



# THE NZ SAPPER



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*INGA WAHI KATOA*



## 2 Engineer Regiment

**2 Fd Sqn conducting search training at Kaipara, Northland  
April 2013**

1 Tp personal en route to  
target to conduct Explosive  
Method of Entry (EMoE)  
breach.



Explosive Detection Dog (EDD) "Cougar" and handler from  
1 troop on search task,

*Cover Picture: New Gap Crossing System (GCS), mechanical launch bridge: span 13m, deployed in 10 min.  
Also pictured NZ LAV (light armoured vehicle), engineer variant has a blade attachment.*



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Those with a clever bent for photo manipulation can reduce the size to postcard before emailing as an attachment. This will reduce email size. DO NOT IMBED IN A WORD DOCUMENT PLEASE, AS THEY ARE DIFFICULT TO EXTRACT AND TAKE AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF TIME. Any text to be sent can be sent as an email text or as a printed, typed sheet of paper. Files in Word or Works, with formatting, insert code that is difficult to remove and interferes with printing. Please be aware that many newspapers now charge large fees for any files and photos sent out to the public, so if you can wheedle these for nothing from your local newspaper and put onto a CD, then send to the Editor, and he will return all received articles to the sender when finished with.

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# **“Happy Birthday” 2 ENGINEER REGIMENT**

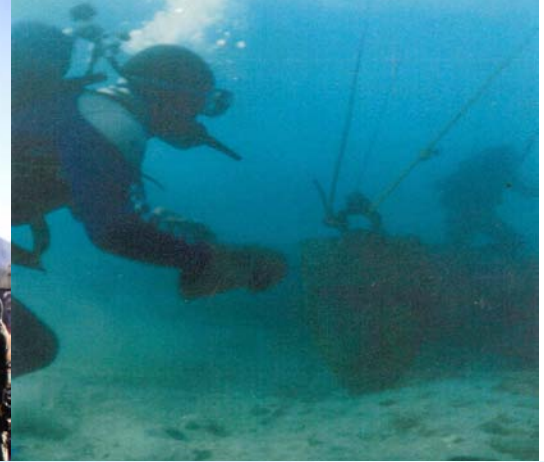
**20 Years Strong**



On 01 July 2013 2 Engineer Regiment celebrates their 20th year as a Regiment in the NZ Army.



Whaia Te Kaipukaha, I Nga Wahi Katoa





## 2013 AGM – Chairperson’s Report

### Fellow Sappers,

I am pleased to submit my inaugural report as the chairperson of the Executive Council to the Association’s AGM.

There are a couple of the activities that your Executive Council have been involved in that I would highlight to you. The first is the continuing support to the RNZE Charitable Trust. The Sappers Association, along with the Corps Committee have an important role in overseeing and assisting with the RNZE CT with the invaluable work it does with (among many other things) the ongoing refurbishment of the ECMC and the Corps History Project. I would like to formally express our gratitude to the retired Sappers, the team at 2ER and SME, and all of the other helpers who have been involved in these projects. I make a particular note of the work Joe Hollander and Clas Chamberlain have put in over the reporting period. Thank you team, we look forward to your ongoing help.

While our Association newsletters haven’t been as “regular” as in the past, we are moving to centralise the system into the ECMC and to get the “battle rhythm” going again. Many thanks to Ken for your support in this area. We are looking for someone who can work with Ken with the newsletter to ensure we have a backup and have addressed the issue of succession planning.

The Website is also about to be updated. Chris Henry and I have had very successful discussions with the webmaster about future options. The Webmaster has identified that Sub-branches can have their own areas within the Association site (sorry, I am not savvy with the techno words). Basically, each branch can have an autonomous site hosted under the Association website. This includes generic e-mail addresses and “chat” sites for specific subgroups such as Welfare Officers. We will be seeking your input in the near future, so standby, more to follow. Also please note our new mail address. With the closure of the Palmerston North RSA, we have had to find a new mailbox. The registry at Linton Camp has been forthcoming with their support and hence mail for both the Association and the RNZE CT should be addressed care of there.

Succession planning is something I believe we need to more of. I encourage all Sub-branches to find those young Sappers who have left the service and are residing in your area. Find them and encourage them to join the team. Any feedback/ ideas on how the Executive Council can help you encourage serving and younger Sappers to join us would be gratefully received. We are an association for all Sappers, not just the ones who have or are only a few years away from, getting that “Gold Card”.

So in closing I leave you with a challenge. Over the next few years I challenge you to lower the average age of our members by 10 years. Not easy, but possible. If we are to continue into the future, we must be innovative and maintain an association that meets the needs of all Sappers.

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I move that this report be received by the 2013 AGM

Mike Owen  
Chairperson  
Executive Council

March 2013





## **RNZE CHARITABLE TRUST** **(RNZE CT or "Trust")** **"Annual Report" for 2012**

This is the first full year of operation of the "Trust", having been formed in May 2011, registered in July 2011 and having its inaugural Trust Board meeting on 4 August 2011. The Trust has had a very positive year, making significant progress on many projects and tasks, as reported on below. Although we are not obliged to make an annual report, other than lodging our financial report with the Charities Section, I thought it might be of interest to Sappers Association members.

Trust Board members (Trustees) comprise George Butcher (Patron, Sappers Association), Anthony Wilson (Col Comdt, RNZE), Don Jones (Outgoing CO/Regt Col, RNZE), Ben Pitt (Incoming CO/Regt Col, RNZE), Mike Owen (Chair, Sappers Association Council), Darrin Waitere (RSM, 2<sup>nd</sup> Engr Regt), Clas Chamberlain (Corps Historian, Hon Curator and Deputy Chair) and myself (IPP, Sappers Association, Patron of the RNZE Reunion and Trust Board Chair). I want to acknowledge two original Trustees in Mike Pettersen and Brent Wilson, who resigned during the year for work-related reasons and thank both Darrin Waitere and Mike Owen for joining us as replacement Trustees. All of our original Trustees worked very hard to get the Trust up and running in a relatively short timeframe and we are indebted to them for their contribution and support. Brent Wilson was our inaugural Secty/Treas, now replaced by non-Trustee appointments of WO2 Wayne Bramley as Secty and WO2 John Flintoft as Treasurer. The Trust Board met on 23 February, 24 May, 9 August, 10 October and 13 December 2012, discharging its responsibilities in accordance with the Trust Deed and requirements of the Charities Section of the Department of Internal Affairs.

