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## WEEKLY EVENTS

### TUESDAY

10:00 am      INDOOR BOWLS

### WEDNESDAY

6.00 pm      NORTH HARBOUR SPECIAL OLYMPICS – INDOOR BOWLS

### THURSDAY

10:00 am      INDOOR BOWLS

7:00 pm      HOUSIE

### FRIDAY

4:00 pm      CLUB NIGHT

5.30 – 7.30      MEALS

6:00 pm      ODE

**Monthly Member Mingle Meetings** 3rd Wednesday of the Month at 10.00 am.

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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2024

Kia ora members,

As we approach the end of the year, it's incredible how fast time has flown by. This year has been filled with both challenges and successes, and I'm proud of what we've achieved together as an RSA.

One of the highlights of 2024 was undoubtedly Anzac Day. We had our largest turnout ever, and it was truly moving to see so many people come together to reflect and ensure this special day continues. The atmosphere was remarkable, and I'm proud of how our East Coast Bays community continues to uphold this tradition with such respect and dedication.

It was also fantastic to see our new venues, the Bays Club and Speaker's Corner, being so well supported this year. The turnout at both locations was overwhelming, and it's heartening to see how we continue to grow as an RSA family. These partnerships were a wonderful addition to our Anzac Day commemorations, and I'm excited to see them continue in the future.

I also want to take a moment to extend a massive thank you to all the East Coast Bays RSA committee members and volunteers. You've put in countless hours of voluntary work just to keep this RSA running, and your dedication doesn't go unnoticed. Without your hard work and commitment, none of this would be possible, and I am deeply grateful for everything you do.

This year hasn't been without its struggles, especially for those of us who are business owners. The tough economic climate has tested us all, but through it all, we have shown resilience and stuck together as a community, supporting each other in every way we can.

Looking ahead, 2025 will be a very special year for us as it marks our centenary! As we approach this milestone, I'm filled with pride and excitement. One hundred years of service in the community is an incredible achievement, and I'm confident that we will celebrate it in a way that honours our history and the generations who have come before us.

I want to thank each of you for your continued dedication to the East Coast Bays RSA. Whether you've volunteered, attended events, or simply shared in the camaraderie that defines our community, you've made this year a success.

Here's to 2025 and all that it promises!

Ngā mihi,

**Ali Martin**

President

East Coast Bays RSA



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# VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2024

Another year has gone by, and it has been full on since our last AGM.

For starters we had our Annual Christmas Luncheon for our over 75 Returned Members. It was a great turn out and a very festive and joyous occasion was held by all.

Next in line was the Browns Bay Christmas Parade, with the presence of 3 Military Vehicles, thank you NZMVC for letting us bling your Vehicles once again with tinsel, it definitely is fun to part of and is a great way for ECB RSA to be seen in the Community.

The end of year Cadet Units and Vanguard Presentations were attended by your various Committee Members to show our support, and Trophies were supplied by ECB RSA to be awarded to the most outstanding Cadet from T.S. Bellona, No. 6 Squadron (North Shore) ATC, North Shore Army Cadets, Hibiscus Coast & Bays Sea Cadets and Vanguard Military School. We are grateful for the help the Cadets and students give to us during the year also, especially for our Poppy Appeal.

Acknowledgement, Remembrance and Wreaths were also laid to "Remember Them" such as on Armistice Day and Vietnam Veterans Day.

Our two biggest days of the calendar year is obviously Poppy Day and ANZAC Day. Both the North Shore Combined Dawn Parade and Service, and the ANZAC Day Memorial Parade & Service, once again exceeded last year, seeing the Community come together and take the time to "Remember Them" is truly heartwarming.

There is a lot of work also being done in the background to keep things running. A massive SHOUT OUT of THANK YOUS to all our Volunteers, Poppy Team, Driving Team, Welfare Team, our various Functions Teams, Executive Members (especially Julie) and our President, Ali, you all play a vital part in keeping the wheels rolling for our ECB RSA. Members we Thank you also for your support, ECB RSA is definitely moving forward in this ever-changing world. We all have the one thing in common, the Respect, Comradeship and Compassion for all our Veterans and our Community.

That's about it, but it will be an even busier 2025, as we are now organising for our Centennial. More information will be sent in due course. See you at our Monthly Moments held on the 3rd Wednesday or our Friday Club Night. Till then take care, look out for each other, stay in touch and make the most of each day.

