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## **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

Dear Members

We have started the building extensions. The foundations are to be poured early March. Starting on the 7<sup>th</sup> of March, the R.S.A. National Bowls Triples Tournament, will be run over the course of 3 days. 120 Players from all over New Zealand are in attendance. We will be playing on the RSA, Gore & Gordon Greens. Evening events are being held in the RSA club rooms.

The Darts section will be holding a mixed pairs tournament on May the 8<sup>th</sup>, this is a Sunday. The South Island Chartered Clubs tournament for Snooker will be held 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> August.

There is plenty of entertainment for the next few months, so come along and enjoy a good night out. See you there.

Frank Lynch  
President

## **WELFARE REPORT**

Welcome to 2016 and I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. The RSA had a great night to celebrate the New Year in and was very well patronised with everyone enjoying delicious food and great music.

The Veterans run to Winton was appreciated by those who came. Riding in the old cars was a day of reminiscing and a thank you to Winton for providing afternoon tea.

The mid-winter dinners start again on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in April, so that will give you something to look forward to, and catch up with your friends. Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup> of May at the Mid-Winter Dinner, 2 staff from Bupa wish to join us; Annie Marshall – Healthcare Field Officer and Debbie Lambeth – Southern Community Liaison Administrator. They will have lunch with us and then have a short talk about Bupa and Services which are available. So giving plenty of time for all to mark on the calendar. Bupa is a sponsor of the RSA Club Card.

We will have two new volunteers to help with Welfare – Louisa Cunningham and Peter McDonald. This will fill places for those who have retired. A big welcome to you both.

For all who are sick or have lost loved ones, our thoughts are with you.

Linda Harvey  
Welfare Officer





GORE RSA TIN HAT REPORT

Our 1st Tin Hat Tattoo will be held on Sunday 20th March 2016. The A.G.M. will be held at the club rooms at 7pm on the 7th of March.

It is pleasing to see the membership of the RSA club increasing. So I am pleading for members to attend our Tattoos and some to join our committee. Some of our Committee members are the age of 80 years plus.

We believe this organisation has been an important part of the RSA. It may very well be the last remaining Tin Hat club in the country.

Putting good speakers and entertainers in front of many numbers. Please attend and bring friends to swell our crowds.

Fred Sutherland
Chairman



Everybody on Earth dies and goes to heaven.

God comes and says, "I want the men to make two lines. One line for men that dominated their women on Earth and the other line for the men who were dominated by women. Also I want all the women to go with St Peter."

With that said and done, the next time God looks, the women are gone and there are two lines. The line of men who were dominated by their women was 100km long and there is only one man in the other line.

God gets mad and yells, "You men should be ashamed of yourselves. I created you in my image and you were all whipped by your mates. Look at the only one of my sons that stood up and made me proud. Learn from him! Tell them my son, how did you manage to be the only man in this line?" The man replies "I don't know, my wife told me to stand here."



CARDS – Gore RSA Flag 500

We will always welcome anyone who would like a game of cards. They are held at the Gore RSA every Wednesday Night at 7.30pm to 9.30pm

Phyllis Caughey
Convener





## GORE OUTDOOR BOWLS

We have had a busy Season on the bowling greens.

Welcome to new players who have joined our club and hope you have enjoyed your time of companionship and friendship. Thanks To Sam our greenkeeper. The green is bowling well and is a joy to play on.

Congratulations to the RSA members who have made the Southland Representative Squad:-

Dan Fiveash – National Under 8's Intercentre (Wellington), Sld Development to play South Otago and Central Otago

Brad Allan - Southland Development to play South Otago

Steve Brinson – Southland Development to play South Otago

Maree Barclay – Senior Southland Squad to play Central Otago

Well done to these members, we wish you the best of luck.

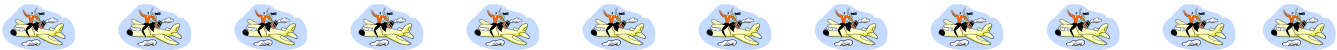
SBS Sevens were contested again in early December. In Domestic Division Gore RSA team was runner-up. Well done team. Wednesday Interclub 1<sup>st</sup> round has been completed with both RSA 1 & 2 teams in the top 7 for the next round. Saturday Interclub has had good results with RSA Blue team well up on points. Best of Luck to both RSA Blue and Gold.

