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of the Royal New Zealand Artillery Association (Inc.) Annual General Meeting, 9.30AM, 10 October 2026, Arch Hill Defence Centre, Auckland. (Online via RNZAA YouTube Channel).

Meeting Opened – 09.30AM

1. President's Welcome and Moment of Silence (Appendix 1)

- **Presenter:** MAJ Jonathan Dick (on behalf of MAJ Shay Bassett)
- Jonathan welcomed in-person and online attendees, introduced himself, and explained that he would chair the meeting while the president was deployed overseas.
- A moment of silence was observed in honour of Gunners who had died during the past year (Appendix 1).

2. Attendees (Appendix 2)

- **Presenter:** Shelly Boyes
- Shelly advised the chair that 34 members were present, confirmed that a quorum was maintained, and stated that the Annual General Meeting (AGM) could proceed.
- **ADDENDUM** – Three additional Gunners arrived after the meeting began and were added to the attendee list, bringing in-person attendance to 37.

3. Apologies

- **Presenter:** Shelly Boyes
- **Apologies:** Willie Awhitu, Shay Bassett, Kevin Burnell, Barry Cook, Robert Davis, Blair Dickie, Barry Dreyer, Judy Dreyer, Catherine Dymock, Shane Fuller, Robbie Gardiner, Anja Hansen, Bryce Harrison, Morris Hume, Charles Hunt, Alastair Irving, Lox Kellas, Bernie Long, Terry Lynskey, Tony Lynskey, Henry Macown, Rob McAulay, Bernadine McCort, Brian Meyer, Peter Miles, Rick Nathan, Roger Newth, Eddie Nock, John Norman, Chris Pearce, Paul O'Connor, Tom O'Reilly, Louis Oosthoek, Chris Rabbetts, Wayne Robson, Greg Roose, Clyde Stewart, Ron Turner, Chris Turver, Michael Waters, Mike Wickstead.

RESOLVED that apologies for the RNZAA 92nd AGM are accepted.

Mark Aldridge / Chris Morriss – CARRIED

4. Minutes of the Previous AGM (Dunedin – 18 October 2025)

- **Presenter:** MAJ Jonathan Dick (on behalf of MAJ Shay Bassett)

RESOLVED that the minutes of the RNZAA 91st AGM, held in Dunedin on 18 October 2025, be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Richard Logan / Greg Thwaite – CARRIED

Matters Arising – Nil.

5. President's Report (Appendix 3)

- **Presenter:** MAJ Jonathan Dick (on behalf of MAJ Shay Bassett)
- Shay opened his report by reviewing the 2025/2026 governance year. He said the Association was 'in fine form', with sound finances, growing membership, and increasing activity in support of members and the wider Gunner community.
- He expanded on these points with examples and acknowledged executive committee members and others for outstanding work in managing their portfolios, organising events that connected the Gunner community, and growing membership within their regions and areas of responsibility.
- Support for veterans featured prominently. The Association's presence at Veterans' Affairs forums connected Gunners with case managers, attracted new members, and renewed links within the Gunner community. Shay also noted a pilot programme being developed by serving and former Gunner Warrant Officers to help veterans address challenges and support themselves.
- The RNZA Historic Trust received funding for an initiative to preserve Gunner history, with further details provided in the Trust's report.
- Shay praised NZ Gunner editor and publisher Martin Coomber for his significant contribution and noted that a successor was being sought ahead of Martin's retirement.
- Shay concluded on a somber note by acknowledging the death of MAJ (Rtd) Brian 'Bo' Ngata in April 2026. He encouraged Gunners at the reunion dinner to reflect on, remember, and celebrate those who had died and those still among them.

RESOLVED that the President's Report be accepted.

Kerry Lee / Ross Goldsworthy – CARRIED

6. Treasurer's Report (Appendix 4)

- **Presenter:** Richard Gordon
- Richard presented the RNZAA's first full 12-month statement of performance and financial position since adopting the new financial year ending 31 July. The accounts, for the year ended 31 July 2026, provided a complete view of revenue and costs aligned with the reunion cycle.
- He highlighted five matters: the Association's cash position; increased expenditure; substantial investment in the Q Store, its main source of income; a donation to the RNZA Historic Trust to purchase the '161 Battery in Action at the Battle of Long Tan' painting; and its term and on-call deposits.
- Overall, the Association was reported to be 'in a good financial position.'

