



Tuesday 01 April 2025 (11am-1pm) @ the Picton Library
Wednesday quiz night (from 6.45pm) 02, 09, 16, 23, 30 Apr 2025
Thursday club night (from 4.45pm) 03, 10, 17, 24 April 2025
@ the Back Bar, Texas Tea Bar & Grill, 18 High Street, Picton

Newsletter April 2025

Patron Peter Bugler, QSM, JP

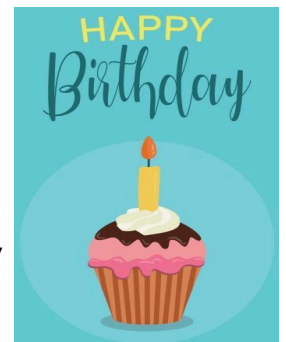
What is the most important thing in the world? It is people, people, it is people, it is people!



**He aha te mea nui o te ao?
He tangata, he tangata, he tangata!**

April birthday people: all the best!

Carolyn, Peter, Tania, Martin, Chris, Maurice, Michael, Gyllian, John, Nigel, Warren, Michael! We hope you have had, & will continue to have, a healthy, happy & relaxing time with good cheer & company. We hope to see so many more of you at our club room for our regular & special events



Last post:



We sadly farewell member **William (Bill) Brownlee** who died last month. Bill's life was wonderfully celebrated at a packed funeral ceremony at Endeavour Park. We note especially that Bill has had the distinction of being both a returned & a 90+ member of our Picton RSA & Club. Our warmest thoughts & condolences to his family/whānau. *Lest we forget*

Reviews

Reporting back from a **members-only get-together** on the afternoon of Saturday 22 March 2025, featuring not only a delicious free sausage sizzle, but also a relaxing opportunity for members to provide written & verbal feedback on their thoughts about the future of our club, after our first year of operation in our new venue & coming up to our second ANZAC Day gathering after the dawn parade & ceremony. Below, the Executive Committee shares both the feedback & its responses to it ... but first, so many people to thank: **TonyG** for doing the BBQ honours; **BrianH, JeanH, MareeG, & JoyF** for all the prep, serving & clearing away; **GregC** for cleaning the BBQ; & of course the **Texas Tea Bar & Grill** for allowing us to host this in their sunny courtyard on a lovely day. It would be good to know if members are interested in another such event



| <i>Suggestions</i> | <i>Responses</i> |
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| family day movie | <input type="checkbox"/> Have to check copyright/licensing issues re public screening <input type="checkbox"/> Costs a fair amount per year: not worth it? People take their children to Benheim for movie outings or watch DVDs, Netflix, Disney+ etc at home |
| once a month, a general public "tour" or family day to for show & tell of the memorabilia displayed on the walls | <input type="checkbox"/> Research/source relevant information (could museum help?) <input type="checkbox"/> Who would do presentations? <input type="checkbox"/> How to promote? <input type="checkbox"/> Would there be a charge? Action revisit after ANZAC |
| offer school / scouts sessions about the memorabilia displayed on the walls (good for run-up to ANZAC Day?) | <input type="checkbox"/> As above <input type="checkbox"/> not enough time to do this year Action revisit in time for next ANZAC |
| record & display transcripts of veterans' memories | <input type="checkbox"/> Could ask schools for senior students to do interviews / transcribe? <input type="checkbox"/> Museum has done these Done JohnW approached museum |

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| <p>source and install (where?) A3-sized snap frame</p> | <p>On merchandise table to display poster explaining RSA to overseas visitors Done DebP has provided A3 plastic sleeve for display</p> |
| <p>source (from defunct RSAs?) & display shield-shaped RSA sign</p> | <p>Feel we are advertising / displaying enough with posters, fence banner, sandwich board</p> |
| <p>source (Trade Me \$55.99 + \$6 pp) and install (where?) A3-sized "poster" cabinet (like the one in the mall) for insert ads, posters for RSA activities</p> | <p>Feel we are advertising / displaying enough with posters, fence banner, sandwich board</p> |
| <p>We are giving too much information via newsletter (too long), FB, website etc so members don't feel they need to come to the club</p> | <p>Offer members the following options (1) delete the newsletter email from your inbox when it arrives (2) respond to newsletter email & request "unsubscribe" (3) dump newsletter. People can access FB, website &/or read poster on outside railings Done DebP with this newsletter</p> |
| <p>Why are we not having three-monthly meetings for all members to gather casually, no agenda, just brainstorm?</p> | <p>This was the first of such meetings; given the attendance, is it worth repeating? Done DebP with this newsletter</p> |
| <p>What's with distributing the RSA Matamata newsletter?</p> | <p>Part of our earlier outreach to other clubs resulted in several clubs sharing their newsletters with us, to foster collegiality & spread info about each other Done DebP with this newsletter (1) delete such newsletter emails from your inbox when it arrives (2) respond to such newsletter emails & request "unsubscribe"</p> |

