



TE AWAMUTU RSA

Monthly Newsletter

May 2025



TARSA Women's Section April Report

Our meetings are held at the RSA every month as follows:

1st Thursday - 10am - an informal morning tea and chat – Anyone is welcome.

2nd Thursday – 1.30pm is our General Meeting – All welcome as an observer to see if you would like to join us

4th Thursday – 10.30am is our Committee Meeting

Our next meeting is **8th May 2025** at the RSA with a Guest Speaker from the Council to talk about **REBATES** that can be deducted off our Property Rates, Water Rates, Regional Rates and others that we possibly don't know about.

Come along and enjoy some afternoon tea and friendship.

ALL WELCOME

Te Awamutu Women's Section

AGM

12th JUNE 2025

1.30pm

ALL WELCOME

PURPLE POPPY DAY

The TARSA put on a Purple Poppy Day celebrating all the previously served and currently serving animals. Both the odes were recited at the function. Although this was not a Women's Section alone initiative, there were a few of us who were involved in the preparation of the day and present on the day to help. It was a very successful evening.

NWA AGM WAIHI

The 20th Anniversary of the National Women's Association (NWA) AGM was held at Waihi in March over 3 days. There were four ladies attending who represented Te Awamutu Women's Section. There was an Op Shop theme where we attended a dinner wearing only Op Shop clothing although it was not a requisite. There was camaraderie with other clubs and Helen Riley performing into the night with gusto. A good night was had by all. Next year the NWA AGM will be held in Levin.

DISTRICT AGM WAIHI BEACH

Three weeks later during the first weekend in April, we attended the 20th Anniversary of the District AGM in Waihi Beach so it was back across the North Island once again. This was just an overnight stay away so not quite as tiring as the last one. Once again, we caught up with many from other clubs and then we were entertained by the effervescent HELEN RILEY.

Poppy Day went off without a hitch as per usual with our President, Elaine Wise at the helm.

Monday 14th April saw 3 ladies and 2 little girls aged 9 and 7 placing posies on the first two rows of plaques at the Te Awamutu Cemetery.

In March a few ladies went to Raglan for a day out. Fish and Chips at the Wharf went down very well. An enjoyable day was had by all.

April saw us make a trip to Lily Pad in Cambridge for lunch.

We have our ladies knitting Peggy Squares. Once folded a certain way they turn into bunny rabbits and these will be held in Ambulances and Hospitals for little children to squeeze while having the Blood Pressure taken or when having bloods done. The children then keep them to remember their visit. Patterns are available and this task is not restricted to our Women's Section. Anyone can knit the Peggy Squares and pass them on to us.

The following is a wonderful letter to St John's Ambulance Cadets from Farmfirst and Petfirst Veterinary, which they, in turn, passed onto us in relation to Poppy Day.

"Good morning

I wanted to share an amazing interaction I observed with one of my colleague and Alex from St John Ambulance Te Awamutu.

Alex and 2 of her fellow St John team members came into our Vet clinic this morning in Te Awamutu asking if anyone would like to purchase a Poppy. We happen to have just arrived from Colorado USA a new vet and he asked Alex what the meaning/reason was behind the poppies.

Well! As a born and bred kiwi, with family who have served in the various aspects of military and history taught from my schooling, I was absolutely blown away with how easily, passionately and articulately Alex was able to educate him on all things relating to Anzac and Poppy day.

From our relationship between NZ and Australia, the poppy fields, how we remember and acknowledge our returned serviceman.

Alex is a real asset to St John and a wonderful ambassador for this event.

If you could please share this feedback with the right audience as I would love her to be acknowledged for this amazing interaction.



I did tell her how impressed I was at the time with the amazing education he had just provided, but coming from her peers or supervisors might be nice too.

Thanks so much

Katrina Craig

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting and Election of the Executive Committee will be held at the RSA Clubrooms 381 Alexandra Street, Te Awamutu on

Sunday 15th June 2025 commencing at 1.00pm

Nominations for members of the Executive Committee open Friday 1 May and close Sunday 25 May. Forms are available from the Clubroom Office.

