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Officers And Executive 2025

President:	Alisdair Martin
Vice President:	Donna Stewart
Treasurer:	Teresa Cousins
Executive Committee Members:	Julie Windybank Graeme Rodgers John Wright Sharon Catterall Logan Cudby
Womens Section Representative:	(In Recession)
Patron:	Geoff Ockleston
Padre:	Sean Cloete
Local Support Advisor (ECB):	Graeme Rodgers
ECBRSA Trust Trustees:	Alisdair Martin Donna Stewart Graeme Rodgers James Martin Andy Peters



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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

5.30 – 7.30 MEALS

7:00 pm HOUSIE

FRIDAY

4:00 pm CLUB NIGHT

5.30 – 7.30 MEALS

6:00 pm ODE

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Agenda

**NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF THE EAST COAST BAYS RETURNED AND SERVICES ASSOCIATION (INCORPORATED)
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE BROWNS BAY BOWLING CLUB CLUBROOMS 784 BEACH ROAD, BROWNS BAY
ON SUNDAY 12 OCTOBER 2025 AT 10.30 AM**

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies**
 - 2. In Memoriam – The Ode**
 - 3. Minutes of Annual General Meeting – October 2024**
 - 4. Matters arising from the Minutes – October 2024**
 - 5. Correspondence**
 - 6. President’s Report**
 - 7. Treasurer’s Report**
 - 8. Notices of Motion**
- (a) That the members of the East Coast Bays Returned Services Association Club (Inc) agree to permit the Executive Committee of the said club to submit the changes to our rules and constitution as required by the Incorporated Societies Act 2022 for re-registration of our club by 6th April 2026.**
- 2. That any alterations to those changes as advised by the Incorporated Societies be made without further consultation and resubmitted to comply by the 6th April 2026.**
 - 3. This motion only applies to the rules and constitutional changes to the paragraphs listed as per the Incorporated Societies’ Constitution Checklist.**

Rationale:

It is a time consuming process to work through the required changes as published by the Incorporated Societies so that our constitution and rules comply with the new 2022 Act.

If any amendment or change is advised by the said Incorporated Societies then the above motion allows those changes to be made so as we comply and can re-register the Rules and Constitution of our Club.

Agenda

The Incorporated Societies advised us by email that we can attend to this matter at our AGM as a motion put to our AGM attendees and voted on with a simple majority.

(b) In line with Para 45(a) that the requirements of an Election of the President i.e Para 25 (e) be suspended for a period of 12 months.

Rationale:

In the current political climate within the RNZRSA and the current legal challenge to Version 18 of the constitution and its ramifications, the current Executive Committee are of the opinion that we need to retain the current stability of its Executive to:

1. Support the legal challenge and to work through the outcome of that legal challenge, and
2. That our current very good relationship with the Local Community Board and the Auckland City Council in relation to ANZAC day running needs to be retained. Reduction in the assistance that the Auckland City Council are prepared to allocate to the running of ANZAC Day has long been debated and we expect significant input from the ACC.

9. Election of Officers and Committee

- President
- Vice President
- Executive Committee

10. Appointment of Other Elected Positions

- (a) Patron
- (c) Solicitor
- (d) Padre

11. General Business

Minutes Of The AGM - 2024

10. Election of President

The Returning Officer was called upon to read the written nomination received for President. One nomination has been received. Therefore, nominations for President were declared closed.

Moved J Wright **Seconded** J Windybank
Carried

Nomination received – Alisdair Martin – declared President unopposed

Moved J Wright **Seconded** J Windybank
Carried

11. Election of a Vice President

The Returning Officer was asked to read the written nominations for Vice President. One nomination has been received. Therefore, nominations for Vice President were declared closed.

Moved J Windybank **Seconded** G Rodgers
Carried

The result of the election - Donna Stewart be declared as Vice President.

Moved J Windybank **Seconded** G Rodgers
Carried

12. Election of the Committee

The Returning Officer was asked to read the written nominations received for Executive Committee Members:

- Julie Windybank
- John Wright
- Graeme Rodgers
- Logan Cudby
- Sharon Catterall

It was noted that Will Culley was stepping down due to his Naval commitments. The President asked for a show of thanks for Will's contribution to the executive for the past several years.