**Donna Stewart - ECB RSA Vice President**

# WELFARE SUPPORT SERVICES REPORT 2024

This past year has been very much status quo. The Veteran Affairs has made an effort to improve their services and consequently for a period suspended some aspects of their assistance to Veterans. This was quite frustrating from our end. However, VA is now back in full operation, and I recommend all Veterans, Returned and Service alike visit their website and see what is available to each and every one of you and if you qualify. Every aspect is confidential with the member however I can say it has been most rewarding to see assistance being achieved throughout the year in various ways.



As with any assistance, there are many communities and government based agencies which should be a first port of call (along with VA) which are best to see if assistance can be provided from them.

Behind the scenes, led by Anthea Avery, our volunteer drivers do a magnificent job ensuring our members get to their appointments and other duties we carry out for compassionate reasons. However please ensure that appointments are made after 10am and do not fall on public holidays and annual celebrations.

## Commemoration

Attendance at the funerals of our members is a priority. Again, this year there has been very few to attend, as we find that many families are not aware of the tributes, we can provide in honouring their military service.

However, some servicemen, or their family elect not to have an RSA presence, and only wish a private family service.

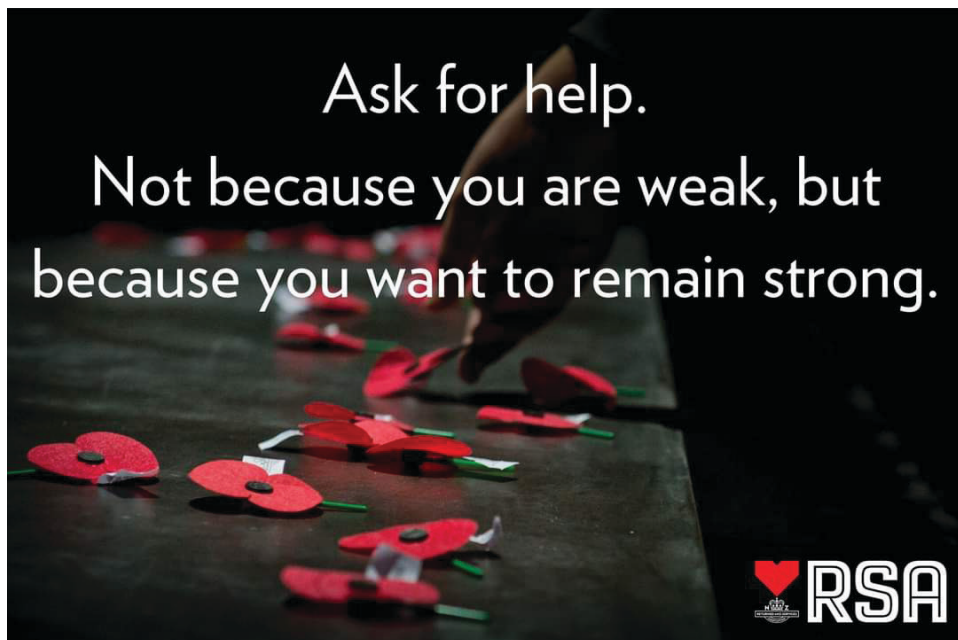
It is always an honour to provide the traditional servicemen's farewell on their passing i.e., the playing of the Last Post, reciting The Ode, and the playing of the Reveille. Part of this tradition is the importance of having the correct Ensign draped on the casket and medals displayed in the correct position if so wished.

We are only a phone call or email away.

**Graeme Rodgers JP**

Local Support Advisor, East Coast Bays RSA

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# LAST POST

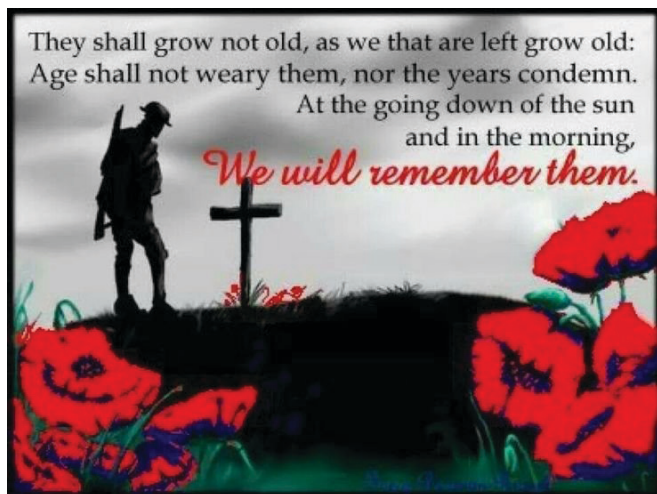
(In alphabetical order, not date of death)  
October 2023 to September 2024

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BUCHANAN N	232474V	MITCHELL P M	809318
CAREY P	W/277607	MORLEY L G	Y16720
CARSTAIRS G R	344931	MOUNTAIN J H	W41696
CONWAY O J	NWRNS45587	SWINDALE C E	NZ712835
DAWSON E	NZ15066	THOMPSON B W	NZ342861
FOOTE J E	452413	TISDALL W N	NZ436008
GEORGE R	H746587	WYATT W D	204289
HARKINS B J	209840		

We honour those members who have recently passed on.