Notices of Motion must be in the hands of the Secretary by Sunday 25 May.

A Newsletter with nominated candidate profiles will be available at the Clubrooms on Friday 30 May. It will also be emailed to members. Voting for Executive Committee will be from Friday 30 May to Friday 13 June.

The Audited Annual Financial Report to 31 March 2025 will be available at the Clubrooms on the Friday before the AGM.

Graeme Ambler – Secretary/ Manager

Interested in becoming an Executive Committee Member?

The Industry – *A description taken from Clubs Australia of which Club NZ is a member*

Clubs play an important role in the lives of millions of members, visitors and employees across Australia and New Zealand by engaging communities, and providing social, sporting, and economic support across the country.

Licensed and registered clubs are not-for-profit, member-based organisations that exist to provide infrastructure and services for the community, and further a core purpose, such as the promotion of sporting activities or veterans' welfare.

Clubs contribute to their local communities through employment, cash and in-kind donations, and providing critical social support. In addition, clubs provide an affordable range of goods, services and facilities for local communities to enjoy, and mobilise thousands of community volunteers each year.

As local community organisations, clubs are highly responsive in addressing the needs of their members, guests and the broader community.

What does the Executive Committee do?

The Executive Committee is responsible for the governance of the Club. Governance sets the overall strategic direction, goals, policies and procedures of the Club. It looks to the future direction of the Club. It manages risk and ensures legislative compliance. The Executive develops strategic goals and direction and monitors the Club's performance to ensure it achieves its goals.

Governance:

- **Sets the Stage:**

Governance defines the Club's purpose, values, and strategic goals.

- **Establishes Frameworks:**

It creates the rules, regulations, and policies that guide decision-making and operations.

- **Focuses on Oversight:**

Governance ensures the Club is accountable and that its actions align with its values and goals.

A good relationship between governance and management is crucial for the Club's success.

- Governance is about "what" and "why," while management is about "how" and "who".
- Governance sets the direction, and management ensures the Club travels in that direction.

Analogy: In battle, strategy (governance) is deciding which hill to take; operations (management) is deciding how to take it.

Do you have the attributes and skills required to be actively involved with the governance of the Club?

- Honesty and Integrity
- Good Communicator
- Sound Judgement
- Strategic Thinker
- Problem Solver
- Financial Knowledge/Skills
- Work effectively with others – Teamwork; Collaboration

Members Draw

Monday, Wednesday and Friday around 6.30pm

Live Entertainment

Friday May 2nd Helen Riley from 7pm

Friday 16th Ebony Ivory from 7pm

Friday 30th Black Dice from 7pm

Special Events

Thursday 8th VE Day

Sunday 18th Indoor Bowls Competition

Thursday 22nd Pink Breakfast Fundraiser

Thursday 22nd Wine Community hosting a wine tasting evening \$20 pp

Saturday 24th TARSA 106th Birthday

Thursday 29th International Day of UN Peace Keepers

Thursday 29th 7pm Meet the Candidates

Corporate Sponsorship

Thank you to our sponsors and contributors to Te Awamutu RSA. Without their support we would not be able to do things to benefit our members. If your business is interested in reaching our members, please contact the office or email tarsa@xtra.co.nz. Please support those that support us.



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Directory

Want to know more? Here is our contact list:

Motor Sport Andrew Ross 027 496 5613	Women's Section Judith Steel 021 155 9217
Fishing Jim Perkins 021 278 4389	Indoor Bowls Linda King 021 238 7329
8 Ball Lyn Watson 022 122 8440	Darts Lyn Watson 022 122 8440
500 Card Club Jenny Magon 021 042 9945	Travel Club Loma Sattler 027 4905849
Outdoor Bowls Judith Cato 07 871 5388	Mahjong Robin Jackways 027 266 2259
Wine Club Ann Lincoln 022 300 5362	Welfare Paddy Shannon 027 346 6588 welfareteawamutursa@gmail.com
Bingo Graham Harvey 07 871 3707	Knitting Group Karen Morgan 027 606 0113
Pool Competition Graham Harvey 07 871 3707	Health Shuttle 07 870 3258 www.tahs.org.nz

COURTESY VAN AVAILABLE FROM 4PM DAILY.