Although still working on completing the financial reports, the Trust had a modest surplus of some \$4,200, after expenditure of over \$8,000, which was spent on a range of ECMC rebuild and other project tasks. As at the end of 2012, we had \$30,500 on investment. Currently, there are 15 fortnightly and one monthly contributor's to the Trust fund, realising a total monthly income of some \$173 or just over \$2,000 per annum. Our funds are slowly building up, but we could do with more regular contributors and donors, to increase our revenue. These funds are used to support the operational undertakings of the objects of the Trust, particularly the rebuild of the ECMC library and museum, and the displays therein.

We were delighted to receive just under \$7,000 from Pub Charity, to cover the cost of replacing two older computers, a printer, external backup and support equipment in the ECMC Office. This project will also involve the installation of wireless Broadband into the ECMC, which we hope will be completed in early 2013. The latter will enable the establishment of internet connections and a further stage of the "ICR&T" project to be undertaken in 2013. This will further expand the number of computers, printers, etc, in the ECMC to support digitising and scanning activities, research and other related tasks. Other charitable trust applications have been made to the Lion Trust (unsuccessful), Endeavour Community (unsuccessful), ECCT (Corps History project – awaiting result in Apr 13), Perlorus Trust (publicity/promotional materials and consumables), NZCT (security equipment/safes and insurance premium) and JBS Dudding Trust (mannequins and cabinet lighting). There are 5-6 other trust applications lined up for 2013 to cover further stages of the Corps History project, exterior and internal signage, and additional ICR&T stages and so on. The main focus is to seek external funding assistance for the main projects being undertaken by the RNZE CT.

We have tried to ensure that the ECMC is open every Thursday, to ensure that work continues on the library and museum, as well as encouraging visitors to have a look around the displays. The feedback from the latter has been very positive indeed. The rebuild and refurbishment of the ECMC library and museum is around 70%



complete, with some 25 of the 32 display cabinet areas completed. This is being undertaken by Clas and myself, with the odd visit from other supporters, including George Butcher and Bev Heffernan from Masterton, Bruce McDonald and some of the Sappers Association members from Palmerston North. We can certainly do with much more assistance and support in this area, so that we can keep the momentum up and ensure that the displays will be completed within the next couple of years. There is probably 3-4 more years worth of work, covering the scanning and digitising of materials, photos, slides, etc, along with cataloguing and inventory work, display and equipment refurbishment, to name but a few of the major works in progress.

For the Corps History project, we now have Stage 1A completed, with over 15 spot interviews (audio visual recordings and abstracts) on file and wish to advance to Stage 1B (another 24 spot interviews) and Stage 2 (5-6 detailed extended interviews) before the end of 2013. Ministry of Culture and Heritage have been retained as our project managers for this task and as soon as we get approval for external funding applications already submitted, this work will resume in earnest. We are also on the lookout for a suitable author for the written history, plus we want to interview serving Sappers on a range of overseas deployments undertaken over the past 10 years, from those who are still serving in the Corps/Army. That should provide us with sufficient material from which to get the actual history writing underway.

I am pleased to report that with generous assistance from the SME and 2<sup>nd</sup> Engr Regt, the garage established between the ECMC building and the Chapel has been fully fitted out with one half being devoted to storage of RNZE heritage items and the other as a workshop and materials store. This now means that a lot of the display rebuilds, item refurbishment, signage and ticketing and model making is undertaken in an appropriate environment, returning the ECMC office to its original purpose. The "RNZE Collection", which includes all the items contained within the ECMC, Chapel and garage/stores as assets of the Trust, now total over 3,100 separate items, with a collective value of over \$270,000. Clas continues to update the on-line inventory of all items that we have either on display, file or in storage within the ECMC, which is a huge task on its own. We have increased our comprehensive specialist insurance policy coverage to \$250,000, reviewable annually.

I also need to mention the RNZE history lecture series being coordinated by Clas. These have been very successful during the year, but not always well attended. They are held normally in the ECMC lecture room, on the second Thursday in each month at midday and normally last for an hour or so. They cover a wide range of topics, including those with a RNZE flavour and not, NZ history and overseas, delivered by a wide range of very professional speakers and historians. A lecture programme is in place for 2013 and we encourage attendance of interested folk from within Linton Camp and Palmerston North, as an excellent service provided by the Trust and as an adjunct to the ECMC.

As our Trust Deed enables us to work as a flexible and exemplary organisation and we seem to be the envy of other Corps in this regard, we have provided advice and assistance to RNZA, RNZAC and RNZ Sig for the establishment of their own charitable trusts, with the ability to collect, store, and display their own heritage items. This is not to compete with or replace the National Army Museum in Waiouru or the ECMC, but to enable the major units within Linton Camp to do what the RNZE has, as an adjunct to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Engr Regt and SME. We have also had numerous visits from military and non-military individuals and groups, including RNZE, Members of Parliament, foreign military delegations, clubs, genealogy and historical interests and so on, throughout the year. This has helped to give the Trust and ECMC more public profile outside of Linton Camp. It is fair to say that all of these visitors have been very impressed with the level of displays and activities within the ECMC, along with making the odd donation as well.





In closing, I want to sincerely thanks our close supporters (2<sup>nd</sup> Engr Regt and the SME), along with our current sponsors, including Pub Charity, Advantage Computers Limited of Palmerston North and Inspire Net of Palmerston North, the latter two organisations who have provided much of the equipment and services to the Trust at significantly discounted rates, as well as technical advice and support at no cost. Without these organisations, we would not have been able to make as much progress as we did during the course of 2012. On behalf of the members of the RNZE CT Trust Board, may I extend to you all our sincere thanks and appreciation.

Joe Hollander  
Trustee/ Chair  
RNZE Charitable Trust

Palmerston North  
31 December 2012

PS. Thanks to our sponsors (above), we now have wireless broadband installed in the ECMC.  
Our new email address is: [ecmc@inspire.net.nz](mailto:ecmc@inspire.net.nz)



## THE RNZE CHARITABLE TRUST Incorporated

C/o DSS Registry  
Linton Military Camp  
Palmerston North 4820  
NEW ZEALAND

The **RNZE Charitable Trust** (or RNZE CT) was formed in May 2011 to administer, finance and support the ongoing requirements of the **Engineer Corps Memorial Centre** (or ECMC, comprising St Martin's RNZE and Garrison Chapel, and the Engineer Library and Museum) at Linton Camp. The Trust also provides support for important projects, such as the **RNZE Corps History** project, rebuild and restoration of the **ECMC museum collection and displays**, the re-establishment of the **ECMC library collection and technical information centre/resource** and more, and relies on financial contributions to ensure their respective financial and physical security for the future.