Moved A Martin **Seconded** C Milne
Carried

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ANZAC Day Planning and Feedback

- ANZAC Day is increasing in popularity and size, necessitating a potential change in location for future events.
- 100th Anniversary Celebration: Next year marks the 100th anniversary, and there are plans to organise a special event to commemorate this milestone. Feedback from members on the type of event is encouraged.
- Venue Considerations: The Bays Club is considered a suitable venue due to its capacity of approximately 350 people. The event may require additional arrangements, like marquees, due to its growing size.
- Community and Business Support: Local businesses benefit from the event, with significant bar takings reported. Contributions from businesses include free kegs and food, valued at approximately \$6,000.

Julie Windybank thanked Eileen and Colin Milne for their efforts as volunteers for ECBRSA for this past year.

The President thanked all those who had provided information for the AGM.

The meeting closed at 11:00 am

Signed.....

Dated.....

Appendix – District President’s Address

National Conference and District Updates

- **Invictus Team Support**

- The Auckland district raised \$50,250 to support the Invictus team after a funding shortfall from the RNZRSA National Office.
- ANZAC Day Attendance: The event saw high attendance, with more service personnel than at the Auckland Cenotaph.

National Conference Insights

- **Leadership and Structure**

- The RNZRSA National Board now includes high-ranking military officials, which has led to concerns about over-promotion and a lack of open dialogue.
- Documentary Timor Liste Funding: The district committed \$15,000 to support a documentary on the 25th anniversary of Timor, emphasising the importance of storytelling in military history.

National Meeting and Governance Issues

- **Initial Meeting Setup**

- The 2024 National Conference was initially delayed due to a lack of quorum, which could have been resolved by starting the meeting on the first day as per the constitution.
- Graham and Keith Ingram stayed back to ensure transparency and accountability.

- **Integrity and Financial Concerns**

- Graham emphasised the importance of integrity, especially concerning funds like the poppy money, which is considered “blood money” and should be handled with transparency.
- A discrepancy was noted in the national funds collected for Poppy Day, with \$137,000 collected but only \$26,000 reported by the RNZRSA Poppy Trust chairman.
- The acting Chief Executive claimed the account was frozen, but this was contradicted by the RNZRSA Poppy Trust chairman, B.J. Clark.

Appendix – District President’s Address

- **Financial Deficits and Governance**
 - The RNZRSA National Office has experienced deficits in three of the last five years, raising concerns about the business model and financial management.
 - There is a need for rule changes to ensure fair governance and discipline within the incorporated society.

RSA Membership and Bylaws

- **Membership Concerns**
 - The National RNZSA requires local RSAs to sign up to their corporation rules, which could bind them to bylaws that can be changed at any time.
 - Graham advised caution in signing up to these rules without full knowledge of the bylaws.
- **Community Engagement**
 - Emphasis on the importance of community connection for the survival of RSAs in New Zealand.
 - Graham praised the efforts of the East Coast Bays RSA in community engagement and support for veterans.

Financial Transparency and Accountability

- **Fund Allocation**
 - Concerns were raised about the allocation of funds, such as the \$137,000 from Text-a-poppy and other fundraising activities.
 - Graham criticised the RNZRSA National Office for competing with its own organisation, which could lead to financial mismanagement.
- **Support for Veterans**
 - Graham expressed gratitude for the support provided to veterans and the community by the ECB RSA.
 - A request was made for donations to support the Vietnam Veterans Association, which is experiencing declining membership.

Presidents From 1933

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1934-38	G.W. MITCHELL	1970-74	A. ANDREW
1938-40	N. ARMITAGE	1974-75	R.G. WINDYBANK
1940-41	G. WEMYSS	1975-77	W. REEVES
1941-42	W. GREGORY	1977-79	F.E. BUTLER
1942-44	W. KNOWLES	1979-80	F. HYSLOP
1944-45	A. PARK	1980-85	T.M. HOBBS
1945-47	G. WEMYSS	1985-93	R.G. WALKER
1947-48	K. MCDERMOTT	1993-95	G. SPEARY
1948-49	M. DONOVAN	1995-98	J.J.T. LINKLATER
1949-50	G. PEARCE	1998-01	J. FLEMING
1950-52	J.O. STONE	2001-04	T.R. HOSKIN
1952-54	M. DONOVAN	2004-05	J.J.T. LINKLATER
1954-55	T. HALL	2005-06	T.R. HOSKIN
1955-56	J. BARTELS	2006-09	G. J. OCKLESTON
1956-58	I. PIRRETT	2009-10	J. FLEMING
1958-59	M. DONOVAN	2010-13	G. J. OCKLESTON
1959-62	I. PIRRETT	2013-16	N. PANTRY
1962-63	S.G. GOSDEN	2016-18	K. J KAY
1963-64	I. PIRRETT	2018-19	A.J.F. MARTIN
1964-65	T. HALL	2019-21	J.R.F. MARTIN
1965-66	C. WILLIAMSON	2021-22	J.R.F. MARTIN
1966-67	T. HALL	2022-25	A.J.F. MARTIN
1967-68	R. LOVEGROVE		
1968-69	R.H. GREVILLE		