We pick up from home and/or drop you off at your home –
within 12km radius of club rooms.

Talk to Bar Staff or phone 07 871 3707 extn 4

Alternative Transport Taxi TA A2B ph: 07 392 8808

Adjunct & Interest Groups are the backbone of TA RSA. Members are encouraged to contact those on the directory list and to get involved. Likewise, adjuncts and interest groups are encouraged to contribute to this newsletter letting people know what your group is doing and encourage new membership. Email your news to tarsa@xtra.co.nz for inclusion.

Weekly Club Activities

<p style="text-align: center;">Monday</p> <p>Bar Opens 11am-9pm Restaurant Lunch 12-2pm, Dinner from 5pm Monday Swindle Members Draw from 6.30pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday</p> <p>Bar Open 11am-9pm Restaurant Lunch 12-2pm, Dinner from 5pm 500 Card Club 1pm</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday</p> <p>Bar Open 11am-9pm Restaurant Lunch 12-2pm, Dinner from 5pm Knitting Club 10.30am Raffles from 4.30pm Members Draw from 6.30pm Indoor Bowls from 7pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday</p> <p>Bar Open 11am-9pm Happy Hour 4.30-6.30pm Restaurant Lunch 12-2pm, Dinner from 5pm \$10 Lunch 1pm BINGO</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Friday</p> <p>Bar Open 11am-11pm Restaurant Lunch 12-2pm, Dinner from 5pm Mahjong 1pm Raffles from 4.30pm Jokers Wild Members Draw from 6.30pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday</p> <p>Bar Open 11am-10pm Restaurant Lunch 12-2pm, Dinner from 5pm</p>
<p>Sunday</p> <p>Bar Open 11am-9pm Restaurant Lunch 12-2pm, Dinner from 5pm Sunday Night Roast</p>	

SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS

Its time to renew your subscription, due 31 March 2025.

• Members \$50	• Member Partner \$40
• Returned Service \$35	• Service \$ 40
• 75 plus \$20	• 90 Plus Free – please advise renewal

Our preference is for you to pay direct to Te Awamutu & District Memorial RSA bank account **03 0442 0100594 00** using your membership number as reference. Alternatively, please pay at bar when they are not busy using cash or eftpos. Once payment is received, we will provide a tax invoice if requested and new cards will be available at the club for pickup two weeks later (depending upon RNZRSA performance)

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REMEMBRANCE CALENDAR - May		
1	Vampires of 14 Sqn, RNZAF carry out first operational strike mission since WW2 in Malaya.	1955
2	Liberation of Trieste, Italy	1945
5	75 (NZ) Squadron participates in the first major bombing raid of Germany, targeting oil production facilities in the Ruhr.	1940
6	Second Battle of Krithia (The Daisy Patch), Gallipoli	1915
8	Victory in Europe (VE Day), WW2	1945
12	RNZRSA Birthday. 1st meeting of Provisional Executive Committee.	1916
15	Operation Grapple - Nuclear Bomb Testing. 15 May 1957 date of the first exposure at Malden Island.	1957
20	Battle of Crete	1941
21	Cyprus: New Zealand Police arrive in Cyprus to serve with the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus. This is the first overseas operational deployment of the New Zealand police.	1964
24	Battle of the Atlantic. Turning point of the struggle for the vital sea lanes	1943
29	International Day of UN Peacekeepers. Commemorate all who have served as UN Peacekeepers	Annually
29	United Nations Truce Supervision Organisation (UNTSO) established. First and oldest UN Peacekeeping Mission. NZ first commits troops in 1954.	1948.
31	HMS New Zealand in action during the Battle of Jutland	1916