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| | (3) ignore communications from & existence of other clubs |
| Bingo Sundays | Started this; hopefully will pick up with 25 May Sunday lunch & later Sunday afternoon roast lunches |
| <i>Follow-up feedback from a member</i> | <i>Responses</i> |
| <p>Firstly a good idea but I will say poorly executed.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A bbq with little food, sausages, onions not best bread and tomato sauce....maybe nice bread, spreads and patties? Don't be cheap! 2. No reminder of the event 3. No activities for grandkids (weekends are grandies time) 4 feedback sheet was a piece of blank paper, unprofessional 5. maybe a prize draw 6. Use of the PA system, welcome from president <p>I know this sounds and yes is negative. The idea was good but chance was lost. If you look at who turned up, same as club nights!</p> <p>Ps.... either buy or find a FULL gas bottle... the club has the funds.</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 It was conceived & advertised as a free, low-key, casual, get-together sausage sizzle 2 One email invitation, two email reminders, March newsletter, poster outside TB&G, announcements at least three preceding club nights; FB, website. What did we miss? 3 If any had been there, we would have provided toy box / books / puzzles. Could have more on hand, like games, next time (if there is a next time) 4 Blank paper was felt to be friendlier / more casual than the usual formal feedback form we have in each newsletter. I thought RachelG going from table to table was a nice personal direct approach (DebP) 5 ✓ 6 ✓ <p>There was plenty of gas available? We didn't run out?</p> |

Notices

(1) The original date of 22 March 2025 for **RNZRSA's** online-only **Extraordinary General Meeting** about its proposal for a new national Constitution has been postponed until 12 April 2025. The associated by-laws & model constitution for individual clubs to use were noted as companion documents, but have not yet been sighted. The Picton RSA & Club will be represented at the EGM by **President Rachel Greig & Executive Committee member Brian Henstock**



Leading up to this meeting, months of draft documents, online information sessions, verbal & written arguments have been circulated to all RSAs. Way back at the beginning of this process, we advised all members that we would be happy to forward on any & all information that we received; four (then three) members indicated that they would be interested in receiving such; accordingly the inboxes of everyone else have been left "untouched" - but hopefully, all will be aware of the issues (which have even been covered in national media form time to time)

President Rachel Greig will attend a forum hosted by our District (Nelson, Marlborough, West Coast) President in Greymouth on 04 April, & will report back to us before the EGM on 12 April. We welcome any comments / feedback you may like to make known to us about this process. These will be considered by the Executive Committee at its subsequent meetings, & shared with you via its minutes

(2) Friday 11 April 2025 Poppy Day Appeal



Our supporters will be out on the streets in force on the day to collect for our Poppy Trust, which holds all donations received to provide the support & welfare services that we offer to our local veterans & their families/whānau. Before the day, of course, you will see our Poppy Boxes all over town, "hosted" by our supportive local bars, cafés, mall, shops, etc

There of course are **weekly opportunities to purchase poppies**, plus many ANZAC-themed pins, badges, brooches etc (see pages 15 & 16) & raffles at our clubroom every Wednesday & Thursday nights. Wearing these taonga show our remembrance of those who have served as well as raising much-needed funds for eligible local people

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Tickets available now

MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT BRASS BAND

ANZAC Concert

“Liberation of Le Quesnoy 1918”

Featuring Soloists:
Graham Moseley on Soprano Cornet,
Clynton Payne on Tenor Horn,
and vocalists
David Moseley and Iona Panoho.