Friday night Corporate Bowls has nearly finished for the season and has been very successful. Thanks to Robbie and Donna for their time and effort in running these nights. Bowls Promotion Tournament was a day of fun and friendship. Hope all who participated had an enjoyable day. We were disappointed to postpone the Turkey Tournament Due to weather. However it will now be held on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to those teams who are still playing in this great tournament.

Our next club event is the Annual 5's Tournament, sponsored by the Gore Memorial RSA Will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of April. Good luck to all players in this tournament.

See you on the greens.

Gloria Fiskien  
President



## GORE RSA TRAVEL CLUB

42 members travelled to Roxburgh on the 14<sup>th</sup> of February. Some bought their lunch. We stopped and got fruit and then travelled through the countryside, coming out of Waikaka then home.

On the 14<sup>th</sup> of March, we are having our annual meeting at 10.30am at the Gore RSA. We welcome new members if anyone would like to join our club, ring Phyllis Caughey on (03) 208 7501.

Phyllis Caughey  
Convener



## THE PADRE PONDERING

Another year has passed and it won't be long until April arrives and so I've been thinking about Anzac Day 2016 where this year we will commemorate the centenary of the first Anzac Day service in 1916. Whilst this is a significant year it is also right and proper that we continue to remember and give thanks for the sacrifices made not just on that fateful day in 1915 but also those that have also been made in the ensuing years in order to continue to preserve the values of democracy and freedom from tyranny and oppression.

We will commemorate and celebrate the centenary of the Gore R.S.A. next year and as part of on-going research into our organisation I recently came across an article relating to Anzac Day by the Rev. Thomas H Eccersall that appeared in *The Mataura Ensign* of 24<sup>th</sup> April 1926. The article entitled 'The Epic Immortal – Why Anzac?' was directed toward young people as a way of explaining how and why WW1 started and what led to the landings by New Zealand soldiers at Gallipoli 11 years earlier.

I believe that this article is worthy of reprinting in its entirety, and thus be helpful to us as grandparents when trying to explain the reason for WW1 and Anzac Day to our young people, just as this article was 90 years ago in 1926 when the effects of war was still fresh in the minds of all.

*Tomorrow marks the eleventh anniversary of one of the greatest events in the history of the people of New Zealand and Australia. Viz., the landings of the civilian soldiers of these dominions upon the shores of Gallipoli.*

*Now it happened this way. Away over in the distant land of Austria there had been a great unrest amongst the people for some years. Secret societies came into existence, the members of which gave much trouble to the authorities. One day a certain student killed one of the members of the Royal family by shooting him. Instead of searching into the matter and bringing the criminal to justice, suspicion and intrigue led to wild statements being made about the other crowned heads and countries and what are called "international complications" arose. Although our ambassador (Sir Edward Grey) a noble man did all that he possibly could to keep the peace, he was unable to withstand these monarchs declaring war. So we find in the year 1914 the greatest war in history burst forth upon the world. Austria, Hungary, Germany, Turkey, Rumania and all the Balkan States, with France, Italy Russia, and Belgium and later on America were all engaged in this big world war. Germany in order to reach France and inflict a crushing blow at the enemy tried to rush a great army of many thousands of soldiers through Belgium. Now Belgium was neutral, that is to say she was not on either side and had not entered that war.*

*Great Britain had entered into a solemn pact with the Belgians to protect their country and people against any enemy invasion, and when the German soldiers came pouring into her land, spreading death and destruction and desolation upon people and country, she immediately appealed to Britain to come and help her.*

*The British King called his Ministers and Parliament together and after carefully considering the situation immediately sent ships of war and soldiers to the assistance of the Belgians, who by this time were greatly oppressed by the German invaders. There our brave soldiers joined their French allies and together they fought the foe. Ever so many died in their defence of home and Empire whilst others were broken for life.*

*By this time the war had spread over many parts of the world, both on sea and land and the King called for volunteer soldiers from other parts of the Empire to come the assistance of the Motherland, and so many of Great Britain's sons and daughters answered the call. The women went to nurse the sick and wounded and help in many other ways; the men to see duty on both land and sea.*