HAPPY HOUR

Thursday 4.30pm – 6.30pm

Discounted Tap Beer and Wine

‘Come in and catch up with your mates’



Super Schnitzel

Wednesday \$18

Available from 5pm on Wednesdays

Come to the RSA for one of our delicious Schnitzels

Beef Schnitzel with an onion gravy

Chicken Schnitzel with an Italian tomato sauce

Pork Schnitzel with caramelised apple jus

Gluten-free schnitzel available for an extra \$2.00

All served with fresh coleslaw and potato wedges

VOLUNTEER SUPPORT WORKERS REQUIRED

Please Contact our LSA Paddy Shannon direct 027 346 6588 if you have a few hours to help with this important service Te Awamutu RSA provides to veterans and members

WINE TASTING

We are excited that this event is hosted by Community Wine. This is a special event hosted by a special group of people dedicated to wine and customer experience.

Thursday 22 May at 7.30pm. \$20 pp Tickets available at Bar

(Limited to 20 people)



Mother's Day

Sunday 11th May 2025

LUNCH & DINNER \$26pp

Roast pork with potatoes, kumara & peas,
served with gravy, apple sauce & crackle

Sticky date pudding served with
caramel sauce, ice cream & cream

Book now to avoid disappointment



HISTORY OF THE TE AWAMUTU MAHJONG CLUB

10 years ago Robin Jackways and Pauline Chidlow and 2 others started playing Mahjong together. Sometime later after visiting 5 different properties we approached the RSA about using their premises to play Mahjong on a regular basis, up until that time we had been playing in each other's homes which we had outgrown. We needed space to grow our rapidly expanding group. The RSA were very accommodating and we started playing there Friday afternoons and Tuesday nights.

We formed a committee to help run things, held lessons for new members and had a few rules. All must become RSA members, no exceptions. We charge \$2.00 per person on play days and that enables us to keep our equipment up to date, we were very grateful to have some sets donated, etc by members. Once we were up and running we were saving money and each year we have paid it forward by donating back to the RSA and the Poppy Trust. Some years it has been up to \$2500.00. During Covid some of the members made personal donations to help the club get through a very difficult financial time. We encourage our members to support the RSA in all ways, drinks and meals etc, it is an on going process.

Therefore the Mahjong club was disappointed to get told that some RSA members had asked what value did we add to the club? Our 50 members who buy drinks after Friday Mahjong (up to 20 some days), buy lunches prior to playing, stay for dinner and bring friends and family members for meals. We bring members in at a time when the club is quiet but most of all we give back financially. If a fellow RSA member has an issue with the Mahjong club please come to us and discuss it face to face or discuss it with Graeme Ambler. The less gossip the better, we are all working to a common goal, making our RSA thrive.

Robin Jackways, Chairperson, Te Awamutu Mahjong Club



PINK BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

We're hosting a Pink Ribbon Breakfast event to help fund breast cancer education, patient support, research, and advocacy.

When: 11am Thursday, 22 May 2025

Where: Te Awamutu RSA, 381 Alexandra St, Te Awamutu

Tickets \$25 pp with \$5 going direct to Breast Cancer Foundation together with proceeds from Auctions and Raffles.

Please consider a donation direct to Breast Cancer Foundation:
<https://fundraise.bcf.org.nz/fundraisers/GraemeA>

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
TE AWAMUTU AND DISTRICT MEMORIAL RSA (Inc.),
HELD AT THE RSA CLUBROOMS, 381 ALEXANDRA STREET, TE AWAMUTU,
ON TUESDAY 18 March 2025, COMMENCING AT 7.00PM**

PRESENT: D. van der Hulst (Chair), J. Wood, G. Smith, A. Mitchell, L Brown, T. Findlay, P. Watson, A. Paterson, A. Lincoln, A. Ross,

IN ATTENDANCE: G. Ambler (Secretary), T. Wood, P. Shannon, J. Knowles, P. Bishop.