ASB Theatre Marlborough
Saturday 12th April 2025
7:30pm

Concert Sponsor
ASB
WESTERN ENERGY

Online bookings at asbtheatre.com

(4) Friday 25 April 2025 ANZAC Day Dawn Parade & Ceremony at the foreshore memorial & later at te pou on the foreshore. Afterwards, of course, we will host our usual function at our clubroom only metres away,



in the Back Bar at the Texas Tea Bar & Grill, 18 High Street. The scenes below from last year will show how many members & visitors joined us to “break our fast” after what is always a sombre, beautiful & moving event for everyone



Please contact us if you would like to join with the many others who volunteer for collecting on Poppy Day Appeal & for preparing for our "only-one-in-Marlborough" ANZAC Day dawn parade & ceremony on the foreshore



(5) When visiting us, please

ALWAYS OFFER TO SHOW YOUR CARDS (RSA, CLUBS NZ, NZMCA) TO BAR STAFF - WHEN THEY SIGHT IT, THEY CAN OFFER YOU MEMBERS' DISCOUNTS ON DRINKS & MEALS! TAKE UP OUR FREE TRANSPORT OPTION THURSDAY NIGHTS BY CALLING/TEXTING 020 485 4891 TO ARRANGE A RIDE (FREE, BUT A DONATION OR KOHA ALWAYS WELCOME). SUPPORT YOUR CLUB BY JOINING IN OUR EVENTS, BUYING RAFFLE TICKETS & MERCHANDISE (WHICH YOU CAN ORDER (CASH ONLY) AT THE CLUB, OR FROM OUR FB PAGE, OR BY EMAIL)

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35th SEDDON SHIELD
2nd - 4th MAY 2025
MOTUEKA MEMORIAL RSA



MOTUEKA
RSA

ANNUAL DARTS TOURNAMENT – CLUBS NEW ZEALAND

2nd - 4th May 2025

Hosted by Motueka Memorial RSA
49 High Street
MOTUEKA

PROGRAMME

| Friday 2 nd May | |
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| 10.00am | Ladies Pair's Report |
| 10.15am | Official Opening |
| 10.30am | Ladies Pair's Begin |
| 1.00pm | Men's Pairs Report |
| Saturday 3 rd May | |
| 9.30am | Ladies Singles Report |
| 10.00am | Ladies Singles Begin |
| 1.00pm | Men's Singles Report |
| 1.30pm | Men's Singles Begin |
| Sunday 4 th May | |
| 9.00am | Delegates Meeting |
| 10.00am | Mixed Pairs Report |
| 10.30am | Mixed Pairs Begin |

PLAY FORMAT: All section play is round robin, Double start, Double Finish, best of 3 legs 501.
Qualifiers shall enter a 2 life knockout best of 3 legs 501 to the life final.
Each life final is best of 5 legs 501, if there is an overall final, best of 7 legs 501.
Non Qualifiers enter a 1 life knockout best of 3 legs till the final which is best of 5 legs 501.

REGISTER: To register your team, complete the attached sheet and pay online using "Seddon" as code and "club name" as reference and pay.
Motueka Darts Club: 03-1354-0651219-00 \$10 per person per event

ALL FORMS TO BE RETURNED NO LATER THEN 4th APRIL
suncitymoney@gmail.com 0273105031

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A **special wine offer for RSA members!** Don't miss this terrific offer from **Laithwaites Wine**. As an RSA member you can savour a top-notch selection of 14 bestselling favourites for just \$139.86 (delivery included).



- A new vintage of Sam Trimboli's beloved Black Duck Durif
- Spicy Double Gold medal Shiraz from the ever-impressive John Quarisa
- An exotic blend of Petite Verdot and Shiraz with 92pts, and more

Sip your way through autumn with these 14 satisfying reds, all for the fantastic price of \$139.86. But hurry – they won't be around for long! White and Mixed options also available at the same low price. **Call 0800 004 612, quoting the code '9503001'**

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CLUBS
NEW ZEALAND INC

Captain Cook
MOTOR LODGE

NATIONAL MOTORCYCLE RALLY
GIBBORNE 2025

Motorcycle RALLY
APRIL 4TH & 5TH 2025

EARLY BIRD SPOT PRIZE 2x Nights Accommodation RALLY Weekend

Join our motorcycle rally, and be first to see the sun

FRIDAY - MEET & GREET
SATURDAY
MORNING - BIKE SHOW - COSSIE CAR PARK
AFTERNOON - SCENIC RIDE
EVENING - DINNER, PRIZES AND BOOGIE DOWN

Get Entry Forms from your Club or
<https://cossiemcgizzy.wixsite.com/motorcycle-rally/rego>

MEMBERS' NOTICES

PRICE REDUCED!: 22' ex-cray boat converted for recreational fishing & weekenders. Solid FB Marlborough hull, inboard Volvo diesel (overhauled & maintained by diesel mechanic): lots of extras (life jackets, spares, top-notch fishing gear etc! (**Trade Me #488449422**)





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Rose & Terry Hepworth

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The Admiral Motel is situated at 168 Bealey Avenue in Christchurch and we would like to extend a warm welcome to all members, their families and staff of the Picton RSA.