*So it came to pass that on this day April 25, eleven years ago, many of Britain's sons from various Dominions landed amidst a storm of shot and shell that was rained from the enemy guns at a place at Gallipoli, and after making the place safe by driving the foeman back, stores were landed for the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps.*

*But instead of printing these names in full upon the cases of stores and equipment, the officials just put the first capital letter of each word, for of course every soldier who handled the transport of these goods knew what the letters ANZAC stood for.*

*So that is the way the name ANZAC came into existence but the fair fame and glory that makes the name so dear to every member of the British Empire is the story of suffering, heroism and dauntless courage, as well as the powerful spirit of comradeship that existed among these wonderful soldiers, who lived together, toiled together, suffered together, and in*

death were not divided. The place where they landed to meet the hardy foeman is called "Anzac Cove," and will ever be a reminder of the suffering and service rendered to our Empire by her sons in her time of need. It remains for us to remember those who made the sacrifice, with reverence and thanksgiving.

I do hope that you found find this article both helpful and useful and please share it with the young people in your lives in order that they perhaps get a better understanding of WW1 and the Anzac's - Lest we forget - Wishing you and your family every blessing. – Padre Bruce

**A UNIQUE TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY**

**The Western Front: Shadows of The Past**  
Presentation by former NZ Ambassador Peter Kennedy

**Date, Time & Venue:**

Wed 16 March, 6.00 pm – 7.00 pm (arrival from 5.30)  
Gore District Memorial RSA – 12 Civic Ave, Gore



Following the Gallipoli campaign, New Zealand Forces joined the campaigns in France & Belgium and played a major role on the Western Front battlegrounds where over 80% of New Zealand casualties were suffered. One person in ten of New Zealand's then population of 1,000,000 served overseas during the First World War, of whom more than 18,000 died and over 40,000 were wounded.

During the First World War Centenary, learn more about New Zealand's involvement on the Western Front and about the opportunity to attend the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemorations of the Battle of Longueval (Somme Offensive) in September 2016 and the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Passchendaele in October 2017.



RSVP at [Maree@nztravelbrokers.co.nz](mailto:Maree@nztravelbrokers.co.nz) by 08 March



**RAFFLES**

Raffles are conducted every Thursday & Friday nights now from 5pm – 6:30pm. Please support our club sections by buying raffles on these nights.

Plans are afoot to move the raffle selling counter to the vacant front of the gaming room. That will allow a more central position for selling and drawing of raffles. A few items will be moved to make way for the new area like the coffee machine & table but they won't be moving far.

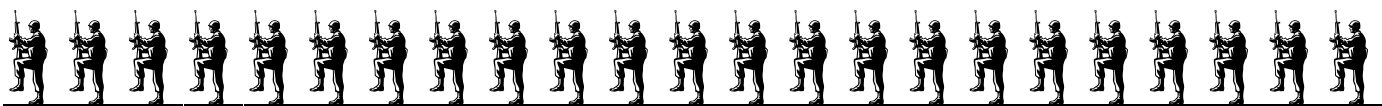
All this will create more storage space behind the stage which is something we badly need.



**GORE INDOOR BOWLS**

After a break of the Summer months RSA Indoor Bowls will start again on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 7:30pm in the games room or on the dance floor if the renovations interrupt our play. Indoor Bowls are also on duty for raffles during March. If you wish to join our club come along and have a bowl, you are very welcome.

Margaret Ferris – Secretary



**NEW ZEALAND AT WAR – 70 YEARS AGO**

**POST WAR** The victors realised they would not have a golden age of peace. Victory in Europe bought an end to European primacy in World affairs and a slow death to European colonial Empires. On 1<sup>st</sup> September 1951, the ANZUS agreement, a tripartite security treaty between Australia, New Zealand and the US was signed. This treaty promised consultations between signatories and mutual assistance. The Japanese peace treaty was signed on 8<sup>th</sup> September. The USSR did not sign. The 49 nations that did were intent on ending the war with Japan, without sowing seeds for future hostilities. This was so history wouldn't repeat itself.

**JAN 1946** 2 NZEF and HQ 2 NZ Division were disbanded. 28 (Maori) Battalion disembarks in New Zealand. The New Zealand Government is informed of an agreement that a Commonwealth force drawn from the UK, Australia, NZ and India will join US forces in the occupation of Japan.

