laugh again.
 And they won't be forgotten, for the price they had to pay
 For their children's children's children, will still march on Anzac Day
 No, they won't be forgotten, for the price they had to pay.
 For their children's children's children, will still march on Anzac Day.*

Wishing you all every blessing for Christmas and the New Year ahead – **Padre Bruce**



GORE RSA POOL SECTION

Once again, another year has passed with the Pool Section. It has been a good year with 8 – 10 players turning up on Sundays for our weekly competition.

In September we had an interclub with Makarewa Country Club, with a great afternoon of pool enjoyed by everybody. A return trip to Makarewa is planned for early 2019.

The Section has our end of season get together planned for the Scottish night on November 24 with a meal and a few drinks. In December we are planning a barbeque and drinks to see the year out.

During the year we moved from the Games Room to the main bar area. This has made it more user friendly.

If anyone is interested in playing pool, come along on a Sunday and enjoy a fun afternoon (usually 2 hours) either playing doubles or singles.

On behalf of the Section, we wish everyone a Happy Christmas and New Year.

Ken Lloyd
President



GORE RSA INDOOR BOWLS

The 2018 season for the Gore RSA Indoor Bowls ended in August.

We had a good turnout for the Eastern Southland Interclub Competition on Monday nights managing to field 3 to 4 teams and several of our players represented Eastern.

Our Club Champions for 2018:

Singles: Gregg Heads; **Pairs:** Richard Agnew and Margaret Hughes;

Triples: Bruce Hellier, Nicole Cooper and Sherwen Shaw;

Fours: Matt Heads, Richard Agnew, Sherwen Shaw and Margaret Ferris;

Most Improved Player: Owen Collins;

Pam Boek won the Susie Dawe Memorial Trophy for highest finishing ladies singles;

Nicole Cooper won the Eastern Novice Singles

Patterson Trophy; Matt Heads was the Player of the Tournament

Indoor Bowls will commence again in March 2019 on Tuesdays at 7.30pm. New Members most welcome.

Bruce Hellier – President

Margaret Hughes Secretary



GORE RSA GOLF SECTION

The section has had another great year with some real challenges ahead. We are taking the team away on a visit early November for some bonding.

We will have a team entered in the South Island men’s Chartered Clubs tournament being held in Alexandra on the 9th - 10th February 2019 so if anyone is interested come along to the Alexandra Golf Course and follow our section representative players.

Next year is the big one when the RSA and T and C sections + The Gore Golf Club have combined our management skills to run the 2020 South Island men’s Chartered Clubs Tournament in Gore on the 1st/2nd February at the Gore Golf Club. There will be approx. 160 players and 40 supporters in attendance. The Sat night function is being held at the RSA with Sunday night at the T and C Our section will need all hands-on deck to run the Tournament with the combined help of the T and C golf section.

If you would like to participate as a volunteer, please let me know. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Steve and the executive for their support!! If you would like to be a member of the Golf Section, please let me know.

John Speden - Convenor – 0274327917



GORE OUTDOOR BOWLS

Bowling is underway for the 2018-19 season and we have 2 teams again in this competition. This year in the Gold team we have a new selector in Robbie Heads who I know will do a good job with his knowledge of the competition and bowlers in his team. They have started the season with a win and a loss. The Blue team on the other hand are yet to register a win but I am sure Noel will be wanting to turn this around soon, but its early days yet.

In the Wednesday competition RSA 1 has a win and a draw while RSA 2 has been unlucky not to get a win. Our green keeper Sam is getting the green into shape after a wet couple of weeks. The new green mower should be ready within the next week or two and this should make the job easier.

The RSA Chartered Clubs elimination tournament was cancelled due to the weather and is due to be played on the 25th of Nov, good luck to everyone involved and thanks to Barry Harvey for the organising he has done for the day.

Once again corporate bowls is underway on Friday nights at 6:00pm. Anyone who would like to have a go you are most welcome come on your own and we will fit you in a team or as team of 4 for \$10. You have a chance of a prize and there is a barbeque afterwards.