The President and Executive Committee and members offer their  
condolences to the families for their loss.

*May Your Loved One's Rest in Peace*



# POPPY DAY / ANZAC DAY

## Poppy Day 2024

Poppy Appeal total collected this year was \$35,600, a little down on last year but still a great achievement considering the financial struggle many are facing these days. This figure is based on the combination of Poppy boxes we place in shops and businesses locally from April 1st and the actual Poppy Appeal weekend which this year was April 19-21st. Our East Coast Bays Community has always been very supportive though, and our RSA collection was ahead of many other Auckland RSAs. We would like to acknowledge the great support from local Airforce Cadets No. 6 (North Shore) ATC, and Navy Cadets T.S. Bellona together with students from Vanguard Military School. Also, our many wonderful members who volunteered their time.

I would especially like to thank our Poppy sub-committee of Colin Milne and Eileen Mills-Newman who in my absence this year, were able to run things as usual. We are very aware of the long hours that are required particularly over Poppy weekend co-ordinating volunteers, distributing, collecting and recording boxes. It is a busy time in our calendar and if you would like to volunteer for the 2025 Poppy appeal, please call into the RSA office as we always need new volunteers each year.

## ANZAC Day 2024

This year's Anzac Day was nothing short of extraordinary, with the East Coast Bays Community coming together in record numbers. It was amazing to witness the largest turnout we've ever had. Our local cadet units and Defence Force personnel were out in full force, contributing to what was also their largest representation at the event. The participation and support from everyone was truly heartwarming.

It's always a highlight to see people of all ages attend both the Dawn and Civic services, a reminder that the significance of Anzac Day resonates across generations. A special thank you goes to all our dedicated volunteers, with particular recognition to Donna Stewart, who works

tirelessly behind the scenes. Donna begins organising both services six months in advance, and her hard work ensures everything runs smoothly.

After the services, it was fantastic to see the Bays Club and Speaker's Corner filled to capacity for the after-events. We are incredibly grateful for your generous donations and support on the day. These venues provided a perfect setting for the community to come together in fellowship and remembrance.

It was also lovely to see so many of our veterans in attendance, especially Captain John Foote, who has been a long-standing figure within the RSA. Sadly, just after Anzac Day, John passed away, as did several other cherished RSA members. This makes this year's Anzac Day all the more poignant in our memories. We will carry their legacy with us as we continue to honour the sacrifices of those who served.

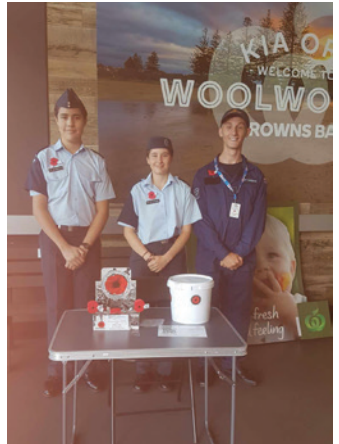
We thank everyone for their participation and support, making this year's Anzac Day a truly unforgettable one.

Ngā mihi,

**Ali Martin**

President, East Coast Bays RSA









## FRIDAY CLUB NIGHT AT BROWNS BAY BOWLING CLUB

We have a group of members who regularly visit the Bowling Club on Friday nights for a catch up and we always recite the Ode at 6pm. With Summer on the way and more daylight hours, we look forward to seeing more members on Friday nights.

RSA members can enjoy a nice meal prepared by the lovely Lynette. Main meal changes each week, usually \$20.00, and chicken or beef hamburgers and chips \$15.00, plus loaded wedges or munchies basket are regular menu items, and a small homemade desert is included with a purchased meal. Please phone Lynette on 021 257 1181 if you have any enquiries regarding meals. The Bowling Club is looking very smart now that the renovations after the flood have finally been completed with new flooring and bathrooms. Don't forget they also have a library you can use at any time and a small room with jigsaw puzzles to takeaway and return. Remember our members are welcome in the clubrooms any time, (Bar opens in afternoons) and you are also able to have meals on a Thursday night as well (Bowling Club, Club night). See our weekly events on page 3 of this handbook for other RSA activities e.g. Housie and Indoor Bowls.