**FEB 1946** J Force, a 4,320-Man unit, is raised from 9 Brigade of 2 NZEF for occupation duties in Japan.

**MAR 1946** No. 14 Fighter Squadron, with Corsair airplanes, arrives in Japan for duties with the Commonwealth Occupation Force.

**MAY 1946** the first post-war flight to the Chatham Islands is made by an RNZAF Sutherland flying boat. J Force assumes control of the Yamaguchi prefecture in Honshu (Population 1.3million).



### FROM THE OFFICE

The RNZRSA National bowls tournament is being held in Gore for the first time in 70 years so we are hoping it will be a major success. We have 40 teams coming from all over NZ to compete in this long running RSA event and we have plenty of entertainment planned for them during their stay.

Oyster season will be underway then and we hope to have a few of these delicacies to share with our visitors.

When the new extension is completed in August this year, we are hoping to be able to secure more of these events in the future and on an even bigger scale. So if anyone knows of someone looking for a venue to host an anniversary, function or conference then tell them to get in touch with me on 208-6218.

The new membership club cards are now out and about so don't forget that you are entitled to discounts at some local firms. Remember to let them know which trade a/c or discount code to use otherwise you may miss out.

For your information here they are:

Organisation	Retail Deal	Discount Code
<a href="#">Beaurepaires</a>	15% off tyres	Acc No 10001670
<a href="#">Carters</a>	15% off most retail items	Acc No 3058225
<a href="#">Dulux</a>	Up to 35% off retail pricing	<i>Individual</i> – Acc No 120767 TRADE STORES ONLY <i>See Guthrie Bowron</i>
<a href="#">Hertz</a>	Up to 30% off	CDP No 1754881
<a href="#">Ideal Electrical</a>	Varies per product	Acc No 290156
<a href="#">Millennium &amp; Cophorne Hotels</a>	20% off best available rate	MUST BOOK AT <a href="http://www.millenniumhotels.co.nz/nz/staymck">http://www.millenniumhotels.co.nz/nz/staymck</a>
<a href="#">MLT</a>	10% off	Non Special Items
<a href="#">Noel Leeming</a>	Varies – usually cost plus 10%	CSCBG Gold
<a href="#">OfficeMax</a>	Up to 20% off	Acc No 2079645
<a href="#">PlaceMakers</a>	Varies from 5%-25% off	Acc No CSCB4
<a href="#">RepcO</a>	10% + off most items	Acc No 9999__ _-0500
<a href="#">Southern Hospitality</a>	Up to 20% off	Acc No 6633/tradecard
<a href="#">Thrifty NZ</a>	Up to 35% off standard rates	CDP ID 72986215088
<a href="#">Vehicle Testing NZ</a>	15% off	Acc No 307214

This is just a list of the local businesses that you can use. For all member benefits go to: [rsa.org.nz/benefits](http://rsa.org.nz/benefits) or download the RSA app from your app store. A printed version is available at the Gore RSA.

Steve Brinsdon – Secretary/Manager



## RETURNED MEMBERS

At a recent executive meeting a motion was passed to issue a returned pin to all our returned veterans with the service number engraved on the back.

This is in response to those returned members upset by the change in our membership card this year. The new club card has only the capacity for one line of Membership classification so Gore RSA is all they could allow. The club is saving over \$4,000 per annum by changing to this type of card and the executive felt this money could be better served in other areas. Plus the discounts offered made the change worthwhile.

The pins will be ordered early March and we hope will be available by Anzac Day.

## UPCOMING ENTERTAINMENT

**Saturday** 19<sup>th</sup> March (Paddy's Night)

**Saturday** 2<sup>nd</sup> April

**Monday** 25<sup>th</sup> April (Anzac Day)

**Sunday** 8<sup>th</sup> May (Mother's Day)

**Friday** 3<sup>rd</sup> June (Queen's Birthday)

**Saturday** 4<sup>th</sup> June (Queen's Birthday)

– Shindig 7-11pm

– 2's Company (Music/Karaoke) 7-11pm

– NZ Men's Choir & Bill Acklin

– Bill Acklin 12-2pm & 6-9pm

– Forbidden Fruit 7-11pm

– Sha-Low 7-11pm