



**PICTON
RSA
AND CLUB**



All welcome to our gatherings! Meat raffles every Wed from 5pm; weekly quiz nights Wed from 7pm; \$5 per person, with the usual bar tab prizes & sweet-treat raffles! JOIN US IN OUR BRIGHT & FRIENDLY VENUE THE THIRSTY PIG @ 27 HIGH STREET PICTON...DISCOUNTS FOR RSA, CLUBSNZ & NZMCA MEMBERS!

Newsletter June 2026

Patron Peter Bugler, QSM, JP

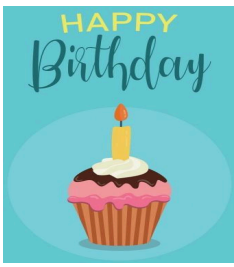
Our very own King's Birthday Honouree: Joy Fletcher KSM!

On behalf of the Picton RSA & Club, I would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to Joy Fletcher on being awarded the King's Service Medal (KSM), which recognises outstanding voluntary service and contribution to communities throughout New Zealand. It is a fitting acknowledgement of the countless hours, dedication, compassion and commitment Joy has given in service to others over many years. Many of us know Joy for her generosity, kindness, and unwavering commitment to helping others.

What makes this honour particularly special is that Joy follows in the footsteps of her father, Chic Elsmore, who was himself awarded the Queen's Service Medal (QSM). To see two generations of one family celebrated for their service to community is a rare and wonderful achievement, and a testament to values of service. We are incredibly proud to applaud this well-deserved recognition.



Congratulations, Joy, on this remarkable and richly deserved honour.



June birthday people: all the best!

To Heather, JohnN, Stephen, Barry, Gemma, Larry, Gillian, Gwen, Paul, Bruce, David, Mark, Annette, Neville, Colleen, Erika. We hope you have had, & will continue to have, healthy, happy & relaxing times with family, whānau, friends

News (1) Meat raffles and quiz night @ The Thirsty Pig, 27 High Street



bright, cheerful and welcoming for our Wednesday club nights with discounts on drinks and meals on presentation of your RSA, NZMCA or Clubs NZ card. Meat raffles every Wed from 5pm, and our world-famous-in-Picton weekly Wednesday quiz night is underway, so gather your teams and wits for a 7pm start! There are bar tab prizes & sweet-treat raffles!

News (2) Picton RSA 80th Anniversary 03 Oct 2026



The Picton RSA & Club is still here, even if the horses have bolted and the building has vanished! Our version 01 plan was to hold a military ball, but in this time of constraint, we've decided that a ball is more appropriate to celebrate a glorious 100th centenary event



Accordingly, we're now scoping a smaller-scale, but still joyful (with a just the right touch of formality) celebration, which will definitely include toasts, music, food, displays, heaps of fellowship, sharing of memories and hopes for our future. Please contact us pictonrsa2@gmail.com with all your ideas about how and where we can celebrate this milestone, and what kind of involvement you *personally* can bring to the party, which will acknowledge all the wonderful things that our RSA & Club means to Picton



News (3) **VETERANS' SUPPORT CLINIC**

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Blenheim

19 th June 2026, 9.00 am to 16.00 pm
20 th June 2026, 9.00 am to 16.00 pm
Bowling Club/RSA 65E Weld Street, Blenheim

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Nelson

22nd June 2026, 9.00 am to 16.00 pm
23rd June 2026, 9.00 am to 16.00pm
Defence Careers Centre. Cnr Rutherford & Hardy Streets,
Nelson

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Who can come

CMT, National Service, Home Guard
Returned and Service Veterans
Land Girls, Merchant Navy

What to Expect

- One-on-one with RSA Support Advisor
- Find out what you're eligible for
- Get help with applications
- Connect to Government & Service agencies

HERE TO SERVE THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED

Questions or Can't Attend? Contact Steve Cox: 0272081355 or DSM.Marlborough@rsa.org.nz

News (4) **Snooker players**

The 2026 Clubs NZ South Island Snooker Pairs tournament is to be held at **Club Waimea in Richmond (Nelson)** on **06, 07 and 08 August**. Be a novice or an old hand, your entry is welcome! **All entry fee moneys (\$120 per pair) will be returned by way of prizes.** Please email Kate@clubsnz.com or call National Office on 0800 425 827 or Colin Bowden 021 055 2664 for more details



News (5) Upcoming events

2026

Every Sat, 5pm onwards: Thirsty Pig's **own** raffles & Jokers Draw!