RESOLVED that the Treasurer's Report and Statement of Performance and Financial Position for the period 01 August 2025 to 31 July 2026 be accepted as presented.

Ross Goldworthy / Warren Whiting – CARRIED

General Business

7. Support for Veterans Report (Appendix 5)

- **Presenter:** Chris Morriss
- Chris presented a comprehensive summary of the Association's veteran-support activities over the past 12 months, covering its relationship with the RNZRSA, Veterans' Affairs, support for individual Gunners, Operation Ubique, and Gunner gatherings.
- He emphasised the RNZAA's nationwide presence at veterans' forums, where Gunners can reconnect with the Association and meet case managers for advice on support and entitlements. Chris noted that this work accounted for most of the Association's direct engagement with Gunners during 2025/2026.

RESOLVED that the Support for Veterans Report be accepted.

Terry Findlay / Richard Logan – CARRIED

8. Association Webmaster Report 2026; Association Membership Secretary Report 2026 (Appendix 6)

- **Presenter:** Chris Morriss
- Chris reported that the RNZAA Facebook page had 1300 members, an increase of 35 from the previous year, and that the Association's social media platforms remained active and well used. Recent minor attempts to compromise the new RNZAA website were promptly blocked by the hosting provider. Member engagement with the new website was higher than with the previous site. Visitor statistics were presented to show areas of strongest engagement and opportunities for further development.
- Chris reported that the RNZAA had more than 1200 members, including 950 with valid email addresses. He urged members to notify the Association whenever their contact details changed, particularly their email addresses. Since the previous AGM, membership had increased by 46 full and associate members. Veterans' Affairs forums generated between one and five new members per event, and Chris thanked Craig Hewett for using Q Store activities to help update membership records.

RESOLVED that the Association Webmaster Report 2026 and the Association Membership Secretary 2026 Report be accepted.

John Garnett / Ross Goldworthy – CARRIED

9. Quartermaster's Report (Appendix 7)

- **Presenter:** Craig Hewett
- Craig described 2025/2026 as a steady year, focused on sourcing new items and investing in stock for sales at two Reunion/AGMs and several Veterans' Affairs forums through 2027. Producing and selling wall plaques was the year's main activity, and the Q Store averaged three to five sales each week. He noted that

most stock is sourced overseas and that the US dollar is increasing in costs. With no major product purchases expected, sales should exceed purchases and provide a strong income stream in 2027. No new products are planned for the coming year; existing lines will be restocked as required.

- He reported that the new website had significantly improved inventory control and management.
- Craig announced that 2027 would be his final year as RNZAA Quartermaster.
- Paul Southwell asked Craig about progress on the (flaming) silver grenade. Craig advised that the final price had been received and forwarded to the RNZAA President and the Chief Instructor of the School of Artillery. Each grenade would cost just under \$200 plus GST, with a minimum order of 50. The Regiment would be responsible for engraving if it decided to proceed with the purchase.

RESOLVED that the Q Store Report be accepted.

Chris Morriss / Max Carpenter – CARRIED

10. RNZRSA Liaison Report (Appendix 8)

- **Presenter:** MAJ Jonathan Dick (on behalf of Peter Miles)
- Jonathan summarised the report's three main topics and emphasised that the RNZAA would remain neutral and would not seek a leadership role in reviving the RNZRSA Affiliates group. He described its position as 'watching with interest from a distance'.

RESOLVED that the RNZRSA Liaison Report be accepted.

Kerry Lee / John Garnett – CARRIED

11. Operation Ubique North Report (Appendix 9)

- **Presenter:** Mark Aldridge
- Mark began by expressing his pride and sense of privilege in assuming the role and responsibilities of Operation Ubique North coordinator.
- Completing the repair and restoration of the New Lynn Memorial RSA L5 in time for the Reunion/AGM was especially rewarding, both because a neglected gun had been restored and because of Mark's personal connection to it.
- Projects in Papakura and Paeroa are the next priorities and will present several challenges for the team.
- The list of guns identified for repair or restoration has increased from nine to 10.
- Expanding the team and raising awareness of its work are key priorities for 2027.

