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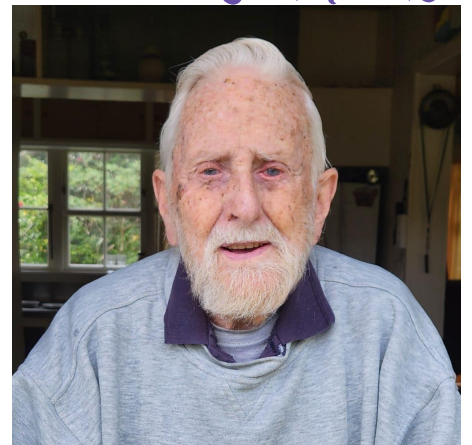


All welcome to our gatherings! Meat raffles every Wed from 5pm;
weekly quiz Wed from 7pm; \$5 per person, with the bar tab
prizes & more raffles! **JOIN US** IN OUR WARM & FRIENDLY VENUE
THE THIRSTY PIG @ 27 HIGH STREET, PICTON
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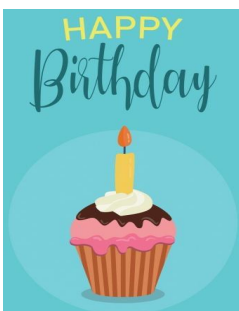
Newsletter September 2026

Patron Peter Bugler, QSM, JP

What is the most important thing in the world? It is people, it is people, it is people, it is people! / He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tangata, he tangata, he tangata!



As reported a few issues back, **Peter Bugler** retires as our Patron later this month at our **AGM (Sunday 27 September 2026, 1pm, Picton Little Theatre, Dublin Street, Picton)**. Obviously we will be farewelling and expressing our appreciation to **Peter** for his dedication and service over the years, but it will also be our first opportunity to publicly welcome and congratulate (1) **Dale Webb** as our new patron (also be chairing the AGM); (2) our inaugural kaumātua **Lawrence MacDonald** and (3) our very own KSM-decorated **Joy Fletcher**. Not to mention voting for and bringing on board our 2026/27 executive committee! An action-packed afternoon, followed by refreshments. **See you there!**



September birthday people:  To Peter x 2; Greg; Milly; Sandra; Andy, Graham x 2, Helen; Adam, Joy, Dave, Cherie, Janet, Ken, Claire, Hugh, Dick, Pauline, Allan, Jeff, John, Philip, Barbara. We hope you have had, and will continue to have, healthy, happy & relaxing times with family, whānau and friends

News (1) 2027 membership subs due! Please action as soon as you can; we'd love to see you at club nights and the AGM!

News (2) 26/02 Recruit Course Graduation Parade

On 07 Aug, **Bob Metcalf** attended on behalf of the Picton RSA & Club President. At RNZAF Base Woodbourne prior to his retirement from GSE, he reports it was a great experience to catch up with old comrades and to "salute" the fresh new generation of airmen and women



News (3) 03 Sep 2026 Merchant Navy Day

commemorated from 11.30am at the Waitohi Tavern in Picton. An excellent turn-out (including folk from Queen Charlotte College): thoughtful speeches, sharing memories and experiences. Thanks to **John Napier** for organising!





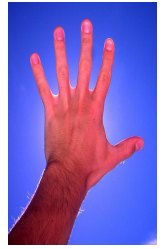
News (4) trip to Blenheim RSA club & raffles night!

next visit **Friday 25 September 2026**, door-to-door pick up from 3.45 and return from 7pm. Contact John Welch 022 067 9688 to book your seat in Kenny's Community Van (8 pax max). Photo from August's visit:



News (5) AGM! Sunday 27 September 2026, 1pm, at the Picton Little Theatre, Dublin Street, followed by refreshments.

Attached is a **nomination form** to join the Executive Committee - it's not too late to put your hand up so you can help steer the club's future. As the home of Marlborough's most moving ANZAC day dawn parade and ceremony, along with the benefits we offer to members, their families/whānau, we need people to keep our RSA & Club lively and thriving! An agenda will be sent out soon, with a limited number of hard copies available on the day



News (6) 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 semi-formal dinner for up to 80 people is at the Edit Hotel, Waikawa Road, Picton, from 5pm (see poster below). If you wish to attend we need payment by 20th September to secure your booking. You can pay either by internet banking to

Picton Returned Services Association Inc 03 1710 0021820 00 using your surname, last three digits of your membership number and 80th as reference; or pay in cash to the Treasurer at our Wednesday club night. If postponed, refunds will be made or held over to new date

In addition to fabulous food, music and company, we will all share memories and reflections on our past, and lively discussions about the future. Please contact us 021 137 8187 or pictonrsa2@gmail.com if you have memorabilia, photos and/or anecdotes to share. Together we can make this a true community celebration and demonstration of all the wonderful things that our RSA & Club means to Picton