President's Report 2025

As the current president of the East Coast Bays RSA in our centenary year, I am deeply honoured to reflect on what this milestone means to me and our community. Celebrating 100 years of service and camaraderie is a testament to the enduring spirit and resilience of our members, both past and present. This centenary year is not only a time to look back with pride but also to celebrate the vibrant and active role the ECB RSA continues to play in our community. From providing welfare support to veterans, to engaging with local schools and cadet groups, our commitment to service remains unwavering.

The dedication of our committee members, like Donna Stewart and Julie Windybank, ensures that the legacy of the ECB RSA will continue to thrive. As we prepare for this year's centenary events, such as our annual Poppy Appeal, Anzac Day, and our veterans' lunch, I am filled with gratitude for the opportunity to lead such a remarkable organization. Here's to another 100 years of service, remembrance, and community.

Reflecting on our history, it's inspiring to see how the ECB RSA has evolved and adapted over the decades. From our humble beginnings in the Browns Bay Surf Club and Progress Hall to our current home at the Browns Bay Bowling Club, we have always been a cornerstone of the East Coast Bays community. The stories of our past presidents and the vibrant events hosted in our original Memorial Hall are a testament to the strong bonds and shared experiences that have shaped our organization.



Looking ahead, I am excited about the future of the ECB RSA. We are committed to preserving our heritage while also embracing new opportunities to serve our members and the wider community. The heritage display at the

East Coast Bays Library and the veterans' lunch are just a few examples of how we are celebrating our centenary year. As we continue to honour our past, we are also focused on building a strong and inclusive future for the next generation of members. Together, we will ensure that the spirit of the ECB RSA remains alive and well for many years to come.

Our annual Anzac Day dawn service in Browns Bay, which has been a tradition for 71 years, is a poignant reminder of the sacrifices made by our servicemen and women. The setting on the waterfront, with its striking resemblance to Anzac Cove, adds a profound sense of connection to our history and heritage. The dawn service is more than just a ceremony; it is a gathering of our community to honour and remember those who have served.

The participation of representatives from all military bases on the North Shore, along with the Air Force's magnificent flyover, underscores the significance of this event. The generous breakfast provided by the ECB RSA and the support from local cafés and bars highlight the strong community spirit that defines Browns Bay. It is heartwarming to see the Defence Forces turn up in numbers each year, with the Navy, Army, and Air Force all providing strong support.

One of the most special aspects of our Anzac Day services is the ongoing support from the Salvation Army Band and the New Zealand Police Pipe Band. Their presence adds a deeply moving and solemn atmosphere to our ceremonies. The stirring sounds of the bagpipes and the heartfelt music from the Salvation Army Band resonate with everyone in attendance, creating a powerful tribute to those who have served. Their dedication and support over the years have become an integral part of our Anzac Day tradition, and we are incredibly grateful for their continued involvement. Their contributions help us honour our fallen heroes in a truly meaningful way, and we look forward to their participation for many years to come.

Community involvement has always been at the heart of the ECB RSA. We are proud to support local initiatives and provide resources for those in need. Our welfare car service, which transports veterans to medical appointments, is just one example of how we give back to our community. The car, driven by our dedicated volunteer Anthea Avery, ensures that veterans receive the care they need. Additionally, we work closely with the Vanguard Military School,

providing cadetships and support for their students. Our contributions to the Remembrance Army, Invictus Games, and North Harbour Special Olympics further demonstrate our commitment to making a positive impact.

The ECB RSA also hosts a variety of events and activities that bring our community together. From indoor bowls and Housie to our weekly club nights, we offer opportunities for members to connect and enjoy each other's company. Our Friday night gatherings complete with home-cooked meals and discounted drinks, are a highlight for many. We also recite the Ode at 6pm. These events foster a sense of belonging and camaraderie, ensuring that the ECB RSA remains a vibrant and welcoming place for all.