The **RNZE Charitable Trust** is registered with the Charities Section of the Department of Internal Affairs and also has tax exempt and donee status from the IRD. That means that any donations to the Trust are tax deductible.

**All contributions and donations can be made to the Trust through the following means :**

**Internet Banking** – Kiwibank Account – RNZE Charitable Trust : 38-9011-0792649-00;

**By one-off or multiple donations** – via normal banking services to the same Kiwibank account;

**Automatic credit/payments** – via normal banking services to the same Kiwibank account;

**By bequests to the Trust** – made through Wills and other similar arrangements; and

**Contribution of relevant historical and reference material** – including artefacts, books, collectibles, memorabilia, photos and so on.

For further enquiries, please make contact with the Trust at the above address, or through Headquarters 2<sup>nd</sup> Engineer Regiment, Private Bag, Linton Military Camp. Thank you for your generous contribution, all donations will be acknowledged and receipted back to the original donor.

Joe S. Hollander  
Trustee/Chair  
RNZE Charitable Trust



## **MINUTES OF THE 63<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** **OF THE SAPPERS ASSOCIATION (NZ) Inc**

**Held in the RNZE Corps Memorial Centre**  
**Linton Military Camp at 1100hrs Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2013**

### **Item One: OPENING AND WELCOME**

1. The Chairman, Mike Owen, opened the meeting and welcomed those present.
2. In attendance were Peter Foster, Colin Corney, Bruce McDonald, Ron Huggins, Mike Owen, Hugh Mawson, Chris Henry, Joe Hollander, Ben Pitt, Darrin Waitere

### **Item Two: APOLOGIES/PROXIES**

1. The President called for apologies. Apologies received from the following; Chairman 3<sup>rd</sup> RNZE Branch Bernie Rose (w/Proxy vote). Bryce Meade (w/Proxy vote), Ken Avenell (w/Proxy vote), Reg King (w/Proxy vote), Bruce Hamilton-Irvine (w/Proxy vote), Bruce Jenkin (w/Proxy vote), Bruce Conaghan (w/Proxy vote), Ian Lowe (w/Proxy vote), Fred Estall (w/Proxy vote), Doug Roberts (w/Proxy vote), George Jason-Smith (w/Proxy vote), Don Jones (w/Proxy vote), Cliff Parker (w/Proxy vote), Paul Macmillan (w/Proxy vote), BJ Clark (w/Proxy vote), Michael Weusten (w/Proxy vote), Eric Elley (w/Proxy vote), Tony Joyce (w/Proxy vote), Keith Mitchell (w/Proxy vote), Jack Blyth (w/Proxy vote), Colin Corney (w/Proxy vote), Clas Chamberlain (w/Proxy vote), Dan Cunningham (w/Proxy vote), Vipal Gooind (w/Proxy vote), Daniel Watson (w/Proxy vote), Vail Hubner (w/Proxy vote), Wally Nix (w/Proxy vote), Gil Laing, Roger Gummer, Anthony Wilson

Moved and seconded that apologies be accepted, Joe Hollander/Peter Foster

Carried

### **Item Three: TRIBUTES/LASTPOST**

1. The Chairman called for those present to stand for a minutes silence in memory of Member's who had passed away during the last 12 months.

### **Item Four: MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS**

1. Confirmation of the minutes of the 62<sup>nd</sup> AGM of the Sappers Association Inc held in the Palmerston North RSA on Sunday 25 March 2012, having been circulated to those present.

Moved and seconded, Joe Hollander/Chris Henry, that the minutes of the 62<sup>nd</sup> AGM be taken as read and confirmed,

Carried

### **Item Five: MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.**

1. 2015 Reunion. Notification has been received from Bernie Rose, that 3<sup>rd</sup> RNZE Branch would be able to host the 2015 reunion in Christchurch over the period 16-18 October.

### **Item Six: ANNUAL REPORT**

1. The Chairman's Annual report was distributed to members present and key points were highlighted by Mike Owen. (Copy attached)

Moved and seconded, Mike Owen/Hugh Mawson, that the Chairman's Report be adopted.

Carried





#### **Item Seven: FINANCIAL REPORT**

1. The Financial Report and Balance Sheet for the 2012 Financial Year was presented for adoption by the Treasurer, Bruce McDonald, having been circulated to those present. (Copy attached)
2. Although the Financial Report and Balance Sheet had been forwarded for Audit, the Audit had not been finalised and signed off.

Moved and seconded, Bruce McDonald/Ron Huggins, that the 2012 Financial Report and Balance Sheet be adopted, subject to final Audit  
Carried

#### **Item Eight: NOTICES OF MOTION/REMITTS.**

1. Guardians of the Funds. Joe Hollander spoke regarding the decision taken at the 62<sup>nd</sup> AGM "That the roles of Convenor and Guardians of the Funds, Cl 18.9, be removed from its entirety from the Constitution of the Association". This resolution needs to be endorsed until such time as a 'Members AGM' is held to. A 'Members AGM' is due in 2015

Moved and seconded, Joe Hollander/Chris Henry, the resolution from the 62<sup>nd</sup> AGM be endorsed.

Carried

2. Association's Address. Cl 22.1 of the Constitution states that the "Association's Address" will be its Registered Office. Cl 3 of the Constitution (Definitions and Interpretations) the "Association's Address" is shown as c/- PNRSA. As the PNRSA is now in receivership, and has closed, down a new Address for the Association was sought. The following address was made available to the Association;

'Sappers Association  
c/- DSS Registry  
Linton Camp  
Palmerston North 4820  
NEW ZEALAND

Moved and seconded, Joe Hollander/Bruce McDonald, that the above become the "Associations Address"  
Carried

3. Biannual Member's Meetings. A discussion was held regarding Biannual Member's meetings. It was resolved to hold an Annual Meeting of the Association in 2014, and at that meeting extend the holding of the next "Members AGM" to October 2015.

