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Welcome to the Newsletter of RSA
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Newsletter



Hello Members. The year is racing to an end, and for most of us it will be “good riddance” and hoping that 2021 is a good one; not just for us personally but also for Queenstown, New Zealand and globally. The end of the Covid19 pandemic sure would be a good outcome for the new year. For Queenstown RSA, 2020 has been a challenging year, the cancellation of the AGM, Poppy Day and the ANZAC day services was difficult, and it was sad to not be able to remember our fallen in the usual public way. For those who stood at dawn outside your homes, thank you, and we are hopeful that 2021 will be a return to normal with public gatherings continuing to be permitted under pandemic alert level 1.

With all the interruptions to Gallipoli Room social hours over the lockdown and then the various ‘alert levels”, attendance in the Gallipoli Room on Fridays has at times been patchy, but in general there has been a solid turn out of regulars and the occasional cracker night. We do ask that members support the Gallipoli Room social hours, its great being surrounded by local people we know and having a venue that is serviced by the bus route and parking available in the Library Council Park.

Merry Christmas to you all and all the best for a great 2021



Plate Night Friday 18 December

To “celebrate” the end of 2020 we are having a Plate Night on Friday 18 December, please do bring along some nibbles (only if you want too!!) and we will all enjoy a nice social evening. The

bar will also have extended hours 5.00pm – 9.00pm and it would be great if we could get a good turnout.

Christmas Eve - Gallipoli Room opening -possibly

Due to Christmas day falling on a Friday this year, the Gallipoli Room will be closed on Friday 25 December. However, RSA President Phil Wiel has kindly offered to come in and open the Gallipoli Room on **Thursday 24 December** if there is enough interest from members. Could you **please text or call Phil on 021 220 6611** if you would like to have a social night in the Gallipoli Room so he can ascertain the level of interest. The Gallipoli Room will be open as usual, 5.00pm – 7.00pm on Friday January 1st, 2021.

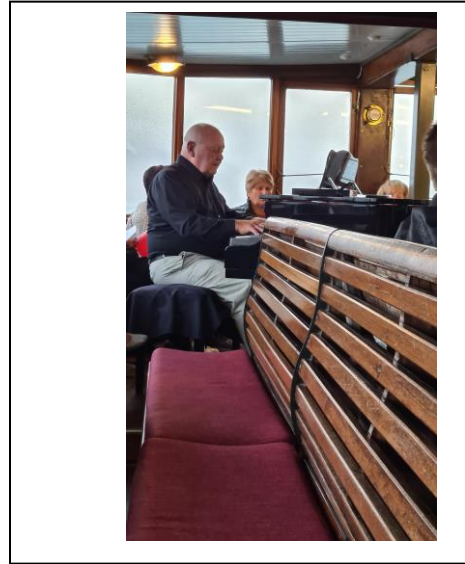
The Walter Peak Social Trip

Thanks so much to Sally Lake, who once again organised a super “Christmas Party” outing to Walter Peak on 28 November. 30 members attended and had a great night, Taxis were organised, so no one had to think about driving or parking. Thanks also to Doug who entertained on the piano and Ann for donating raffle prizes. The food, entertainment and company were all fabulous

Photos from the Christmas Party below.... A well-fed crew



Doug “Tinkling the Ivories” on the Earnslaw



Singing along on the Earnslaw



Armistice Day – Arrowtown Service

A small group of Queenstown RSA members attended the Armistice day service and laid a wreath, it was a beautiful blue-sky day. Arrowtown RSA hold this service annually and it is always a good opportunity to catch up with our closest RSA club. They are great hosts, and once again a bountiful afternoon tea was provided.



Queenstown Poppy Trust

The Queenstown Poppy Trust recently held two “open hours” and advertised for any returned or service people/dependents living in the Queenstown area to come along and enquire about financial support that can be provided. We are aware that many people have lost their jobs this year and wanted to check we were not missing those who are eligible. This is an important role of the RSA, and we will run a similar event in 2021. If any member knows of returned or service people/families who are needing assistance, please don't hesitate to refer them.

Many thanks to Poppy Trustees Lyall and Rex who made themselves available for this initiative.

Happy 100th Birthday to Ray Dunn

On 30 Nov, WW2 veteran and Queenstown RSA member turned a fabulous 100 years old. Ray and Colleen moved to Kaitaia a few years ago and would take the long drive to Queenstown each year to help with poppy collections and attend the ANZAC Day services. Sadly, (and very understandably) the distance became a bit much and we did not see them last year. Happy Birthday Ray. Hope you had a wonderful day with lovely Colleen and family.

David Geddes Memorial Scholarship



From right., RSA President Phil Wiel, Rei Watanabe, Maryann Geddes, Yuki Watanabe, Wakatipu High School Principal Steve Hall



The 5th annual presentation of the David Geddes Memorial Scholarship took place on Friday 4 December in the Gallipoli Room, with an excellent attendance by members for this special occasion. The Wakatipu High student who was awarded the \$1000 scholarship this year is Rei Watanabe. Rei is an extremely accomplished student. Her academic results, sporting and community involvement are quite outstanding. Rei plans to attend Canterbury University next year to study Engineering

Secretary Needed

Queenstown RSA needs a person to step up and take the role of “Secretary” from February 2021. The role is not demanding, and this would be immensely helpful to the Executive Committee. Please let President Phil Wiel know if you are able to help.

Any comments or questions then please do contact Maryann Geddes, Secretary. In person or via email maryanngeddes@gmail.com