“Comradeship”

Ali Martin

ECB RSA President



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Vice Presidents Report 2025

As Vice President of the East Coast Bays RSA, I extend my deepest gratitude to our dedicated Volunteers and the Executive Committee. Your tireless efforts and unwavering dedication are the backbone of our organization. Your commitment ensures that we continue to thrive and serve our community effectively. Thank you for your hard work, passion, and commitment to our cause.

I would also like to acknowledge our valued members, Thank You for your ongoing support and engagement. Your involvement is crucial to our success, and we cherish the sense of camaraderie and unity that you bring to the East Coast Bays RSA. Together, we are stronger and more impactful.

We remain steadfast in our commitment to helping our Veterans and preserving the core values of the East Coast Bays RSA. Supporting those who have served our country is a responsibility we hold dear, and we strive to honour their sacrifices through our ongoing programs and initiatives.

To all that contribute to ANZAC Day and Poppy Day, thank you, together we remember our fallen heroes. These days serve as a poignant reminder of the sacrifices made by so many for the freedom and security we enjoy today. We embrace the solemn duty to keep their memories alive, and we say with pride, "We Will Remember Them."

As we move forward, let us continue to work together to uphold the traditions and values that define our organization. We are committed to fostering a supportive and inclusive environment for all our members and to making a positive impact in our community.

Till next time, take care and look out for each other

Donna Stewart

ECB RSA Vice President

Welfare Report 2025

This past year has been very much status quo from our end.

Veteran Affairs holds frequent workshops at various RSAs throughout New Zealand, and they are well worth a visit if you wish to discuss your situation face to face with the right people. I recommend all Veterans, Returned and Service alike visit the VA website and see when the workshops are held and what is available to each one of you and if you qualify. There is a very simple online questionnaire which quickly advises you of your status. Every aspect is confidential with the member. 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 community 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. We can guide you as to which direction is best to proceed in seeking assistance. If you are not sure, then either make a phone call or drop into the Pavillion at the Browns Bay Bowling club on a Wednesday 10am through to midday.

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. Well done and a big thanks to Anthea and her team of volunteer drivers. You are a valuable asset to our cause.

Graeme Rodgers JP

(Local Support Advisor, East Coast Bays RSA)

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THE LAST POST

LEST WE FORGET

They shall grow not old
As we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn;
At the going down of the sun,
and in the morning,
we will remember them

ODE (Maori)

E kore rātou e koroheketia
Penei ia tātou kua mahue mai nei.
E kore hoki rātou ē ngoikore
Ahakoa pehea i ngā āhuetanga o te wā.
I te hekenga atu o te rā
Tae noa ki te aranga mai i te ata
Kā maumahara tonu tātou kia rātou
Kā maumahara tonu tātou kia rātou.

O Valiant Hearts who to your Glory came,
Through dust of conflict and through battle flame,
Tranquil you lie, your knightly virtue proved,
Your memory hallowed in the land you loved.



Last Post

(In alphabetical order, not date of death)

October 2024 to September 2025

BRETT	K V	1210162	KERR	D K	715480
BULL	D R	645757	MARTIN	M	J87661
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COFFMAN	L W	4012475	MORRISSEY	R J	22694591
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EAGLES	B F	715480	SWEETMAN	R J	14190926
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FLYNN	B P	330705	THORPE	D R	2469134
GRANGER	M J	327890	VAN WETERING	W	W164/8162/1A
GRAY	T N	340826	WALLIS	T D	CMT
HALL	N R	332491	WEBB	D J	14861266
HICKSON	E I	811143	WEATHERLEY	D J	K-561330
HIGGINSON	T J	R212351	WOODWARD	D L	551413
HOLLAND	K J	NZ72	YOUNG	M J	C/JX911986

We honour those members who have recently passed on.

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

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Poppy Day / Anzac Day

As I always mention, the start of the year is a very busy time for the Committee, our Volunteers, and all of you who generously give up your time to support the ECB RSA. I am truly indebted to each and every one of you. Without your dedication, we simply wouldn't be able to operate as smoothly and successfully as we do. Your efforts are the backbone of everything we achieve, and I Thank You sincerely.