1. WELCOME:

The Chair welcomed everybody to meeting.

2. APOLOGIES:

RESOLVED that the apologies from K. Wright, M. Peterson, be received and sustained.

L Brown/ J Wood

CARRIED

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Members reminded to update the register

4. MINUTES OF MEETING

RESOLVED that meetings of 18 February 2025 minutes are a true and correct record of the meetings.

G Smith/ A Mitchell

CARRIED

Matters Arising

- a) Photo Descriptions still outstanding
- b) Poppy Stock is sufficient.
- c) Women's Section letter sent
- d) Grant Applications paid
- e) East Timor film release still in production but confident to be released by ANZAC
- f) Purple Poppy Day supported with L Brown in attendance.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

Summary of February Financial Report provided

To follow-up with Pool Club and Pool Table Coin machine costings

RESOLVED to receive Monthly Financial Report.

A Lincoln/ A Ross

CARRIED

RESOLVED that Management Finance Report is received

T Findlay/ G Smith

CARRIED

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RESOLVED Accounts for payment of \$66,286 be approved for payment.

P Watson/ A Mitchell

CARRIED

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT – 31st JANUARY 2025

TE AWAMUTU & DISTRICT MEMORIAL RSA INCORPORATED FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT – 31st JANUARY 2025

Application of Funds Received from the Repayment of Loan by the Ivor Walter Stickley Charitable Trust Balance Online Saver 31.0125: \$3,842 \$40,777 was transferred from the Online Saver account to the operating account as there were insufficient funds to pay December's accounts payable (\$95,931) and the GST for the period ended 30th November 2024 (\$17,257). The amount withdrawn included the \$25,690 that had been set aside for capital expenditure.

CASH FLOW MANAGEMENT As proposed last month, \$50,000 will be transferred from the term deposit account when it matures in early April. Planning for audit and DIA costs will be carried out at that time.

2025 AUDIT Graeme will contact the auditor and discuss expectations and timeframe withing the next week. The Finance Committee will support Graeme with audit preparation.

FINANCE COMMITTEE With the resignation of Murray Hancock, the committee has had only 2 members and as the main restructuring work had been completed this has not been an issue but with the 2025 audit coming up and the pressing need for significant strategic planning, a further member is needed.

STRATEGIC PLANNING The Club operations are uneconomic. While there has been improvement on the 2024 position and there has been positive progress, the outlook is not favorable, and the Club will return to crisis point in 12 - 18 months if changes are not made. The development of strategies to ensure the viability of the Club is vital. The current work on increasing turnover continues but significant change is necessary. It is suggested that the Executive hold a strategic planning meeting where ideas can be put forward. Major development is required – how have other Clubs revitalized their operations? What actions have others taken to ensure they survive – amalgamation, expansion, sell/lease back, other investment. Look at all the options. Decide which are worth further investigation. If we keep doing what we're doing, we will keep getting the same result Insanity – doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.

6. MANAGERS' REPORT

Managers' report tabled.

P Watson to look at Firewood opportunity

J Wood to look at transport opportunity

A Lincoln volunteered to follow-up phone call to outstanding subscriptions towards end of April.

RESOLVED to receive Managers Report.