RESOLVED that the Operation Ubique North Report, be accepted.

Paul Southwell / Richard Logan – CARRIED

12. Operation Ubique South, including South Island Matters Report (Appendix 10)

- **Presenter:** Brian (Skin) Frances
- Skin spoke to the report outlining several key themes:
 - 'Bringing people together' was central to Operation Ubique and other South Island activities. Examples included monthly gun maintenance events in Christchurch and Dunedin, Anzac Day salutes from New Brighton to Bluff involving more than 30 blank rounds fired, and the inaugural South Island

Gunners' Day Weekend in Geraldine in 2026. These events encouraged former 3rd Field Regiment Gunners, other members of the Gunner community, and their families to participate and/or join the RNZAA. Notable participants included Jonathan Wilson, Sonny Manuel, Carl Ahradsen, Reuben Sanders (currently serving), Richard O'Connor, Archie Moore, and Ken Coombes. Planning is underway for the next South Island Gunners' Day Weekend, to be held in Oamaru from 21 to 23 May 2027.

- 'Helping RSAs to help themselves' involved providing advice, guidance, and, where appropriate, practical assistance with the care and preservation of local artillery.
- Skin reiterated the need for a national sponsor to supply standard gloss green paint for Operation Ubique activities. He proposed approaching industry contacts to obtain sprayable or brushable paint free or at a reduced cost for routine gun maintenance and larger restoration projects.
- Richard Logan said Operation Ubique North would explore options for a national paint supplier, such as Resene. Mark Aldridge agreed and said the Executive Committee should develop a plan for the initiative.

RESOLVED that the Operation Ubique South, including the South Island Matters Report, be accepted.

Mark Aldridge / Chris Morriss – CARRIED

13. The 16th Field Regiment Annual Report (Appendix 11)

- **Presenter:** WO2 Stephen Hoskins
- Stephen received applause for his comprehensive report on 16th Field Regiment's activities and achievements over the previous 12 months. It covered readiness; training and exercises; equipment and capability development; personnel; and community, heritage, and engagement. He described the year as 'very busy with great outcomes.'
- Key points included:
 - Paragraph 4: A newly assembled team of engineers and Gunners achieved an outstanding result at the Pacific Land Forces Readiness Challenge 26 in Hawai'i, competing against partner-nation teams that had trained together for six months or longer.
 - Paragraph 6: Exercise AGILE TASMAN provided valuable opportunities to develop skills in advanced communications technology.
 - Paragraph 12: Logistics, support, and workshop personnel demonstrated outstanding teamwork, keeping equipment ready and available for training and operational requirements throughout the year.
 - Paragraphs 26 and 28: The year placed wide-ranging demands on the Regiment, which were managed through effective balance.

RESOLVED that the 16th Field Regiment Annual Report be accepted.

Dean Cootes / Warren Whiting – CARRIED

14. Election of Officers

The election of officers for the coming year was conducted as follows:

- **President:** MAJ Shay Bassett (re-elected)
- **Treasurer:** Richard Gordon (re-elected)

- **Secretary:** Shelly Boyes (re-elected)
- **Committee Members:**
 - MAJ Jonathan Dick
 - Chris Morriss
 - Craig Hewett
 - Mark Aldridge
 - Skin Frances
 - Peter Miles

RESOLVED that the three officers and six committee members who have offered to stand again for the RNZAA Executive Committee be elected unopposed.

Jonathan Dick / Richard Logan – CARRIED

- WO1 Heath Southcombe, RNZA Regimental Warrant Officer, holds a permanent appointment with the Executive Committee.
- The Commanding Officer of 16th Field Regiment appoints a captain, major, or warrant officer as the Regiment's representative on the Executive Committee. The current representative is WO2 Stephen Hoskins.
- The elected RNZAA Executive Committee for 2026/2027 is:
 - MAJ Shay Bassett – President
 - Richard Gordon – Treasurer
 - Shelly Boyes – Secretary
 - MAJ Jonathan Dick
 - Chris Morriss
 - Craig Hewett
 - Mark Aldridge
 - Skin Frances
 - Peter Miles
 - WO1 Heath Southcombe
 - WO2 Stephen Hoskins.
- Martin Coomber will continue as editor-in-chief of the NZ Gunner newsletter, outside the executive committee, until his resignation takes effect in December 2026. As no successor was discussed, the role will then remain vacant.