Poppy Day 2025

The Committee and I are delighted to announce that we collected well over \$36,000 during this year's Poppy Day Appeal. This is an incredible achievement, especially considering the challenges we faced including unpredictable weather and the timing of school holidays. Despite these hurdles, the East Coast Bays community once again showed overwhelming support.

The total includes donations from all the Poppy boxes distributed across the East Coast Bays area from April 1st through to the appeal weekend, held from April 11th to 13th. This result would not be possible without the tireless efforts of our volunteers and the generosity of our community. Thank you all.

If you're interested in volunteering for the 2026 Poppy Appeal, we would love to hear from you. Please pop into the RSA office. New Volunteers are always welcome.

A very special thank you goes to Julie, a long-standing and dedicated member of the ECB RSA Committee. Julie plays a vital role in organising both the office administration and the detailed planning of the Poppy Appeal. From early mornings and late nights to counting donations and making countless trips to the bank, Julie's commitment is unmatched. Thank you, Julie, for everything you do.

We also extend our heartfelt thanks to our incredible volunteers: Colin Milne, Eileen Mills-Newman, and Carol Dodd, for their hard work and dedication throughout March and April. Your support is deeply appreciated.

ANZAC Day 2025

This year's ANZAC Day commemorations were once again a powerful and moving tribute to our service men and women. While attendance was

slightly down from last year, likely due to the school holidays and the very unpredictable weather, we were still heartened by the strong turnout and the unwavering spirit of our community.

The weather certainly presented challenges for everyone involved, from organisers to participants, but the resilience and dedication shown by all was truly inspiring. It was especially meaningful to see so many schools, youth groups, and families still taking part in both the Dawn Service and the Civic Parade.

We are also incredibly proud to share that, in honour of our 100th anniversary, Auckland Council produced a stunning commemorative video capturing the essence of ANZAC Day in East Coast Bays. This beautifully crafted piece is now available to view on our website: www.ecbrsa.co.nz

A heartfelt thank you to Nick Pipa at Auckland Council for making this happen. The video is truly amazing to watch and serves as a lasting tribute to the spirit of remembrance in our community during this milestone year.

A very special thank you goes to Donna, our Vice President and the driving force behind ANZAC Day at ECB RSA. Donna's tireless work coordinating with Auckland Council, managing communications with schools and community groups, Cadet Units and overseeing every detail ensures that our ANZAC Day events continue to honour the legacy of those who served. Thank you, Donna, for your leadership and passion.



Poppy Day / Anzac Day

Finally, we extend our sincere thanks to our local supporters: The Bays Club, Speakers Corner Ale House, and Fools n Horses Ale House. Your continued hospitality, generosity, and community spirit help make ANZAC Day a meaningful and memorable occasion for all who attend. We are truly grateful for your ongoing support.

Ali Martin

President, ECB RSA



David Gilbert, 100 years WWII Veteran



Poppy Day / Anzac Day



Poppy Day / Anzac Day



Friday Night At Browns Bay Bowling Club

At 6pm we recite the Ode to honour and remember those who gave their lives in conflict. Our regular members who visit the Bowling Club on our Friday club nights always look forward to catching up and welcome any new members calling in. The clubrooms are also open during the week to members with the bar open Tues to Friday from 3.30pm and Saturday and Sunday from 2pm.

Our lovely caterer, Lynette continues to impress us with her delicious meals, and she can be contacted on 022 257 1181 with any enquiries. RSA members are welcome to dine at the Bowling Club on both Thursday and Friday evenings commencing 5.30pm. Lynette also caters for large groups and family gatherings so remember to contact her if you wish to book a function.

We have been enjoying the themed dinners held each 6 weeks, and at the time of writing this report, we have had English, Mexican and Indian nights which have been so much fun. Set to music and best costume wins a prize, see photos below. Some of our members have also attended a Quiz night and the fun Musical Bingo night organised by the Bowling Club.



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2024 Veterans' Christmas Luncheon

Another wonderful Christmas luncheon was held on Sunday 15th December at the Bays Club. It was so lovely to see everyone including our young 103 yr member Ron Taylor and also those members who attended for the first time. Sadly, Ron passed away on 29th of July and our RSA was represented well at his funeral service.