News (7) RSA meat raffles & quiz night @ The Thirsty Pig, 27 High Street

on Wednesday club nights featuring meat raffles from 5pm, and our world-famous-in-Picton quiz night from 7pm. Gather your teams and your wits to join in to win bar-tab prizes and more raffles; plus you'll enjoy how well the folk at **The Thirsty Pig** look after **all** patrons with discounts for RSA, Clubs NZ and NZMHA members, Gold Card holders, and bottled beer and lunch-time specials. We also have "special occasion"



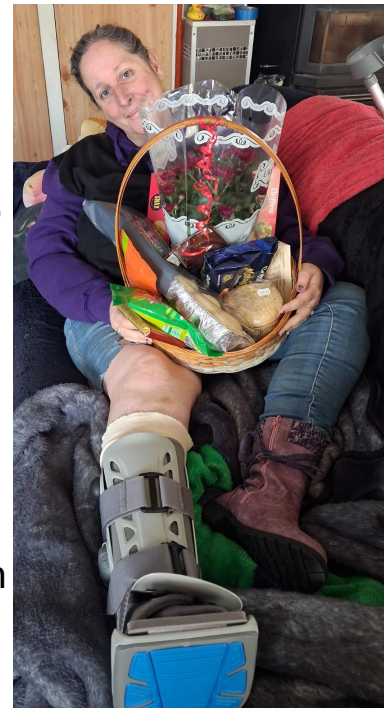
quizzes and dress-ups - the most recent being to honour the late great

Dolly Parton!



News (7) Local support for veterans, families & whānau

24/7, year-round support available right here in Picton. Our support & welfare officer recently attended an RSA training session to learn about changes to financial and other support available to veterans, and he is keen to have contact with people who would benefit from knowing about them. We provide advice, assistance, transport and support, and have dedicated, "ring-fenced" funds via our Poppy and Welfare Trusts to help veterans and their families/whānau with whatever life throws at them. Recent practical support has been given to home-bound folk; people in hospital; contributions towards various medical expenses. Please contact John Welch 022 067 9688 or Rachel Greig 021 137 8187 for information. **We serve those who serve us**

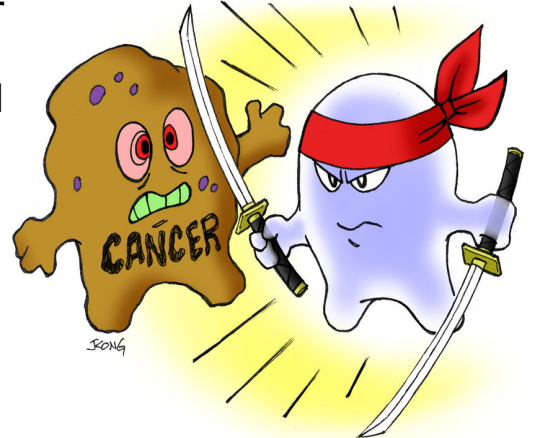
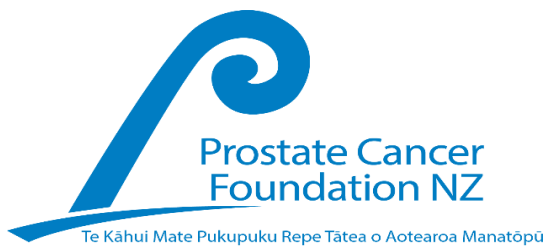


News (8) Newsletters! we receive many from other RSAs around the country, as well as Veterans' and NZDF publications, and also news and views from local groups like the **Picton Men's Community Shed** (read latest <https://www.pictonmenshed.org.nz/july-august-newsletter/>

here). If you would like to receive copies of any by email attachment, please contact us: it's always interesting to find out what others are doing, especially if you are heading that way!

News (9) September: Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

September is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month: a great time to focus on prostate health and be proactive. Men in their 40s and beyond (and honestly, the majority of our members fall into this category) should see their doctors to have regular prostate health check



Calvin Chua Philanthropic Trust

a good time to get your 'flu vaccinations too

News (10) RNZRSA National Darts Competitions





2026 RNZRSA NATIONAL DARTS CHAMPIONSHIP

Waitakere RSA, 39 Township Road, Waitakere

- Hosted by the Waitakere RSA
- Open to all returned, service and current service personnel