15. Notice of Motion (Appendix 12)

- **Presenter:** MAJ Jonathan Dick (on behalf of Shay Bassett)
- On behalf of the mover, Shay Bassett, who was deployed overseas, Jonathan read the full notice of motion proposing 'that Craig Hewett and Chris Morriss be made Life Members of the Royal New Zealand Artillery Association'. Attendees also received detailed supporting notes and citations to inform their decision on the nominations.
- Greg Thwaite supported the motion, describing the honour as a tribute to Craig and Chris's tireless service. Recalling the qualities that made them outstanding soldiers, he described Craig as the "ideal BK" and Chris as "perfect and timely". He praised their contribution to the executive committee and acknowledged the support of their wives, Rowan Hewett and Anne Morris, in their continued work for the Association and wider Gunner community.

RESOLVED that Craig Hewett and Chris Morriss be made Life Members of the Royal New Zealand Artillery Association (RNZAA) in recognition of their extraordinary, dedicated, and significant service to the Association and the wider Gunner community over many decades.

Shay Bassett / Shelly Boyes – CARRIED

- Craig and Chris thanked the members for electing them as RNZAA Life Members.

16. RNZA Historic Trust 2025/2026 Report (Appendix 13)

- **Presenter:** MAJ Jonathan Dick (on behalf of Barry Dreyer)
- Jonathan presented the Trust's report, covering completed projects and two major initiatives. The biography of Brigadier Reg Miles is scheduled for publication in 2027, with most of the Trust's \$20,000 allocation committed to completing it. At an Anzac Day 2026 auction, the Trust also purchased Gary Dolan's painting, '161 Battery in Action at the Battle of Long Tan', which will be presented to the Regiment in November 2026.
- The RNZA Historic Trust thanked the RNZAA for its donation towards the successful acquisition of the painting.
- Richard Logan asked where the painting would be displayed and whether prints would be available for purchase.
- Craig Hewett asked whether the Association held the copyright needed to produce prints for sale.
- Paul Southwell suggested that limited-edition prints of this painting and the Battle of Kapyong could provide a valuable fundraising opportunity.

RESOLVED that the RNZA Historic Trust 2025/2026 Report be accepted.

Warren Whiting / Ross Goldsworthy – CARRIED

17. Waikato Artillery Museum

- **Presenter:** Paul Southwell
- Paul described his presentation as an advertisement for the museum and outlined its origins and distinctive role. He said it may be New Zealand's only corps museum that displays its heritage, places its guns in historical context, and shares the Gunner story with the public. He encouraged every Gunner to support it. The museum offers guided tours, has 18 volunteers, and provides training for prospective guides.
- The museum has on loan a centerpiece blank-firing 25-pounder from the Second World War and Korean War era. It hopes to purchase the gun for \$50,000–\$60,000, funded through grants and tourism revenue.
- Paul reported that Blair Dickie had submitted comments on proposed firearms-licensing changes to provide museums with greater flexibility.

18. Imminent Change of Governor-General

- **Presenter:** Greg Thwaite
- With Her Excellency, The Right Honourable Dame Cindy Kiro's term as Governor-General due to end in October 2026, Greg urged the incoming Executive Committee to invite her successor to become Patron of the Royal New Zealand Artillery Association. He offered to assist with the process.

19. Schedule of Locations for the Next Reunion/AGM

- **Presenters:** Craig Hewett & Brian (Skin) Frances
- Craig outlined plans for the RNZAA 93rd Reunion/AGM, to be held from 15 to 17 October 2027 in conjunction with the 160th anniversary of 22(D) Battery. The Petone Workingmen's Club/Lower Hutt Memorial RSA will host the event.
- Skin presented the concept for the RNZAA 94th Reunion/AGM, proposed for Christchurch during Labour Weekend in October 2028. While the timing requires further consideration, he envisaged a welcoming, informal event that retains the reunion/AGM's essential elements, possibly in a different order.