A special thanks to our new committee members for offering their time to help run the club. For those members who have lost loved ones or are not of good health we are thinking of you. In closing I wish you all a safe and merry Christmas season.

Mark Kubala - President.



GORE RSA WOMEN’S SECTION

Our Women’s Section has had a good variety of events on our meeting days, the first Tuesday morning of each month from February to November with a reasonable attendance of members.

March was our annual meeting.

April, we played extra games of housie after the conclusion of our business.

May, our 76th birthday was celebrated with a luncheon at the RSA enjoyed by our members as well as members from other Women’s Sections. Thanks to both the bar and kitchen staff. We were entertained by Jim Osgood and Jim Waddell.

June meeting our speaker was the Nattering Knitter.

July was finger lunch enjoyed by all.

August, we visited the Gallery.

September was a market table which helped our funds a little.

October, we took the RSA van on a trip to an ex-members new home at Invercargill and had a lovely pot luck lunch. Thank you to Linda Harvey for driving.

On November 6th we had Xmas lunch celebrated with another lovely meal at the RSA with our neighbouring clubs, thanks again to the Gore RSA staff concerned.

Glenda Maxwell gave a very interesting speech about a trip she had overseas with her husband earlier in the year.

Our next meeting for the 2018-2019 year will be February 5th, 2019 at 10:30am.

Eileen Wicks – President

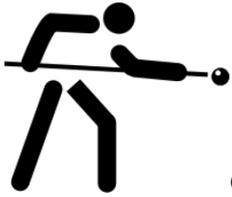


A guy asks his neighbour in a brand-new apartment building: “Mr Trepper, you live directly above me and you have the same 2-room apartment as I do. How many rolls of wallpaper did you buy when you moved in?”

“We got 18 rolls,” answers the neighbour.

Two months later the guy meets his neighbour again and says, “It’s really funny – I put the wallpaper on everywhere and I still had 10 rolls left over.”

Neighbour smiles, “Yeah, so did we. “



GORE RSA SNOOKER SECTION

Well as another year draws to an end, we can reflect on a busy and very successful Snooker season. Interclub went well and division one was dominated once again by our Troopers team. Thanks to Ronnie Swain for her usual great job in organizing it. A lot of hard work from a very dedicated committee came to fruition at the end of August when we hosted the Clubs NZ National Snooker Pairs. The feedback received from the participants was fantastic and everything ran like clockwork. To top it off the title went to one of our own pairs. A big congratulations to Shannon Swain and Mike Grattan. There were also several other great tournaments played at our club over the season including a well-run and very well patronized Golden Oldies event coordinated once again by Ernie MacManus. Well done Ernie. Thanks to Steve and the club for the all their support this year.

Merry xmas to all, and a safe, happy and prosperous new year!!
Evan Fricker
Chairman



AIR TRAINING CORPS

Hi All, Great year with many camps – tramps. A number of courses for the officers and cadets. Congratulations to Pilot Officer Shane Mulqueen who was newly promoted to Flying Officer (well done). We have helped the community with lots of events; Mandeville Fly-in, Gore Garden Club, Edendale Vintage machinery Club, Pakeke Lions Booksale, Anzac Day parades for Gore, Riversdale and Waikaka, Armistice day services for Gore and Tapanui. We also have helped the Gore RSA deliver their newsletter and assisted with a formal dinner serving. Thanks to the Gore RSA with everything they do to help us get out and about. Also, thanks to them for the raffles which has helped us purchase a Briford Shuttle trailer which lets us store our gear in to travel around camps etc. At this stage we have a good stock of officers and CI'S with 15 cadets. It's been a great year so on behalf of myself, the unit and the unit support committee we would like to wish everyone a great Xmas and a happy new year. Drive safe and see you all in 2019

SQN-LDR – Lindsay Young
Unit Commander
No. 28 SQN ATC – Gore





RAFFLES

Thank you to all the members for supporting the raffles on Thursday and Friday night. This helps the club sections raise valuable funds to attend tournaments throughout the country as well as representing the club locally. Thank you also to the sections for doing the raffles each week and for providing the courtesy van driver.