As with most clubs, patrons and staff members travel from time to time whether that is for leisure, sporting activities or work commitments, we would like to offer a 10% discount on our Admiral Motel website rates and hope that we may see you at some time in the future in Christchurch. If anyone requires accommodation simply telephone the Admiral Motel and let us know the Club that you are a member of and we can process your booking over the telephone.

We are located 10 minutes from the centre of the city, all major motorway links are within 10 minutes of our motel and the Airport is a 15 minute drive.

Room types:

1): 2 x studio units;

Both units are located 1 story up on a second level; each unit contains 1 queen bed and is suitable for 2 people. Each unit has a stove top, kitchenette, bathroom with a shower and separate toilet. Coffee and tea are supplied along with hygiene products. Each unit has a refrigerator and a T.V. (suitable 2 people) – not suitable for children under 18 years.

2): 2 x 1 bedroom units;

Both units are ground floor units, each unit has 1 bedroom containing a queen bed and 2 single beds, these units have a full kitchen, lounge with dining table, T.V, bathroom with a bath and a separate shower, separate toilet, Coffee and tea are supplied along with hygiene products. (Suitable 1 – 4 people).

3): 2 x 2 bedroom units;

Both units are on the ground floor, each unit has 2 bedrooms, bedroom 1 contains a queen bed and 1 x single bed, bedroom 2 contains 2 single beds, these units have a full kitchen, lounge with dining table, T.V, bathroom with a bath and a separate shower, toilet, coffee and tea supplied along with hygiene products. (Suitable 1 – 5 people)

Regards,

Rose and Terry.



Above & Beyond ...

To **everyone** who helped with the BBQ: prepare & set-up before; serve & clear during; & "pack out" afterwards to provide a get-together for members at our free sausage sizzle & feed-back session - also to many thanks to everyone who took the time to come along!

To **JoyF**, who braved a chill wind to greet cruise ship visitors from behind our merchandise table outside the Texas Tea Bar & Grill - some useful sales were made (\$113), & interesting conversations were exchanged with folk who were not familiar with New Zealand's RSA organisation (but they are now!)



To **Rose & Luna's Sparkle Project**, whose recent workshop raised \$110 which was kindly donated to the Picton RSA (see **Merchandise**, pages 15 & 16 for more details)



Executive Committee Update

The third meeting of 2025 took place on Sunday 23 March (the day after our sausage sizzle & feedback from members' session). Several foci:

- 1 what was learned from members post-sausage sizzle, & brainstorming ideas about how to put the "do-ables" into place (**spoiler alerts**: we **can't** do it all alone, & we **do** need more support from more people)
- 2 our response to the RNZRSA & other proposals & implications for us

3 as always, viability was a "thing" alongside the usual queries:

why-oh-why do only 5%-10% of our members regularly attend club & quiz nights?

why-oh-why does no one step up to join the Executive Committee?

The latter was able to confirm arrangements & details for our first **Sunday roast lunch 25 May 2025** from 12.30. The cost is **estimated** to be \$35 per person (at this stage - **tbc** by email later) & will include:

- one** roast pork **or** carvery meal with vegetables, gravy etc
- one** bingo card per diner
- one** raffle ticket to be in to win a variety of treats &/or a meat pack

This will go ahead **only if we have a minimum of 20 people** (everyone welcome, not just members), so please, when confirmed, place your order & pay your fee of \$35 per person into our bank account with your name/s & "May roast lunch" as references. We will have to confirm numbers a week before. The bar will be open & member discounts apply

2024/25 Executive Committee

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| RachelG (President) | Marketing, Outreach, Social Media |
| JohnW (Vice-President) | TTB&G liaison, Support, Welfare, Transport |
| JoyF (Treasurer) | Finance |
| BrianH | Marketing, Outreach |
| DaveC | Immediate Past-president |
| DebP | Admin, Newsletter, Phone |
| JohnN (ex-Committee) | Quiz, Support, Welfare, Transport |
| DaleW (ex-Committee) | Advisor |
| BruceS (ex-Committee) | Raffles |

President's report

Meeting & talking one-on-one with the members who came to the BBQ was a real highlight for me - right up there with enjoying husband Tony's beautifully-cooked sausages! Over the coming months, I plan to continue my personal phone calls to all our members, to touch base & listen to their ideas