20. Closing Remarks

- **Presenter:** MAJ Jonathan Dick
- Jonathan thanked in-person and online attendees for their continued support, recognised the executive committee's efforts, and encouraged members to remain engaged with the Association throughout the year.
- The meeting concluded with an invitation to attend and support the promotion ceremony for two 11/4 Battery personnel.

Meeting Closed – 11.07AM

**APPENDIX 1 – IN MEMORIAM ROLL OF HONOUR, ROYAL NEW ZEALAND
ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION INC. AGM, HELD 9.30AM, 10 OCTOBER 2026, AT ARCH
HILL DEFENCE CENTRE, AUCKLAND.**

Submitted by Chris Morriss, Association Membership Secretary & Webmaster

1. Ernest Roy Paul PRATT
2. Frederick Baron (Fred) HAUMANA
3. James Arnold (Jim) MANSELL
4. Kenneth Ronald (Ken) SMEATON
5. Desmond John (Des) WALLACE
6. Alexander Ronald (Ron) MEEK
7. Neville Henry (Mount) EVEREST
8. Kevin George (Skippy) ATKINS
9. Patrick Joseph (Pat) McCARTHY
10. Ruru Harepeka Nako HONA
11. Mataturoa (Jeff) PUATA
12. Peter WIREN
13. Morris Raymond MEHA
14. Brian Walter (Bo) NGATA
15. Paul Barry CAMPION
16. Michael Farrell (Mike) DAKIN
17. Brian Carlisle WRIGHT
18. Tuhana Matthew (Trout) RAUTAHU
19. John Murray BOOT
20. Warren Douglas SAPSFORD
21. Lawrence Te Oranga (Larry) RIWAKA
22. Richard (Rick) FAIRBURN

APPENDIX 2 – LIST OF ATTENDEES, ROYAL NEW ZEALAND ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION INC. AGM, HELD 9.30AM 10 OCTOBER 2026, AT ARCH HILL DEFENCE CENTRE, AUCKLAND.

Compiled by Shelly Boyes, RNZAA Secretary

1. ALDRIDGE, Mark
2. BAKER, Peter
3. BOXER-PAKI, Harry
4. BOYES, Shelly
5. BROWNSON, Greg
6. CARPENTER, Max
7. COOTES, Dean
8. DE NEGRI, Carlo WO1, RSM 16 Fd Regt.
9. DICK, Jonathan
10. DONNELLAN, Andrew
11. FERGUSON, Alan
12. FINDLAY, Terry
13. FRANCES, Brian (Skin)
14. GARNETT, John
15. GOLDSWORTHY, Ross
16. GORDON, Richard
17. HEWETT, Craig
18. HOSKINS, Stephen WO2, TWO 16 Fd Regt.
19. HUTCHINSON, Terry
20. JOYCE, Peter
21. LEE, Kerry
22. LOGAN, Richard
23. MACKEY, Philip
24. MORRISS, Chris
25. NGAPERERE, Steve (9.36AM)
26. PRENTICE, Gareth
27. SOUTHCORBE, Heath WO1, RNZA Regt WO
28. SOUTHWELL, Paul
29. STANLEY, Richard
30. TARAPIPIPI, Wally
31. THWAITE, Greg (9.36AM)
32. TIMU, Victor
33. WAIOMIO, Owen
34. WHITING, Warren
35. WILLIAMS, Dave (10.45AM)
36. WITEHIRA, Richard
37. ZIARNO, Michael (Ziggy)

APPENDIX 3 – PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Prepared by Shay Bassett, RNZAA President

ROYAL NEW ZEALAND ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION (INC) PRESIDENT’S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2026

Greeting, fellow Gunners,

I will start by apologising for not being with you today to present this report in person. Unfortunately, a downside of being President while still serving is that sometimes the demands of military duty override the needs of the Association. Thankfully, your committee is more than able to cover the gap, and my thanks go to our Vice President Jono Dick for standing in for me at the AGM and dinner.

As my US colleagues say, the BLUF (Bottom-Line Up Front) is that your Association is in fine form. We are financially sound, membership continues to grow, and we are engaged in an evolving number of activities that support our members and the wider Gunner community. I will now try to hit the main ‘wave tops’ for the year since our last AGM.