The Christmas banquet was great, especially those very large pavlovas and we were entertained by the lovely Sandy on guitar with nice feedback from members who thought her voice was lovely. We had the most beautiful sunny day, and the sea views were stunning with a lot of people at the beach on such a hot day. Our special guests were Andy Peters and wife Shirley (our past Welfare Officer) and Graham Gibson, Auckland RSA District President. Our President, Ali Martin, presented Andy with a Life Membership award from East Coast Bays RSA for his exceptional service to our RSA over the years. So many members know him well and many, past and present, will remember his visits and support and welfare assistance. Graham also spoke to members on the current situation with National RSA and our District RSAs.

We would like to thank our two air cadets and Alex from No. 6 (North Shore) Squadron who were on the door to welcome our members and assist with operating the lift. As always, they did a wonderful job, and we hope they enjoyed their day.

We look forward to repeating this function again next year and hopefully more members will be able to attend as numbers were down on what we were expecting. Remember, the invitation is now open to both Service and Returned members over the age of 75 and their wife/partner/family member or caregiver. Don't forget to look out for your invitation by email this year. We certainly sent several newsletters by email inviting those eligible.

Julie Windybank

ECB RSA Executive Committee



Andy Peters – Life Member



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 (North Shore) ATC, and TS Bellona for handing out lollies this year. 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





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Women's Section 2025

The Women's Section is still currently in recess, but they are currently 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 is ideal for our small group, but we welcome more newcomers. Topics discussed continue to be enjoyed by those present and occasionally we have a guest speaker.

This Welfare Group meeting is 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.

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 looking after the finances.

Tuesday And Thursday Indoor Bowls Club

There is no change to our committee, and I will continue as president. We now have a total of 26 members, being the total number from the Tuesday and Thursday bowling sessions. This is about the maximum number we can have in the space available to us. Our numbers have risen due to the closure of the Sixties Up indoor bowls, and I have told all our new arrivals they must be an RSA member or join up on a Wednesday when RSA is open. We have had one member leave due to illness but otherwise everything is going along well.

Jeff Lynes – President

ECB RSA Indoor Bowls

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Youth and Cadet Engagement

– 2025 Annual Report

The East Coast Bays RSA is proud to acknowledge the outstanding commitment and activity of the North Shore's Cadet Forces and youth groups throughout the past year. Air Training Corps, Army and Navy Cadets and local schools have once again done their bit to develop young leaders and enthusiastic youth who have demonstrated community spirit across a wide range of events and initiatives this year. ECB RSA continues to support these groups both financially and through participation in events, recognising their vital role in shaping the next generation of service men and women.



No. 5 and No. 6 Squadrons of the Air Training Corps have maintained a full calendar of training and community engagement. Highlights include aviation skills competitions, leadership development camps, firearms safety training, and tramping expeditions across the North Island and South Island. Cadets from No. 5 Squadron experienced the Kepler Track, while No. 6 Squadron honed their navigation and leadership skills in winter conditions. Both squadrons have also benefited from grants from a wide range of supporters to provide new camping and tramping equipment, ensuring cadets are well-equipped for their outdoor activities.

T.S. Leander, North Shore and Hibiscus Coast, and T.S. Bellona Navy Cadets have also made significant contributions. T.S. Leander participated in the School to Seas programme at Devonport Naval Base and supported the Devonport RSA by cleaning and restoring memorial plaques ahead of ANZAC Day. T.S. Bellona, based in Hobsonville, played a key role in ceremonial duties, including the Cenotaph Guard at the East Coast Bays ANZAC Parade.

Vanguard Military School continues to foster leadership and service values among its students. The school provides a unique curriculum of academic, sporting and life skills to students and the turn out and enthusiastic support of Vanguard students at the ECB RSA Poppy Collection and ANZAC Day Parades

was a credit to the effectiveness of that formula. Of note, the Vanguard netball team achieved an impressive national ranking this year, and their wide range of other sports teams excelled this year.

Youth support for RSA activities was especially visible during the 13 April Poppy Day appeal, where cadets from Vanguard School, and all North Shore cadet units were out in force across Browns Bay, Mairangi Bay, and Albany Mall, fundraising for the RSA. Their presence and enthusiasm in this important annual fundraising event were deeply appreciated.

The East Coast Bays ANZAC Day Parades on 25 April 2025 was well supported by Cadets, Youth Groups and Schools from across the North Shore. Parade Commander LtCdr Sacha Belcourt (NZCF) led both waterfront marches of veterans, serving forces and youth. Cenotaph Guards from No. 6 Squadron ATC and T.S. Bellona were steadfast on a cold and blustery morning. Vanguard student, Reagan Shalley, delivered the ode in Te Reo Māori. Addresses were delivered with confidence by student leaders from Rangitoto College, and the national anthems were beautifully led by students from Long Bay College. A particularly memorable moment was the crystal-clear Last Post performed by 10-year-old bugler Celine Wu at the dawn service.