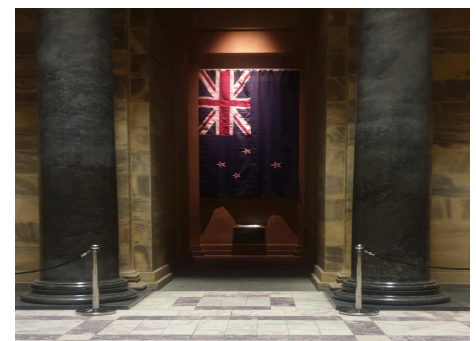
Tony & I were lucky enough to visit a very special place while



recently in Melbourne - **the Shrine of Remembrance**, built to honour Victorians who died in WWI (1914-18), but now providing a place of remembrance for all those who have served Australia in war

Officially opened in 1934 by Prince Henry Duke of Gloucester, the original memorial building was inspired by one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World - the mausoleum at Halicarnassus in South West Asia Minor. Since its opening, other memorials have been added to the site: the WWII Memorial Forecourt & the post-1945 Memorials

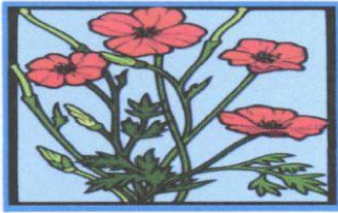
Like our own New Zealand ANZACs, thousands of Australians died & many were buried in graves far from home. The entire site, then & now, provides a place where families can remember their loved ones & reflect on the courage of those who served both overseas & at home



People helping people

| <i>Blenheim</i> | <i>Picton</i> |
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| <p>The Veteran's Support Hub seeks to support ex-military to access help via Veterans' Affairs, RSA or MSD.</p> <p>Support worker available monthly at Sowmans Funeral Lounge, Hutcheson & Parker Street, Blenheim 7201: third Thur of each month from 10am</p> <p>Contact Janice Marshall 021 071 6242 janicemarshall34@gmail.com</p> | <p>We offer home & hospital visits, & local transport. Also at the Picton Library, 1st Tues each month 11am- 1pm, we hold outreach/advice sessions</p> <p>Picton is a small town; we often hear things through the grapevine but direct referrals are welcome. We take care to preserve people's privacy & confidentiality, & are always grateful to hear from & about people who might welcome contact with one of our support/welfare officers</p> |

April Upcoming Events















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HERE

EVERYONE WELCOME

@ Back Bar, Texas Tea Bar & Grill

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| Quiz night  | Wed 02 Apr, 6.45pm | \$5 per person |
| Meat raffles  | Thu 03 Apr, 4.45pm | \$2 per ticket |
| Quiz night  | Wed 09 Apr, 6.45pm | \$5 per person |
| Meat raffles  | Thu 10 Apr, 4.45pm | \$2 per ticket |
|  Poppy Day  | Fri 11 Apr, all day Everywhere in Picton | Donation |
| Quiz night  | Wed 16 Apr, 6.45pm | \$5 per person |
| Meat raffles  | Thu 17 Apr, 4.45pm | \$2 per ticket |
| Quiz night  | Wed 23 Apr, 6.45pm | \$5 per person |
| Meat raffles  | Thu 24 Apr, 4.45pm | \$2 per ticket |
| ANZAC Day Parade, Ceremony  | Fri 25 April, 6am High Street Picton | Free |
| Quiz night  | Wed 30 Apr, 6.45pm | \$5 per person |

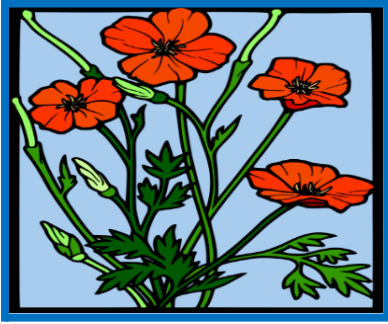
Remembrance, Support, Advocacy ...

... is what the RSA is all about. This kaupapa includes our community, so **please support our locals like they support us!**