Moved and seconded, Peter Foster/Chris Henry, that an Annual Meeting of the Association be held at Linton Camp in March 2014.  
Carried

#### **Item Nine: AWARDS & SPECIAL NOTICES**

1. It was recommended that 'Branches' be encouraged to submit nominations to Council for Association Awards.
- 2.

#### **Item TEN: GENERAL BUSINESS ("OPEN FORUM")**

1. Peter Foster spoke on the 'Discussion Item's' tabled by Northern Branch.
  - a. The inclusion of Branch Chairpersons as Members of Council was suggested. After a brief



discussion it was concluded that Branch Chairpersons could be Co-opted as members of Council. This was left for Council to discuss at their next meeting.

- b. It was also suggested that a 'Skype Link' could be set up to enable participation by 'Branches' at Council meetings. After discussion, it was suggested that a 'Working Party' be established to look into the possibility of the setting up of a facility to include "remote participation" at future Council Meetings.
2. CO 2 Engr Regt, Lt Col Ben Pitt, gave a brief overview of the 'comings & goings' of RNZE Personnel both in NZ and Overseas. A range of new 'Engineer' equipment had recently been purchased and would enhance the Sapper role within Defence. CDF had recently bestowed Commendations on three RNZE personnel.
3. Information about the Sappers Association is to be widely promulgated to all RNZE Units, and membership of the Association by both RF and TF personnel is to be encouraged.
4. All but two of the Northern Branch Committee are TF soldiers. TF personnel couldn't see the advantages of a one off \$60 membership fee. They are being encouraged to 'drip feed' their payments, and when the full amount is received their membership will be actioned.
5. A Northern Branch report has been submitted for inclusion in Issue #192 the next issue of the Sapper Newsletter.
6. Joe Hollander, Chairman of the RNZE Charitable Trust gave a brief report of what has happened, and is happening, with the Trust. A full report has been submitted for inclusion in Issue #192 of the Sapper newsletter.
7. As Bruce McDonald is standing down as Secretary, and Treasurer, of the Association, a replacement to fill either roll is required. Bruce will remain in these rolls in the interim. At a Council meeting held on 12 March, members were asked to try and encourage past Sappers to commit to standing for Council. The possible use of 'Non Sapper' personnel to carry out the roles of Secretary and Treasurer was discussed.
8. The working, and day to day running of the Association Website is being worked on by Chris Henry and Mike Owen. They have recently had meetings with the Webmaster, JJ Palmer. A framework of future Website participation by Branches, and the Corps, is anticipated to be in place within the next few months. Mention of the meetings is made in the Chairman's Annual Report, a copy of which will be in Issue #192 of the Sapper newsletter.
9. Joe Hollander read out an e-mail he had received from Rowan McKeany.
  - a. Rowan has submitted some very encouraging information regarding participation at a planned impromptu gathering of ex Sappers from the Waikato/Bay of Plenty region. It was suggested that a BoP Branch may be established.
  - b. Rowan raised the question on the use of 'Social Media' such as Facebook and Twitter. This could be put in place and was being looked into.

#### **Item Fourteen: NEXT GENERAL MEETING**

1. The next Annual General Meeting of this Association is to be held at Linton Camp, in March 2014, at a time and location yet to be advised.

#### **Item Fifteen: MEETING CLOSURE/DISPERSAL**

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 1240hrs.

Chairman

Secretary

Date



**SAPPERS ASSOCIATION (NZ) INCORPORATED  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012**

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
Fees/Subs	\$ 360.00	\$ 720.00	\$ 1,020.00
Interest <sup>Note 1</sup>	\$ 1,027.81	\$ 1,027.81	\$ 620.04
Donations	\$ 386.54	\$ 217.45	\$ 294.48
Sales (Corps Supplies)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40.00
Advertising	\$ -	\$ 112.00	\$ 112.00
GST Refunds	\$ 935.05	\$ 89.54	\$ 290.68
Branches	\$ 3,316.69	\$ 8,719.90	\$ 6,080.51
Capital Repayments <sup>Note 2</sup>	\$ 722.77	\$ 3,599.53	\$ 1,189.49
Reunion	\$ 9,532.79		\$ 18,234.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 30.00		\$ 95.00
	<b>\$ 16,311.65</b>	<b>\$ 14,486.23</b>	<b>\$ 27,976.20</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Postage/Stationery	\$ 637.81	\$ 1,026.80	\$ 1,024.43
Tolls/Web Site	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Miscellaneous <sup>Note 3</sup>	\$ 174.34	\$ 132.28	\$ 1,346.74
Branches	\$ 2,969.80	\$ 7,614.75	\$ 7,020.55
Reunion	\$ 8,972.45		\$ 20,038.40
Corp Supplies	\$ -	\$ 624.45	
Reinvestment	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	
Transfer RNZE CT Fund	\$ 500.00	\$ 600.00	
	<b>\$ 15,754.40</b>	<b>\$ 12,798.28</b>	<b>\$ 29,730.12</b>
<b>Net Surplus/Deficit for year</b>	<b>\$ 557.25</b>	<b>\$ 1,687.95</b>	<b>-\$ 1,753.92</b>





## SAPPERS ASSOCIATION (NZ) INCORPORATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012

CURRENT LIABILITIES	2012	2011	2010
Investments <sup>Note 4</sup>	\$ 8,270.85	\$ 9,338.30	\$ 67,937.57
Investments <sup>Note 5</sup>	\$ 30,191.98	\$ 23,434.12	\$ 20,074.43
Members Equity	\$ 10,156.89	\$ 11,469.25	\$ 10,779.61
	<u>\$ 48,619.72</u>	<u>\$ 44,241.67</u>	<u>\$ 98,791.61</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash on Hand	\$ 10,156.89	\$ 11,469.25	\$ 10,779.61
Revalued Finance Company Investments Note 4	\$ 8,270.85	\$ 9,338.30	\$ 67,937.57
Bank Investments Note 5	\$ 30,191.98	\$ 23,434.12	\$ 20,074.43
	<u>\$ 48,619.72</u>	<u>\$ 44,241.67</u>	<u>\$ 98,791.61</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 48,619.72</u>	<u>\$ 44,241.67</u>	<u>\$ 98,791.61</u>

### STATEMENT OF MOVEMENT IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012

Equity as at the beginning of the period	\$ 9,599.64	\$ 9,781.30	\$ 12,533.53
Investments Held	\$ 38,462.83	\$ 32,772.42	\$ 88,012.00
Operating Surplus/Deficit for the period	\$ 557.25	\$ 1,687.95	-\$ 1,753.92
<b>Equity as at the end of the period</b>	<u>\$ 48,619.72</u>	<u>\$ 44,241.67</u>	<u>\$ 98,791.61</u>