So far this year the club has given away \$17,980 from the Member Draw, Jackpot Joker and the Lucky Wheel. This only goes to those who are in the club on raffle nights so what better incentive to make this your regular visit. Raffles and Member draws conclude Friday 21st December and restart 17th January 2019. The member draw must go by 14th December.

Our door Ham raffles are underway. 3 draws of a Half Ham (4.5kg) and smaller hams are being raffled on Thursday and Friday night.

A man went to a psychiatrist and asked: "How do you select who should be admitted to your facility?"

The psychiatrist replies: "We fill a bathtub with water and give the person a spoon, a cup and a bucket. Then we ask that person to empty the bathtub."

The man smiles: "Ah, I understand, if you are sane you would take the bucket."

The Psychiatrist replies: "No, a sane guy pulls the plug. Do you want a room with or without a balcony?"



FROM THE OFFICE

This year has proven to be very busy as bookings for the function room have increased. With so many different people coming through the doors to attend meetings in our new function room, this has led to additional bookings coming through as well as increased membership. We continue to hear great comments on our club, so all members should be extra proud of our facility. It's through the use of the club and its facilities that help keep the business flourish.

The executive has fired up the annual spud in a bucket growing competition so good luck to all those who have entered. Judging for the Heaviest Spud / Heaviest Crop will be held on Sunday 3rd February at 1:00pm so please send in your update photos prior to Xmas to manager@gorersa.co.nz or text me a photo on 0273330001 and I will post them up on our Facebook page. Nothing like bragging rights and everyone seems to have a special way of growing them so I'm keen to see how the competitors are faring so far.

Registrations for the Kid's Christmas Party on Sunday 2nd December are now being taken on the foyer sheet. Please get your names in before 28th November for all your children 10 and under.

Our annual DB Promotion has started with a great set of prizes on offer. First Prize is an Indoor / Outdoor setting including a gas heater valued at \$2,000. 2nd Prize a \$1,000 Travel Voucher and for 3rd a large Ice Box/Chilly Bin full to the top with beer worth \$500. All you have to do is to swipe your membership card when making purchases which enters you automatically into the draw for some, if not all the prizes. See in club for terms and conditions. Prizes drawn Friday 21st December, but you do not need to be here on this date to collect.

Hokonui Gold have launched their Cash for Christmas competition again this year with the cash prize still \$10,000. All you must do is buy a meal at our bistro and fill out the card and pop it into the box. The winner will be announced on Wednesday 19th December at the special presentation in Irk Street. **Note: You MUST** be there on the night to win.



As always, we have some great entertainment coming up to finish off the year in style.

Saturday 24th November (Scottish Night)

Shindig 7-11pm
featuring Hokonui Celtic Pipe Band

Saturday 8th December

Tranzition 7-11pm

Saturday 15th December

Quantum 7-11pm

Sunday 31st December (New Year's Eve)

Contraband 7:30pm – 12:30am

Ticket Shows: **“The Naughty Christmas Horror Ball” (MA16+)** 6pm – Late.

“Rocky Horror Picture Show meets Dracula’s Theatre Restaurant”

2 hour show | 3 course meal | DJ until late

Two Shows: **Friday 30th November & Saturday 1st December - \$75pp**

We still have a few tickets remaining for the 2nd theatre restaurant show on Saturday 2nd December so see the bar about purchasing a ticket. Round up a group of 10 and secure a table to enjoy a great night out. Price includes a 3-course meal and a 2-hour show.

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to thank you all for your continued support throughout the year and hope you all have a good Xmas and we look forward to seeing you all back in 2019.

Steve Brinsdon – Secretary/Manager