PROUD EMPLOYER OF
FIRE AND EMERGENCY
VOLUNTEERS
HE RŌPŪ KOTAHI TĀTOU





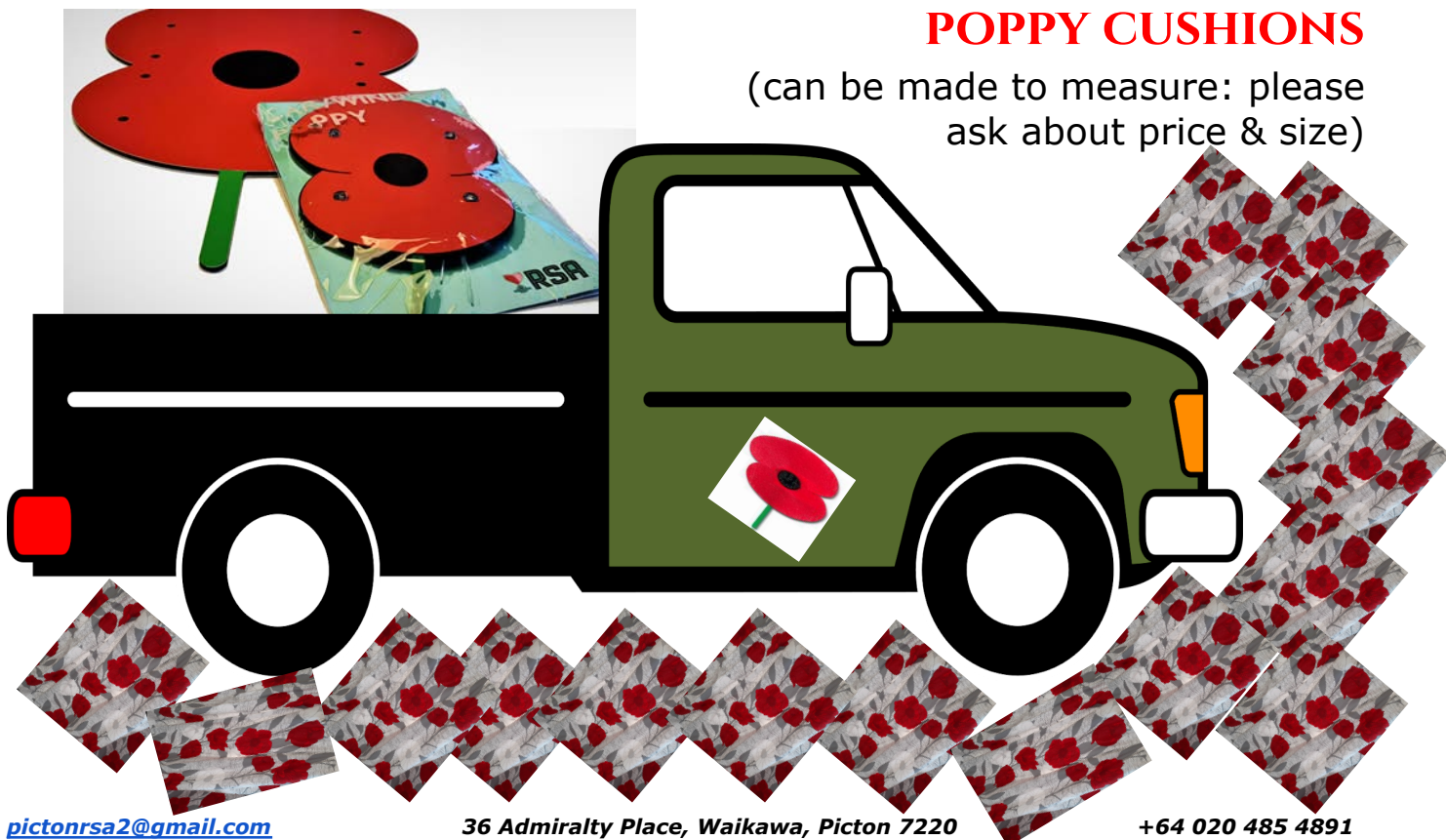
MERCHANDISE

You know that every bit of income we generate helps us to fulfill our mission to meet the needs of our members. We hope that our "merch" will appeal not only to locals, but also all those cruise ship & ferry folk who have made High Street & surrounds such a busy & bustling place throughout the summer (we know at least two teeshirts are USA-bound!)

NEW! Your ride should be as **R**emembering, **S**upportive & **A**dvocating as you! We can now offer ANZAC poppies for you to buy to adorn your vehicle. Bolt-able or cable-tie-able - whatever suits, these will send a proud message to all, that you are right behind the RSA's mission to remember, support & advocate for those who serve

POPPY CUSHIONS

(can be made to measure: please ask about price & size)





BEANIES \$20 each



CAPS \$25 each



same logo & graphic but **white** graphic on **black** background

TEE SHIRTS \$35 each **white** background, **black** graphic



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This graphic has your back ⇒



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BADGES & PINS (prices tba) With Poppy & ANZAC Days just weeks ago, get ahead of the curve & order yours now



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