24 + 25
October 2026

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

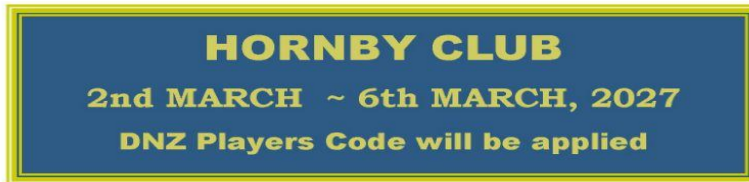
- Singles, Pairs, and Fours Competitions
- Entries close 4th October
- Contact: Russell Jeffery
021 810 960
russelljeffery@outlook.com

FACILITIES

- Full Bar & Meals Available
- Spectators Welcome

ENTRY & MEAL INFORMATION

- Entry Fee: \$60 (includes meal at presentation night)
- Additional Meal Tickets: \$30 each



Darts New Zealand Incorporated
58th SOUTH ISLAND TOURNAMENT
PROGRAMME

TUESDAY MARCH ~ 2nd

12 noon ~ Executive Meeting

Entries Close ...5.30pm

Open Singles Men's / Ladies

WEDNESDAY MARCH ~ 3rd

8.30am Youth & Junior Welcome

Entries Close ... 8.15am

Youth & Junior to Completion

Final Check In ... 12.30pm

Mixed Pairs to Completion

12.50pm ~ Official Opening + Youth / Junior Presentation

THURSDAY MARCH ~ 4th

Final Check In ... 8.30am

Men's Pairs to completion

Final Check In ... 10.30am

Ladies Pairs to completion

South-Island Premier Club .. Final

Teams to assemble during the Pairs Semi Finals

FRIDAY MARCH ~ 5th

9.00am Annual General Meeting

Final Check In ... 12 noon

Inter-Area Final

Final Check In ... 12.30pm

Ladies Singles to completion

SATURDAY MARCH ~ 6th

Final Check In ... 9.00am

Men's Singles to completion

8.00pm

Presentation & Cabaret

Starting time for each event will be announced from the control table after .."Final Check In "

DNZ TOURNAMENT FORMAT'S:

Mixed Pairs, Youth Singles:- Section play Best of 3-501 – qualifiers to one-life knockout. 5-501. Final Best of 7-501

Men's Pairs, Ladies Pairs & Singles:- Section play Best of 3-501 – qualifiers to one-life knockout Best of 5-501, Semi's Best of 7-501, Final Best of 9-501

Men's Singles:- Section play Best of 5-501 – qualifiers to a Best of 5-501 one-life knockout until the last 16 when the Best of 7-501 will be played, with the Semi's Best of 9-501, Final Best of 11-501

Non qualifiers Plate knockout's + Juniors. All events Best of 3-501, Final Best of 5-501

Entry Fees: \$40.00 per head, per event, (GST incl)

YOUTH & JUNIOR registrations allowed on the Day

JUNIOR registrations FREE

***** LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED *****



Dragon Trophies & Engraving



Dragon Trophies & Engraving

Entries close with your DARTS NZ, Area Executive Member on 1st December 2026

Tournament information, contact your own Area Executive Member

"\$500 PRIZE FOR FIRST NINE DARTER IN ANY SINGLES EVENT"

News (11) upcoming Picton events

**Every Sat
from 5pm**

Thirsty Pig's own raffles & Jokers Draw!

**Every Wed
from 5pm**

**Picton RSA & Club meat raffles, The Thirsty Pig,
27 High Street Picton**

**Every Wed
from 7pm**

**Picton RSA & Club quiz night, The Thirsty Pig
27 High Street Picton**

Sep 10 & 17 7-8pm	Dance Your Way to fun & fitness! \$2, Picton Little Theatre
Sep 19	Nominations for 2027 Executive Committee close
Sep 21 7-8pm	Dance Your Way \$2, Picton Little Theatre
Sep 25 4.30-8pm	Picton RSA & Club visit to Blenheim RSA \$5 per person for pick-up/drop-off; please phone John 022 067 9688 to book your seat in a comfy van for a fun, sociable early evening with our RSA comrades. Drinks, nibbles, raffles
Sep 27, 1pm	Picton RSA & Club AGM
Sep 28 7-8pm	Dance Your Way \$2, Picton Little Theatre
Oct 3 from 5 pm	Picton RSA 80th anniversary dinner



President's shout-out It was wonderful to attend our District Presidents' AGM at Club Waimea, where we had the opportunity to catch up with fellow Presidents from across Nelson, Marlborough and the West Coast. These gatherings are always a valuable opportunity to share ideas, discuss the challenges and opportunities facing our

Associations, and, importantly, listen to one another. It was lovely to hear about the triumphs and trials of the past year and to be reminded that while each RSA is unique, many of the things we experience are shared. Please email us if you would like to receive a copy of my report

I also had the privilege of attending the Merchant Navy Remembrance at Anzac Park in Nelson, where my husband Tony marched alongside his fellow Navy veterans. It was a particularly poignant occasion and a wonderful reminder of the importance of recognising all those who have served. We



also had our own Picton RSA Merchant Navy Remembrance on Thursday 03 September hosted by the Waitohi Tavern. Many thanks to **John Napier** and others who arranged this and made sure we all were invited (photos earlier in this newsletter)

Our 80th Anniversary celebrations are drawing ever closer, and excitement is certainly building! With numbers strictly limited to 80 people, I encourage anyone wishing to attend to get in touch with us as soon as possible to secure your place. This is a very special milestone for the Picton RSA, and we would love to celebrate it with you.