June/July from late June, invoices for renewing your 2026/27 membership will be posted. Internet banking is welcome but **please not before 30 June 2026**

August 15 Aug: VP Day

September 03 Sep: Merchant Navy Day NZ

2027

10-17 Jul: Invictus Games, Birmingham, UK



President's shout-out

Before I move on to RSA matters, I would like to take a moment to acknowledge a very special achievement.

As you have read at the beginning of this newsletter, my mum, Joy Fletcher, has been awarded the King's Service Medal (KSM) for services to the community. As her daughter, I could not be prouder.

Like many recipients of such honours, Mum has been overwhelmed by the recognition and insists she is not deserving of it. Those of us who know her would respectfully disagree. For many years she has quietly dedicated herself to helping others, often behind the scenes and without seeking recognition or reward. The KSM is a fitting acknowledgement of a lifetime spent serving the Picton community.

This honour is made even more special by the fact that Mum follows in the footsteps of her father, my grandfather, Charles 'Chic' Elsmore, who was awarded the Queen's Service Medal (QSM). To have two generations recognised for their contribution to others is something our family is incredibly proud of.

Congratulations, Mum. This recognition is richly deserved.



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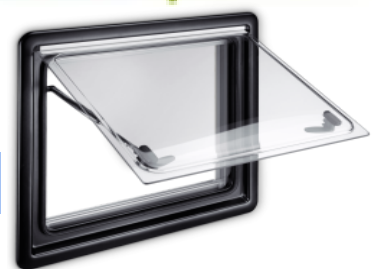


Call/text: Bruce Gordon 027 446 0282
Email: topofthesouth@chemwash.co.nz



Signs Now

PICTON GLASS SUPPLIES (2003)





Join the local local dancing queens to jiggle (or is that giggle) your way to fitness! Everyone who (1) likes moving to dance bangers from the 60s onwards and (2) is totally non-judgemental, is welcome! Transport may be available on request text 021 953 900

Mondays 7-8pm, Picton Little Theatre, \$2

Recent visitors!

Lovely to have the experience of inter-club visits recently - several of us from the Picton RSA & Club visited our Blenheim colleagues last month; they reciprocated just a week or two ago



Another visit (Picton to Blenheim) is planned, as per an email sent out to all members ten days ago, copied here:

"All members welcome to come along to the Blenheim RSA on Friday 05 June between 4.30 and 8pm for their Friday club night - always a good session!"

John will be driving the community courtesy van and can pick up / drop off people from Waikawa Road onwards

Contact John hadleigh@johnandclaire.co.nz or 022 067 9688 to sign up!"



PICTON RSA AND CLUB



PICTON RSA – MERCHANDISE




Every bit of income we generate helps us to fulfil our mission to meet the needs of our members.
Our “merch” appeals not only to locals, but also to visitors who pass through.

\$10.00

\$15.00

\$25.00

		
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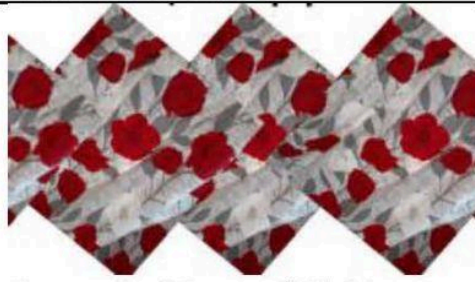
Picton RSA T-Shirts – Now \$30.00 each
Men's & Women's styles – sizes S-XXL



The Ode Placements - \$5.00
Created with The Ode in English and Te Reo. Plus the Merchant Navy and 28th Māori Battalion Odes.



Playing Card Holders – Just \$5.00
If you play cards, you will love these card holders!



Poppy Cushions – \$20.00
Be a part of history. We have a small amount of fabric left from our home at 66 Wellington Street that we are making into cushion covers – order today



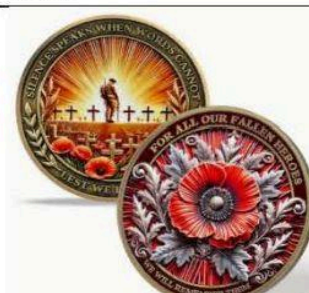
Car or Truck Merchandise
Your car or truck can now show your support for your local RSA – enquire today about the poppies and stickers we have



Jewellery – Koha Donation
Made with love by The Sparkle Project and gifted to the Picton RSA – created from donated beads - all proceeds to the Picton RSA



Baseball Caps - \$20.00
An assortment of caps are available



Remembrance Coins - \$15.00
An assortment of coins are available