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## 2023 RETURNED VETERANS' CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Another great end of year Christmas luncheon was held for our 75 years plus Returned members at the Bays Club with entertainment by The 3 Decibelles. Although numbers were down on previous years, everyone enjoyed the delicious Christmas feast and the chance to catch up and mingle with other members. This function for our Veterans has been a tradition in our RSA for many years which we hope to continue.

Again, I would like to thank the Committee and our volunteers for helping on the day and looking after our guests. Newsletter invitations will be emailed out in November for this year's function to be held again at the Bays Club on Sunday 15th of December. Please remember to RSVP on time to confirm your attendance.

**Julie Windybank**

ECB RSA Executive Committee



# BROWNS BAY SANTA PARADE

Another fun day for all was had at the Browns Bay Santa Parade. NZMVC turned up once more with 3 US military vehicles. Thanks Paul, John and Harry for letting us bling your vehicles again. Thank you to our Executive committee, No. 6 Squadron (North Shore) ATC, North Shore Army Cadets, TS Bellona and Vanguard Military School for handing out lollies (no throwing allowed). I am sure having your presence in the Parade may inspire other young and upcoming youth to join a Cadet Unit. It is certainly a most enjoyable day that ECB RSA has within our Community.

**Donna Stewart**

ECB RSA Vice President



## **East Coast Bays RSA Trust**

Our welfare vehicle –  
Toyota Yaris, kindly donated by the estate of

**John Charles Mackay 10017147**

**Thank you, Sir**



## WOMEN'S SECTION 2024

The Women's Section is still currently in recess, but they are looking at reviewing this in the very near future and any information on this will be emailed to the members via our monthly newsletters.

## 8 BALL SECTION

Since last year, 8 Ball has been in recess. If any members are interested in starting up again, please contact our office. About 14 members used to play on a Wednesday night, occasionally playing doubles and a minimum of 4 games. Start time was 7.30pm and a \$2 charge per night. The tables are also available for members anytime during the day.

## RSA WELFARE GROUP – MONTHLY MEMBERS' MOMENTS

This year we have continued successful informal get-togethers at the Pavilion behind the bowling greens. This venue has been ideal for our small group, although we can take more newcomers. Topics for discussion have continued to be unplanned but enjoyed by those present. One meeting day we had lunch across the road at the Aria Bay café. Sometimes we have to resort to Mr. Google when we have forgotten a date in History or a definition - eg. What does D day stand for?

The Welfare Group meetings are still on the same day of the month (the third Wednesday 10am). It is a most enjoyable, social, and educational get-together (morning tea provided). Come and associate with a very friendly group who will listen to you. If you have anyone you feel could talk to us, please let us know in advance with the topic they would talk about. Thank you to Julie for all the work you do to keep us going.

**Barbara Ellis**



# HOUSIE REPORT

Thursday night Housie at 7.30pm is running well with a good turnout of regular attendees. There is usually a raffle, and snacks and meals are enjoyed from the kitchen. We must thank Lionel our caller, and Paulina for making it a fun night and Karl for look after the finances.

## TUESDAY AND THURSDAY INDOOR BOWLS CLUB

We have had another good year, and our members look forward to catching up and playing bowls each week. There is no change to the committee, it remains the same as last year, Robin Brown (Vice President), Yolanda Noakes (Secretary), Ann Bauke (Tues Treasurer), and Jenny McIsaac (Thurs Treasurer) with myself remaining as President.

We haven't had a mid-winter lunch this year, mainly due to sicknesses but will have an end of year Christmas luncheon. We are having a very good working relationship with Browns Bay Bowling Club, and this is great for both parties.

A long-term member of our indoor bowls, Nola Coulam and Life Member of our RSA, has been in hospital and we all wish her well and a speedy recovery

**Jeff Lynes – President**

ECB RSA Indoor Bowls

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# NORTH SHORE CADET FORCES



The youth on the North Shore remain well served with plenty of options for fun and educational Cadet Force units. The outputs and achievements of their cadets are a credit to the people who donate their time and effort to providing the programme of events and raising the funds that these units need to carry on. East Coast Bays RSA is proud to support these groups again this year.

In September, ECB RSA attended the annual 5 Sqn (Rodney District) Mess dinner at Ellerslie Racecourse. The officiating officer was Chief of Air Force AVM Darren (Digby) Webb, accompanied by Mrs Donna Webb. AVM Webb spoke fondly of his time in the Air Training Corp and the lifelong friends he made through ATC events and activities. No 5 Sqn unveiled their new Sqn emblem at the dinner. They have selected a stylised '5', with symbology linking to the heritage and endeavour of the squadron. Congratulations to the award winners on the night. A great night was enjoyed by all.