Signed on behalf of the Sappers Association Council

B McDonald  
Treasurer

M Owen  
Chairman  
31-Dec-12



**Note 1 Interest for 2012**

BNZ Term Investment Interest	57617561-03004	\$	361.81
BNZ Term Saver Interest	57617561-03003	\$	154.94
BNZ Term Investment Interest	57617561-03002	\$	481.56
Interest BNZ Cheque Accounts	Executive	\$	10.06
	Auckland	\$	12.38
	Reunion	\$	0.26
	Christchurch	\$	4.52
	Dunedin	\$	1.08
	Wellington	\$	1.20
		\$	<u>1,027.81</u>

**Note 2 Capital Repayments for 2012**

OPI Finance			
St Laurence		\$	1,870.12
Property Finance		\$	588.35
BridgeCorp		\$	562.16
Strategic		\$	578.90
		\$	<u>3,599.53</u>

**Note 3 Miscellaneous**

Income			
Expenditure	B McDonald (OPE Admin)	\$	174.34
		\$	<u>174.34</u>

**Note 4 Investments**

Revalued Investments - Under Moratoria/In Receivership as at 31/12/12			
Bridgecorp Holdings Ltd		\$	482.50
OPI Pacific Finance Ltd		\$	585.44
OPI Pacific Finance Ltd		\$	1,225.80
Strategic Finance Ltd		\$	2,153.53
St Laurence Mortgages Ltd		\$	1,292.71
St Laurence Mortgages Ltd		\$	554.02
Property Finance Securities		\$	904.20
Property Finance Securities		\$	1,072.65
		\$	<u>8,270.85</u>

The following are BNZ Investments held as at 31/12/12			
Note 5	57617561-3002	BNZ Term Saver	\$ 10,921.56
	57617561-3003	BNZ Fixed Term Investment	\$ 2,873.49
	57617561-3004	BNZ Term Investment	\$ 8,126.08
			<u>\$ 21,921.13</u>
Total Investments			<u>\$ 30,191.98</u>

**Simplified Accounting Approach (no Accruals) has been taken for Year Ending 2012**

**Audit Statement**

I have examined the Statement of Financial Performance indicating the Incomes and Expenditures, the Statement of Financial Position, and, the financial records presented for audit, and in my position they set out the financial position of the Sappers Association (NZ) Incorporated for the Financial Year ending at the 31st December 2012.

Gordon A Reid  
Honorary Auditor



## LOST SOULS

If you know of their present address or contact number, could you please contact the database archivist, Ken Avenell with the details. Many thanks for the excellent feedback to date. Since the last newsletter, this has allowed members who have not recorded change of address to start receiving their newsletters again. It has also brought to our notice members, who have deceased, thereby allowing us to upgrade our records and where possible, send condolences to family.

Name	Init	First Name	Nickname)	Last known Location
James	CF	Cyril	Jesse	????
Jay	JI	John		Mt Maunganui 3002
Johnston	JT	Jack	Johnno	
Jordan	AF	Andrew		Australia
Kaa	HMR	Hori		
Kauika-Stevens	CMT	Clark	Clarky	
Kelly	Am	Allen	Kels	Dunedin 9001
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Kissling	RS	Roy	Peter	
Knight	SH	Syd		Whangarei 0110
Langdon	L	Larry		Australia
Lapwood	J	John		Auckland
Larkins	JG	Jim		
Lawrence	HK	Hughy		Palmerston North 4410
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Mark	DC	Denis		
Martin	CA	Cyril		
Martin	SMF	Samual		Australia
Matenga	AJ	Aperahama	Buff	Palmerston North 4410
McCelland	GA	Graham		Australia
McCormac	ORH	Owen		Auckland 1106
McCormick	DS	Don		Ashburton 8300
McCormick	JC	Jim		Auckland 2012
McCulloch	RA	Raymond		
McFagen	RA		Dag	
Mclean	I	Ian		Auckland1061
McMaster	GK			
McPeak	KJ	Kevin		Woodville 5473
McRonal	N	Neil		Invercargill 9521





## ROLL OF HONOUR

Pertinent to note that many of the names listed in this column are not members of the Association or of our main database. Association members are identified with an (\*). Members very kindly send me notices from their local papers by email or letter where the entry can be identified as that of an ex-Engineer. This is very much appreciated as it is the only way the Membership Secretary can update the database and membership, and helps recipients of this newsletter with information of their old comrades. Members who are RSA members, are urged to list their Unit served or at least the Corps of Engrs with their local RSA records. Many have recorded only WWII or 2 NZEF. This info becomes part of the RSA Last Post listing and helps identify you and bring you to our notice.

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Initial</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Nickname</u>	<u>Service No</u>	<u>Awards</u>	<u>Last Unit</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>
Allen	G R	George	Gypsy George	14937441		RE	16.09.12	U. Hutt
Anderson	A	Alexander		2162314		RE	03. 08. 12	Fielding
Bradshore	H	Harry		6030018		621 Fd Sqn,RE	12.09.12	Auckland
Cayless	A H	Albert	Alby	280322		8 Fd Coy	11.12.12	P. North
Cosford	L A	Laurie		508007		CD Constrsqn; 1 Fd Sqn; 2 Fd Sqn; 6 Ind Fd Sqn; 5 Spec Team	21 .02.13	Takanini
Dixon	D E	Deans	Buster	28619		5 Fd Pk Coy; 20 Fd Pk Coy; 2 NZ Div HQ Engr	25.12.12	U Hutt
Elton	P E	Peter		452670		35 Fd Coy RNZE	15.01.13	North Shore
George	A E	Ernie		27303		16th NZ Railway Operating Coy	25.09.12	Ohaupo
Hermans	R E	Reg		27138	MC MBE	6 Fd Coy; 13 Rlwy Constr Coy; 21 Mech Equip Coy	1.10.12	Hamilton
Klink	V J	Vivian	Bill	451944		8 Fd Coy	02.03.12	West Harbour
Laing	G	Gillman	Gil	A213302		3 Fd Sqn	07.04.13	Tauranga
Ormandy	W	Winston	Win			SD Constr Sqn	31 .01 .13	Rangiora