ECB RSA remains committed to supporting the growth and development of our youth. Their dedication to service, leadership, and remembrance provides both a legacy and a promise for the future as many go on to serve and excel in the New Zealand Defence Forces. We look forward to another year of partnership, pride, and progress with the young people of the North Shore.

Logan Cudby

ECB RSA Executive Committee



North Harbour Special Olympics

A lot of people will not be aware of it but your RSA, along with the Browns Bay Bowling Club, has been the sponsor for the ECB Special Olympics indoor bowling team for a number of years.

Special Olympics who? a good question you may ask. Everyone knows about the Olympic Games and all the sports that compete for medals every four years, Para Olympics for the physically disabled follows on and uses the same facilities, but Special Olympics is mostly unknown, so what is it about?

Special Olympics is an international competition in many sports for the intellectually disabled, but who are physically capable of competing against the best, in a range of different sports and activities. At the Bowling Club, we have been hosting an indoor bowling team of 22 players in the North Harbour competition. We play on Wednesday evenings for an hour and provide teams four times a year to compete in an Upper North Island competition (Rotorua, Avondale, Tauranga and Ngatea). Our best athletes also compete in Wellington at a NZ National level.

Our members come from all over the North Shore and one from Orewa and are driven by a team of drivers. As you might expect, amongst our players we do have some who have an understanding of the physics of rolling bowls and of placing a bowl on the mat for maximum advantage but the rest are happy enough to roll the bowl and hope for the best and that is fine because the real objective is to have an enjoyable evening playing a game amongst friends.



At the end of the evening, we present trophies to those who have done well and a cake to those who have had a birthday. To quote a line from the Eton rugby song....

It's not for the want of a ribboned coat or the selfish wish for a season's fame but his captain's hand on his shoulder smote. Play up, play up for the sake of the game.

Our thanks go to the volunteers who organise the games and help in other ways. Lorraine, Kay, Richard, Barbara and all others who give their time freely to make sure these events happen.

Geoff Ockleston

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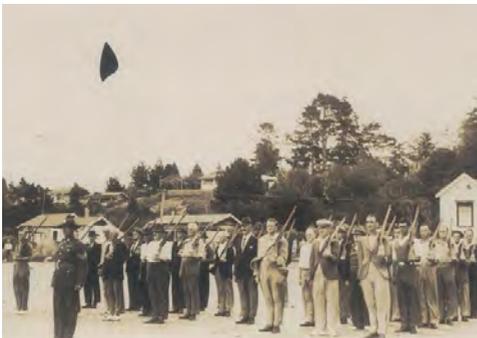
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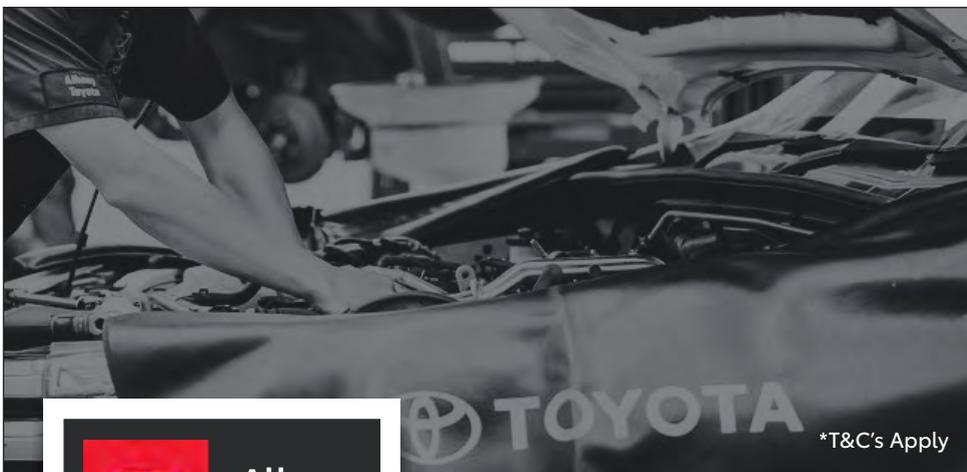
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