At the time of writing the Auckland Annual Reunion and General Meeting is shaping up to be the largest for quite some years. This is in no small part to the outstanding job Craig Hewett has done organising and leading preparations for the weekend. What I find particularly impressive is that Craig has managed to achieve all this while still running, and continuing to expand, the Association’s Q Store. I should also highlight that this is not the first year Craig has done this. You have our gratitude, Craig!

In relation to other RNZA Association activities during the year, reports from around the country confirmed that participation in ANZAC and Gunners Day activities by members continued to be strong. This is consistent with the ongoing growth the Association is experiencing. It was particularly pleasing to have a number of RNZA Band personnel join us, as both Full and Associate members, during the year. At this point I would like to thank Chris Morris for his efforts, year on year, managing our membership list of around 1000 people – no small task!

Chris is also a key member of our team that continues to keep our web site maintained and on track. These behind the scenes roles are essential to the good management of our organisation, but to a degree, go largely unnoticed by members. So, a big thank you from us all Chris.

Support for Op Ubique has remained solid throughout the year, particularly in the South where Shelly and Skin seem to be part of a team that is just constantly on the go (there must have been something in that Tekapo water!). More recently, Mark Aldridge took over the reins for Op Ubique North from Rob McAulay, and you will most likely see the results of Mark's first project when you walk past the gleaming RSA L5 tonight on the way to dinner. Well done to all those involved with Op Ubique, as I know there are many other non-Committee people out there that work to ensure its ongoing success. You can all be rightly proud of your efforts.

Support to Veterans Affairs activities around the country by Gunners has also not been wanting this year, with an RNZA Association stand being present at every major event. I doubt there are many other similar organisations that could make this claim. Attending these activities generates new membership, as ex-serving Gunners see the chance to join an organisation that offers reigniting of old friendships and comradeship that they may have missed from their time in uniform.

Providing increased reinforcement, to Gunner veterans that may need it, remains a challenge. As a committee we have not found this easy. We therefore applaud and support the efforts being made by a group of current and previously serving Gunner Warrant Officers to set up a programme that aims to grapple with veteran related issues by effectively helping them to learn how they may help themselves. We look forward to seeing the outcome of the first pilot weekend and wish them the very best in their endeavors.

Investing in the preservation of our history has continued this year via financial support to the RNZA Historical Trust led by, former RNZA Colonel Commandant, Barry Dreyer. The details may be found in the Trust's report, but suffice to say, Barry has been overseeing a major project that is now nearing completion, and will be of enduring and of undoubted historical value for many years to come.

My penultimate point is saved for another member who has made a huge contribution, but in a very understated way. The RNZA Association newsletter has always been a key vehicle for communicating within our wider family of Gunners, but it's fair to say that the quality has peaked and troughed a bit over nearly a century of our existence. The standard of our newsletters over the last several years, however, has been exceptionally high. This is the direct result of our, recently retired, Editor and Chief - Martin Coomber. The standard set by Marty has not only impressed our membership, it has been the envy Gunner organisations around the world. Thank you, Marty, and I will just quickly say, if anyone is interested in taking on the role of Editor, please let a committee member know.

I will now close on a somber note. Many of you will have known fellow Gunners that moved on to the 'great gun-park in the sky' during the year. At the risk of showing preferential treatment, I will pick out one person who was well known to many of you, for special mention. In April, I attended the funeral of Major (retired) Brian 'Bo' Ngata, which was very unexpected. During his long service, Bo rose through the ranks to eventually become Sergeant Major of the Army – an outstanding achievement by any New Zealand soldier's yardstick – and thereby joined a very short and distinguished list of fellow Gunners that had also reached this lofty height (although Bo would never have phrased it that way). He was a larger-than-life individual that most definitely impacted on those around him, but he is not the only one of our comrades to pass away this year. I know Bo and many others will be remembered tonight, and even celebrated, during the retelling of old tales. Oh, to be there!