Pullen	R G S	Robert	Don	M73611	Fire Master Linton/Burnham	11.09.12	Ruakaka
Robins	F C	Frank		14127439	RE	01.08.12	Waitrere
Rolle	D K H	Don		A37674	CD Constr Sqn; 1 Fd Sqn; 2 Fd Sqn; 2 Constr Sqn; 6 Ind Fd Sqn	03.01.13	Takanini
Rosewarne	C	Cyril	Sy	203570	NZ Fd Eng Sect,	14.11.12	P. North

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Whaia Te Kaipukaha  
I Nga Wahi Katoa

## **SERVING SAPPERS REPORT TO THE SAPPERS ASSOCIATION (NZ) As reported in April 2013**

**Warrant Officer Class One  
D.J.Waitere, MNZM**



### **Moving Forward**

#### **RNZE Corps Overview**

I have now been the Regimental Sergeant Major of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Engineer Regiment for 16 months and in that time the Regiment, Corps and wider NZ Army has implemented many changes relating to personnel, administration, equipment and resources. Change is a core competency that is essential in driving any organisation forward and I believe that the Corps as it moves through a transition period has openly embraced and adapted effectively to meet the needs of the future NZDF.

Past serving sapper reports have provided a snapshot of activities conducted by the Regiment and the SME (NZ) and it is my intent to retain this theme, but provide a greater degree of information. Having recently attended a meeting of the Sappers Association Executive Council I am reminded that this publication is the best means by which our readers remain informed and updated on the current workings of the RNZE.

The theme of my report is moving forward and how recent events and future programmed activities allow us to remain at the forefront "Sappers lead the way".

Recent personnel changes include the departure of Lt Col Donald Jones as the RNZE Regimental Colonel and Commanding Officer of the Regiment and the welcome in of his replacement Lt Col Ben Pitt. The change of command parade held on the 7 December 12 was attended by the Deputy Chief of Army (DCA) Brigadier Peter Kelly, MNZM and the RNZE Regimental Colonel, Colonel Antony Wilson.

Administration changes over the last 18 months have included the creation of the operationally focussed OPSIS trade, to be followed in the later part of 2013 with the introduction of the Human Resources Management Info System (HRMIS), which will see many currently based paper systems move to electronic processing.

The current DPM uniform with corps belt worn will change in June with the introduction into service of the Multi-terrain Camouflage Uniform (MCU). With the MCU worn there is no longer a requirement to wear the corps belt, with the exception of other ceremonial forms of dress. Engineers posted to the Regiment will remain identifiable with the introduction of the new unit patch to be worn on the MCU.



Changes to fitness requirements have occurred with the introduction of the Land Combat Fitness Test (LCFT) which although still under trial, will soon replace the RFL. This new fitness test requires soldiers to conduct a series of activities in full body armour with a weapon (20kg total) before completing a 4 Km distance in less than 32 minutes. Soldiers are also required to pass a Battle Water Swim test (BWST).

The introduction into service of the High Mobility Excavation Excavator (HMEE) and vehicle mounted Gap Crossing System (GCS) continues as does the capability development and continued integration of the Explosive Detection Dogs (EDD) and Explosive Hazard Clearance Teams (EHCT).

### **Recent Corps Event**

The Corps recently received an invitation to attend the 17<sup>th</sup> Construction Squadron, RAE Honour Distinction Parade to be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> of May, which formally recognises service in Namibia. As RNZE personnel were attached to the RAE over the deployment they also gained formal recognition. Maj (Rtd) Jed Shirley and WO1 B.Wilson will represent the corps as ex members of that deployment in Australia.

### **Deployments**

Our soldiers continue to prove their worth on operations around the world. We recently welcomed back the last group of Engineers from Afghanistan (CRIB 21), the Light Engineer team (LET) from a productive work season in Antarctica and a small group of engineers from Vanuatu who carried out vertical construction tasks under Sgt Awa Melbourne, MBE.

Recent departures have seen RNZE personnel deploy to the Sinai , Ex Long Look (UK) and the Regiment postured to support exercises in the South Pacific to include Ex Pacific Partnership (25ESS lead) and Brunei (2 FD Sqn lead).

### **Future RNZE Activities**

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2013 the 2<sup>nd</sup> Engineer Regiment celebrates 20 years and the Regiment will acknowledge this milestone with a ceremonial parade. On this date the Regiment will also formally acknowledge the introduction of the Upoko (head) and protruding arero (tongue) with the recognised Engineer symbol as the unit emblem. Since 1993 the Regiment unlike each of the sub-units has not had a unit emblem or symbol as the brand that clearly identified it as the only operational Engineer unit in the NZ Army. The Regiment emblem which symbolises the head of a Taiaha is shown in the upper left hand side of this document, with the words "Whaia Te Kaipukaha I Nga Wahi Katoa or translated means "Follow the Sapper Everywhere".

### **Headquarters Squadron**

HQ Sqn has had to endure the loss of key personnel, as coursing and operational requirements have taken precedence. The Sqn however continues to function effectively. Congratulations must go to Cpl Jason Sturley, RNZLAR who was selected by the CDF in Dec 12 to be the NZDF person of the year. For those not familiar with the make up of the Sqn, it consists of RNZE principle staff, GIS and RNZLAR personnel posted to the workshops and Q store.



## **1 Field Squadron**

1 FD Sqn recently fare welled the OC Maj Tom Williams as he heads off to Australia. Training for the Squadron over the last six months has involved integrated exercises with 2 FD Squadron and stand alone exercises. The Squadron continues to perform strongly and future activities include support to the Brigade Ex Alam Halfa.

## **2 Field Squadron**

A change of command occurred in December 12, with Maj Chris Rothery moving on and Maj Ian Brandon assuming command of the Squadron. The Squadron continues to provide intimate support to the Enhanced Infantry Company (EIC) based from 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, RNZIR and the training conducted with the Battalion has allowed the Squadron members to become proficient in a variety of insertion techniques including amphibious, airmobile and explosive point of entry capability. The main effort for the Sqn in the first quarter of 2013 is support to the 1 (NZ) Brigade exercise Alam Halfa to occur in the Waiouru Training area and Wairarapa. The Sqn recently deployed a small team in a surge capacity to Afghanistan as an Explosive Hazard Clearance Team (EHCT), to counter the threat of IED and other explosive munitions. The team included members of the newly formed Explosive Detection Dogs (EDD) detachment

## **3 Field Squadron**

As the only permanent integrated RF/TF Sqn it continues to provide support to South Island based units. They have recently conducted Ex Dawn Break (demolitions) and Ex Dawn Origin in support of 2/1 RNZIR. The loss of LCpl Duncan Orr from 22 Construction Regiment, RAE who sadly passed away whilst attached to the Sqn as part of the exchange programme Tasman Scheme in Feb 13 was a hard blow and our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife Anna, members of his family, friends and fellow sappers of the RAE.