Finally, a little personal update from me. I remain non-weight bearing until 10 September and am very much looking forward to becoming a little more mobile after that! Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to send messages, check in, and offer your support while I have been navigating this rather inconvenient and uncomfortable adventure.

Your kindness has meant a great deal to me. As always, let's make sure that we take care of ourselves and each other. And remember, as I have now experienced firsthand, your RSA is here for you when you need us.



The poster is for the RSA's 80th Anniversary Dinner. It features a large red poppy on the left and a smaller one on the right. The RSA logo is at the top left, with the text 'CELEBRATING 80TH Anniversary' in the center. Below this, it says '1946 - 2026' and 'ANNIVERSARY DINNER'. A dark blue banner at the bottom left reads 'SATURDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2026'. To the right of this banner, there are three columns of information: 'FROM 5PM', 'VENUE EDIT HOTEL CONFERENCE ROOM', and 'TICKETS RSA MEMBER: \$40 NON MEMBER: \$60'. At the bottom, there is a call to action to email 'pictonrsa2@gmail.com' to book a ticket, with the date 'OCTOBER 2026' below it. A small icon of a calendar with a heart is also present. The phrase 'Lest We Forget' is written in a cursive font on the right side of the poster.

RSA
CELEBRATING
80TH
Anniversary
1946 - 2026
ANNIVERSARY DINNER
HONOURING OUR PAST • CELEBRATING OUR FUTURE
SATURDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2026
FROM 5PM
VENUE EDIT HOTEL CONFERENCE ROOM
TICKETS RSA MEMBER: \$40 NON MEMBER: \$60
Be part of this special milestone as we come together to celebrate 80 years of service, remembrance and community.
EMAIL TO BOOK A TICKET pictonrsa2@gmail.com
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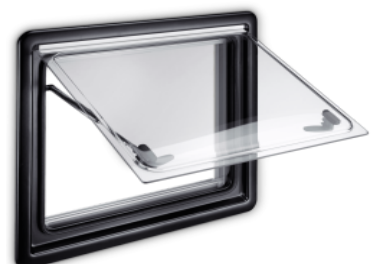
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PICTON RSA – MERCHANDISE

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



PICTON RSA – MERCHANDISE



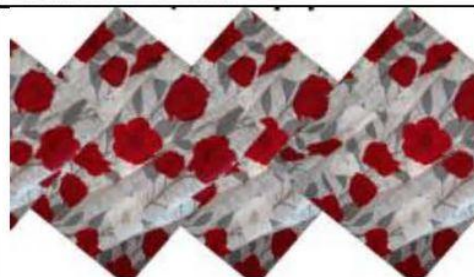
Picton RSA T-Shirts – Now \$30.00 each
Men's & Women's styles – sizes S-XXL



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



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Nominations for Executive Committee (EC) Membership 2027

The Picton RSA & Club holds its Annual General Meeting on Sunday 27 September 2026, 1pm @ The Picton Little Theatre, 7 Dublin Street

All current financial members¹ should attend & vote for a new Executive Committee to guide us through to next year's AGM. Nine (9) positions are available: President; Vice-President; Treasurer; & up to six (6) general positions which will, according to the interests & skills of the successfully elected, take responsibility for Administration; Events/Marketing; Finance; Transport; Support/ Welfare. Other tasks & co-options may be added as needed

Please nominate yourself &/or others to stand for election at the AGM. To do so, **please complete the form below & deliver to our address @ 36 Admiralty Place, Waikawa, Picton no later than Saturday 19 September 2026** (if you like, please submit a photo & a brief bio that can be disseminated to members prior to the AGM)

Current EC members welcome inquiries from people who want to know more about what EC membership entails

We, nominators #1 & #2 below, nominate the stated nominee for the circled position/s on the Picton RSA & Club Executive Committee 2026/27

Nominee's name, contacts, m'ship #				
Position nominated for (circle)	President	Vice President	Treasurer	General
Nominee's signature & date²				
Nominator #1 name, contacts, m'ship #				
Nominator #2 name, contacts, m'ship #				

Office use only: received (date)

(by)

¹Those who have paid their annual membership fee for 2026/27

² Signature & date indicates that the nominee is aware of & accepts the nomination