No 6 Squadron (North Shore) ATC were proud to see one of their own graduate from RNZAF Wings Course this year. They are also quietly proud of their shooters this year too, having beaten No 5 Sqn (Rodney) in their annual Alex Williams Cup shooting competition, and second in the Eden Roskill competition in August.

T.S. Bellona continue to parade in the historic building on Buckley Ave, Hobsonville while they eagerly await the commencement of the Marine Centre near the Catalina Ramp at Hobsonville. They have seen strong enrolment (20+ new cadets). Cadets have enjoyed a full programme of training and activity with highlights including Operation Takahe, Regional Regatta and Inter-Unit Combined Sports day.

Hibiscus Coast Sea Cadets, the newest cadet group in our area, is growing well from its 2023 beginnings. Their website and facebook pages are up and running and they have a good base of members and sponsors.

Once again, it was wonderful to see such a good turn out from the Youth Cadet groups at ANZAC Day Parades this year. They are a credit to their units and their families that turn them out. If you know a young person who is interested in joining on of the cadet groups here are a few key contacts. Of course, contact information is also available on the internet or social media.

## Contacts

No. 5 (Rodney) ATC – Phil Scarborough, 021 662485 -  
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No. 6 (North Shore) ATC - Alex Koppenaal - alex.koppenaal@cadetforces.org.nz

North Shore Army Cadets - Pete Gilliland - armycadets.ns@gmail.com

T.S. Bellona - Murray Lithgow - murray.lithgow@cadetforces.org.nz

Hibiscus Coast & Bays Sea Cadets - Sacha Belcourt -  
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# NORTH HARBOUR SPECIAL OLYMPICS



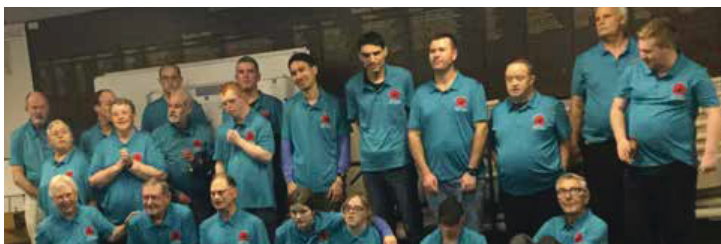
Your RSA together with Browns Bay Bowling Club has been the sponsor for North Harbour Special Olympics for several years now, by providing coaches, managers, and helpers for club nights every Wednesday evening and thanks to BBBC for allowing us the use of their indoor bowling facility. We muster between 22 and 24 each Wednesday for an hour of play. Four times a year we travel to another club where we compete against other teams from the Upper North Island for what we call a Ribbon Day. Although these games are very competitive, each team gets a coloured ribbon to take away as a prize.

Special Olympics has now spread around the world and a lot of countries now have their own S.O. organisations and compete internationally in many sports that are the same as you would see at the Olympics and the Para Olympics. Of course, there are some sports S.O. cannot participate depending in the type and severity of disability and many countries would not have the financial resources that others have, because, I guess Special Olympics does not have the same level of spectator appeal.

Within our own North Harbour club, we do send some of our best athletes to compete elsewhere in NZ at the Nationals. As you might expect, depending on the degree of disability our teams and individual athletes competing at the Nationals are judged depending on the degree of disability.

Without naming anyone, we do have some talented athletes in our club, in swimming, athletics, and team games such as netball and basketball. Our bowlers come each week from several care homes (one, as far away as Dairy Flat) for an hour of indoor bowls. Our teams and the games that we play do require to be properly managed and refereed so we rely on the dedication of volunteers, coaches and minders, to provide an even selection of teams, to keep the score and to oversee the order of play so that the evening's games run smoothly. Some players are very familiar with the order of play while others need to be guided, however, they all seem to thoroughly enjoy their night and maybe go home with a prize.

Organising and controlling of the games depends on Harjeest, Richard, Laurie and the scorekeeper Lorraine, cashier Kay and the minders and carers who bring the teams to play on a Wednesday evening with a special mention to Barbara as our rep on the North Harbour Board.







WW2 Veteran, John Foote (age 102)  
and his son Roger Foote attending  
ANZAC Service 2024



*It has been an honour and a privilege to  
have known John and Roger over the years.  
Sadly, John passed away 31 May this year.  
You will be missed by many, kind Sir,  
“We will Remember Them”*



*Members enjoying catch up at a monthly meeting.*

# NOTES



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