## **Emergency Response Squadron**

The ERS continue to provide fire fighting support to NZDF units and training activities. The Squadron has recently received a group of new fire fighters off the recent Basic Fire Course and the Sqn continues to attract personnel from the wider Army. Major fire incidents in the Waiouru training area in February and at West Melton in the South Island have again shown that the Squadron is extremely capable and effective force.

## **25 Engineer Support Squadron**

MILCON 2/12 was dominated by the renovation and transformation of an old church building into the new "Northlands Community Preschool" in Wellington. This was the focal task for 25ESS that received plenty of recognition for the Engineer Regiment and good press for the Army as a whole. Other concurrent activities conducted by the Squadron at this time consisted of Exercise Kiwi Koru and Op Antarctica.

Members of the Squadron HQ deployed to Kiribati and the Solomon Islands to conduct reconnaissance for Exercise Pacific Partnership, a Joint Force multinational construction and medical aid exercise conducted biannually in the pacific lead by the US Navy. A team of four deployed to Tonga to assist the Tongan Defence Force (TDF) with the construction of Masfield Barracks. In April a Plant reconnaissance was also conducted in PNG scoping the possibility of working alongside the PNGDF in the pioneering of a new road.





## **School Of Military Engineering**

SME has had an extremely busy start to 2013. The revised Task manager's course and newly modelled Combat Engineer RNZE Senior Course have been run with apparent success. A double troop Corps training with reserve force participation has been completed amongst a number of CE banding courses. The Fire Wing has just completed a successful Basic Fire Course and are preparing for another one starting in May. The Plant Wing is currently running their Basic plant Course and the Trade Training Wing is into their fourth week of the Junior Carpentry Course with 13 new apprentices. Trade Training Wing has been busy supporting the DIY Marae TV series, participating in several shows around the upper North Island over the last 3 months. This has been a very good experience for all involved.

### **Final words**

In closing, personnel are the most important and essential resource to any organisation and it is a credit to the members of the Corps that it retains competent and professional Officers, Warrant Officers and NCOs. So as I reflect on the last 16 months I remain positive in my belief that we are moving forward and will continue to bridge any challenges that we may face in the future. "Whaia Te Kaipukaha I nga whai Katoa"

## **Assistance Required**

### **RNZE Historian/ECMC Curator**

If you are interested in the survival of the heritage and history of the Corps of RNZE and can assist us as a back up and understudy to our current Corps Historian and Curator of the ECMC Library, Museum and Chapel, Howard (Clas) Chamberlain, please let us know by return to either the Chair, Clas or the RNZE Charitable Trust. We believe that this function can be achieved electronically in the first instance, but somebody domiciled in the lower North Island with easy proximity to Palmerston North/Linton Camp would be beneficial. We do look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible.

### **Assistant Editor Required**

If anyone is interested in supporting the Sappers Journal and taking it forward, you will require access to a computer and have an understanding of data bases and editing the journal. This task has been carried out by the 2 Engr Regt as an interim for the last two issues, however due to time and other commitments 2 Engr Regt will no longer be able to provide this assistance. For those interested in filling this vacancy please contact the Chairman Mike Owen on below address.

**POC: Mike Owen, email [admin@sappers.co.nz](mailto:admin@sappers.co.nz)**



## MUSEUM TALK

New Zealand Engineers and Royal New Zealand Engineers have for many years taken pride in working as a team in all the projects undertaken – well almost!

For some years a very small team has been working on upgrading the displays, providing captions for photos and trying to identify photos taken by sappers in all corners of the world.

Right now Joe and I are seeking information about numerous photos we have in the museum and it is **YOU**, the people that served in different parts of the world now have to come and tell us about where, what, when, and why for many of our photos. We need your active participation!

There are two reasons we need your help; firstly we need the information about the photos so that people coming into the museum know what the picture is about and secondly, we need to know the information so we can add it to the catalogue of our photos.

If you think your own personal photograph collection is big just remember that the museum has thousands of photos all needing names, dates, locations so that in 20, 30 years time the information will not be lost. Do you see how necessary **YOUR information** is for where and when you served.

### Displays

#### The East Timor Display

For some time we have had the beginnings of a display showing sapper tasks and people in East Timor. Unfortunately we do not have the captions for the photos displayed. We **NEED YOUR** help to complete this display both by photos and artifacts needed to add to the display. See photo of part empty display.

#### Bosnia

This display has been started and we have some interesting items but again we need to expand what we have on display and add captions to the photos. I am sorry but we cannot dream up names to tell the story in a photo. **Come Along to the Museum and give us your knowledge. Become part of the team.**

#### Afghanistan

We have been very lucky with a number of items that have been given to the museum by Sgt Trevor King. He has generously provided pictures with names and places and provided a number of interesting artifacts that have really built up this display. Now we need just one or two more items to complete this display. See photo.

#### Losses

When everything had to be taken from the museum to enable the building to be re-roofed we lost some items and have not been able to locate them since getting everything back into the museum. We have not yet found the German Teller mine from WW2, nor have we found our German Iron Cross of the First World War and a similar item for the Second World War.

If you know of the locations of any of these items please let us know or bring them in if they happen to be lying round in a store somewhere.



### Garage Store-room

The Garage store room has been completed and already hold a number of our items that cannot presently go on display. This had become both a store and a work room and means the office, which we had to use previously for a work room, can now revert to being an office and museum administration centre. See photo

### Funding

Funding for the museum is currently by donations and we have recently been granted over \$5000 for stage one of the IT upgrade of the Museum. Lt Col Joe Hollander has really put in a tremendous amount of time seeking such grants from a number of philanthropic organisations. So far we have only secured one but that is a very good start. We rely on sappers past and present to contribute to the museum funds. YOU CAN JOIN the team by making a fortnightly or monthly contribution to our funds. At the end of the financial year your donations will receive a tax refund of about 30%.

See our donation form, complete and send to your bank.