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7. CORRESPONDENCE

- Term Deposit Confirmation Certificates
- TA Brass Thank You
- Neil Rendle cease & desist
- Bill of rights
- TA Cadets - 2nd hand boots
- Letter of Complaint – member bullying
- Women's Section - invoice 1053

RESOLVED to approve correspondence in and Out

T Findlay/ A Paterson

CARRIED

8. SUPPORT SERVICES**Activity**

- February was a quiet month with little new activity to report on the local scene.
- We are still working with veterans regarding VA benefits. At times the response to requests has been slow, due to either the workload of the VA Case Managers, or to local contractors being unable to respond because of heavy current commitments. We have dealt with/are dealing with several veterans on matters relating to obtaining benefits or upgrading the range of benefits they currently access.
- Regular monthly visits to Rest Homes by the DSA, LSA and Volunteer Support Workers. There are currently 32 people, 3 are associate members, who we try to visit monthly to make sure the Club stays in touch with them, and to check if there are any issues that we can help with.
 - We have recently had another of our VSW's resign, so the DSA now visits one home, the LSA, three and our remaining 2 VSW's, two rest homes.
- The Health Shuttle reports that they assisted 27 of our members with health visits to the Waikato Hospital and specialist appointments in February.
 - They report an issue that they suspect that some of those claiming to be RSA members, aren't. I advised them that the club has told its members that they are to present their membership card to the driver when boarding to prove their entitlement, which should ensure that only those entitled to the benefit of their services receive them.

Days Travelled	19
No of Clients	110
No of RSA Members	27
Vehicle Mileage	4472
Volunteer Hours	332.5

Staffing

We need new people to take on the roles of:

- Volunteer Support Worker: people who, after completing an introductory course covering Privacy (handling confidential information), the RSA Code of Conduct and a Police Check, can visit Rest Homes as a representative of the Club.
- Local Support Advisor: so that the individual workload doesn't get too large, and that there is always cover when one or the other is away.

Paddy Shannon, Local Support Advisor, Te Awamutu RSA
18/3/2025

RESOLVED receipt of report

A Ross/ L Brown

CARRIED

9. GRANTS

Nil

10. HEALTH & SAFETY

No incidents to report.

11. New Members

RESOLVED to accept the following new members to Te Awamutu & District Memorial RSA.

T Findlay/ A Lincoln

CARRIED

Paul Judson, Cindy Reweti, Kathleen Watson, Reuben Jerry – Emery, Kiriona Jerry-Emery, Claudia Lyons, Everest Finch, Richard Gibson, Roland Vickers, Shona Sloan, Adam Evison, Chas Charlton, John Dixon, Margaret Parker, Kim Lester, Barry Lang, Dianne Paterson, Grant Scott, Kim Tautari-Scott, Errol Newlands, Cameron Steel, Lisa Steel, Shane Ward, Jennifer Norris, Sarah Ewen, Hamish Ewen, Pamela Thomson, Sharon Spooner, Tabitha Jeanes, Joshua Graham, George King, Russell Jenkins, Tiana Kirk, Vicki Spooner, Raymond Cullen.

12. Sub Committees

Core Values:

- Poppy Day list is up
- Kawhia being supported by Poppy Trust
- Kihikihi site has been cleaned up and have organised Town Hall free of charge for a free morning tea.
- Patriots will be doing whole of Pukeatua service,
- Ag Research, Denise Adams, Tokanui Memorial is of significance and we are to touch base with her prior to going in and cleaning up.
- 27/3 7am Memorial Bridge unveiling. To meet in front of Sunken Cross.
- Cemetery Cross layout 9am 10/4
- ANZAC Green Cross layout 9am 16/4

PR:

- Times are challenging. Membership is being pushed.

R&M:

- Removed names from brick wall and placed in frames.
- Minor wall repairs
- 43 labels printed and installed on crosses
- New Labels Pukeatua
- Crosses to Ohaupo School
- Roof rust repairs undertaken
- Gas fire working well

GENERAL BUSINESS

AGM will be 15th June 2025

JW provided quotes to re-screw roof. Funders to be approached

There being no further Business, the Meeting was **closed** at 9.33 pm

The **Next Meeting** is scheduled Tuesday 15 April 2025 at 7pm.

CONFIRMED

ACTING PRESIDENT

Te Awamutu & District Memorial RSA



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*Congrats to
the Te Awamutu & District Memorial RSA team*

Andrew Priest, Executive Director