Clas Chamberlain  
Hon Curator



Afghanistan display awaiting contributions



East Timor display awaiting contributions



New curator's workshop in garage constructed by 2  
Engr Regt & SME (NZ) tradesmen



## NORTHERN REGION BRANCH

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Sad to report the passing of Don Rolle, one of the stalwarts of the Northern Branch. Don had been the Secretary/Treasurer of the Branch for over nine years and did that job for the 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Reunion in 2010. He had also served a term or two as one of the guardians of the funds for the Association. Don was a man who demanded of and gave his utmost to all tasks that he undertook. He had been deeply involved with the affairs of his local church and also served on the local men's Probus Committee. His support will be missed by us Sappers and also the local Papakura Community.



Just as this report was about to be sent off we have had another of our older Sappers finally lost his battle to a very long illness. Laurie Cosford passed away on 14<sup>th</sup> February.

Since the last newsletter the branch has had another 'visit to the Regions' having a successful evening in Rotorua that dragged sappers out of the woodwork from as far afield as Hamilton, Whakatane and Tokoroa. For our next foray we are hopeful of another visit to Whangarei, sometime in the middle of the year. Our last two committee meetings have included the attendance of some committee members by utilizing skype. We have had a couple of teething problems but are confident we will get it up and going successfully. It means that we can have committee members from around the region involved in our activities. Presently we have Arvin (Solly) Solomon, probably one of our northern most sappers living in Kerikeri, as one of the committee.

The following report has been received from Cpl J Roys, one of the Northern Sappers, who is on Op Antarctica 2012 – 2013

RNZE LET (Light Engineering Team) was deployed to Antarctica Dec12/Jan13 for approx. two months to undertake a variety of tasks. We are 17 strong with a make-up of CO, TP Sgt, 4x Carpenters, 1 x Electrician, 1 x Plumber, 1 x Plant Op, 2 x Workshops & 6 x FE's

Our team is based in McMurdo station (a US base) with a transient population of approx. 900 persons, scientists and support personnel. We are only a few kilometres from Scott Base (NZ dependency) which has been a welcome respite to enjoy a quiet beer, familiar sense of humour and some no nonsense meat & three veg' meals.



The two of our team from workshops have been kept busy with a variety of welding & steel cutting tasks. Our plumber/gas fitter/drain layer has also been kept busy assisting the Americans with one of the main boiler fit outs, as with our electrician mucking in where needed.

All LET pers were involved in the construction of a 10 bay triple/single Bailey bridge to span the gap between the land and the floating ice pier which is approx. 300m square and about 16' thick with layers of earth and steel reinforcing compacted on top of the ice. The pier is tied to the mainland with SWR and provides an offload platform for the fuel tanker and supply ship, which its arrival has been keenly anticipated as it contains fresh food. No one has seen a shred of lettuce or fresh fruit for some time. A video summary of the bridge build can be viewed at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tQtdQ1-Cy8A>

Other tasks have included the chapel refurb, 155 & 156 building refurb, deconstruction of two small buildings, various maintenance tasks, and the monitoring of the fuel lines to date. Our efforts seem to be well received by all on base. Needless to say we have been making good use of some red & blue paint leaving our mark and promoting a bit of esprit de corp.

As you might imagine operating in the coldest, driest place in the world has presented its challenges but the loss of feeling in ones limbs and face are soon forgotten with a hot feed, visit to the bar and a chat with the ladies. You only have to take a couple of minutes in your day to remind yourself where you are and be in awe of your surroundings.

Peter Foster.

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## 6 FIELD SQUADRON RNZE REUNION

On the 9/10<sup>th</sup> March, past members of 6 Field Squadron, RNZE, met in Carterton.

The organisers, local ex 6 Field members, Helen McKenzie and Gordon Reid, put on a great weekend, which according to attendees, was an 'outstanding success'.

Those present came from all over NZ, and as far away as Perth in Australia.

Registrations were from 1.30 Saturday afternoon with 78 people gathered for the excellent dinner. The talk was non-stop. A photo slide show of unit members in action was a very popular attraction.

Sunday morning the group assembled at the Carterton War Memorial for the wreath laying and short service by padre, Lt Colonel (ret.), Dan Rodda. He spoke very movingly and quoted from Shakespeare's King Henry the 5<sup>th</sup> before the Battle of Agincourt, "...But we in it shall be remembered – we few, we happy few, we band of brothers..." The weather was particularly balmy and no one wanted to retire to morning tea.

Participants then went out to Gavin Delaney's to view his large collection of military vehicles.

Lunch at the Memorial Club was well attended with about 60 present, after heartfelt farewells most were on their way home by 2.30pm.

L-R Barry Allison, Wally Wharewera and Ken Avenell taking the wreath up to the Memorial



L-R Warwick Potts, Pete Mallalieu & John Chandler beside the memorial

L-R Tony Russell auctioning the cap and shirt kindly donated by Barry Allison which raised \$150 for the RNZE Charitable Trust Inc.





## WAIRARAPA BRANCH

### Branch Calendar of Events For 2013

Please enter these dates into your computer, diary or on your calendar.

**1. Wednesday 07 August from 1730hrs.**

Dinner with wives and partners at the Wairarapa Services and Citizens Club, Masterton.

**2. Tuesday 15 October - Sappers Day.**

A short Commemorative Service will be held at the Masterton Cenotaph at 0600hrs followed by breakfast at Barbara and George Butchers' property 568 Upper Plain Road Masterton.

**3. Wednesday 27 November from 1730hrs.**

'Get together' with wives and partners at the Wairarapa Services and Citizens Club, Masterton.

For events later in the year a reminder and further details will be sent out a week or so beforehand.

The Wairarapa Services and Citizens Club is situated on the corner of Chapel and Essex Streets, Masterton.

George Butcher,

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1 April 2013



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### Coming Events over 2013

14 June Get together Papanui RSA  
09 August Get together Papanui RSA  
Mark these dates on your Calendars as a reminder.

### Get together:

These are informal gatherings and are being well supported; we hope to see new faces turning up each time. These are held at the South Island Sappers HQs, the Papanui RSA. Any time after 1700hrs, on the second Friday of the even months of the year, See dates above, Food is available, as are Drinks. Come along and see who turns up.



## THE SAPPERS ASSOCIATION (NZ) Incorporated

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Surname: .....

FirstName(s): .....

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Do you wish to be included in the Yahoo Groups NZSappers email list? *(please tick)* Yes q No q

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Honours and Awards *(optional)*:

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