Ubique,

Shay Bassett
President

APPENDIX 4 - TREASURER'S REPORT

Prepared by Richard Gordon, RNZAA Treasurer

Treasurer' Report

Financial Statement to the year ended 31 July 2026

The presented accounts represent the Royal New Zealand Artillery Association financial position for the period 1 August 2025 to 31 July 2026. The following points are highlighted from these accounts:

1. Our cash position is \$46,988.91 down \$6838.94 compared with last year.
2. This decrease is due to the loss at the reunion in Dunedin and the drop in Q Sales
3. Q Store Sales is our main source of income and this year we have made an investment in stock, mainly in plaques. This has meant our Inventory held this year has increased by \$8,706.37 to \$15,945.94
4. Donations included a sum of \$1000 which was used to purchase a painting of a gun in action in Vietnam.
5. Our Term deposits and On Call deposits rolled over during the period but as Interest rates have dropped, we are obtaining a lower rate. On maturity we have reinvested the principal and interest.

Any questions?

Ubique

Richard Gordon

Treasurer

The Royal New Zealand Artillery Association Incorporated.
Statement of Performance and Financial Position
For the 12 months ending 31 July 2026

Financial Performance 1 August 2025 to 31 July 2026

Income	Last Year	This Year	Notes
Donations	\$ 50.00	\$ 60.00	
Reunion 25	\$ -	\$ 6,920.00	
Reunion 24	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	
Q Store Sales	\$ 16,536.44	\$ 7,288.43	
Interest Received	\$ 1,517.15	\$ 1,955.24	
Total Income	\$ 20,603.59	\$ 16,223.67	
Expenditure			
Honorarium	\$ -		
Reunion 25	\$ -	\$ 7,859.57	
Reunion 24	\$ 5,545.49	\$ -	
Q Store Purchase	\$ 14,069.80	\$ 13,176.68	
Web Costs	\$ 10,171.75	\$ 270.25	
Wreaths/Flowers	\$ 402.50	\$ 331.25	
Admin/Postage/Bank Fees	\$ 21.60	\$ -	
Donations/Presentations	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,000.00	
Subs/Fees RSA etc	\$ 396.21	\$ 108.61	
Op Ubique (Travel and Materials)	\$ -	\$ 316.25	
Total Expenditure	\$ 31,907.35	\$ 23,062.61	
Net Profit/Loss	-\$ 11,303.76	-\$ 6,838.94	

Financial Position as at 31 July 2026

Cheque 00	\$ 6,515.17	\$ 276.81	-\$ 6,238.36	
OP Ubique Account 03	\$ 4,601.48	\$ 3,055.11	-\$ 1,546.37	
Welfare on Call 05	\$ 4,383.59	\$ 4,472.70	\$ 89.11	
Special Project Fund (Reunion) 04	\$ 1,737.71	\$ 799.73	-\$ 937.98	
Term Deposit	\$ 9,158.48	\$ 9,538.56	\$ 380.08	1
Term Deposit	\$ 15,431.42	\$ 16,246.00	\$ 814.58	2
Term Deposit	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,600.00	\$ 600.00	3
Total Cash Assets	\$ 53,827.85	\$ 46,988.91	-\$ 6,838.94	

Q Store Position

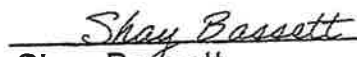
Trading Profit/(Loss)	-\$ 5,888.25
Stock on Hand	\$ 15,945.94
Net Position	<u>\$ 10,057.69</u>

Notes

- 1 Matures March 2027
- 2 Matures September 2026
- 3 Matures August 2026



Richard Gordon
Treasurer
10/9/2026



Shay Bassett
President
10/9/2026

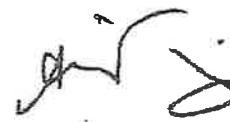
Certificate of Examination of Accounts

We, the examiners appointed under Rule 47 of the Constitution and Rules of the RNZA Association Inc to review the Association Accounts, certify that we

- 1 Had full access to the financial books and accounts and vouchers of the association
- 2 Had from the officers and members, such information and explanations as we deemed necessary for the performance of our duties
- 3 Have examined the Treasurer's Statement of Financial Performance which we find correct for the Period 1 August 2025 to 31 July 2026



Max Carpenter
10/9/2026



Alastair Irving
10/9/2026

APPENDIX 5 – PORTFOLIO REPORT – SUPPORT FOR VETERANS

Prepared by Chris Morriss, RNZAA Webmaster & Association Membership Secretary

SUPPORT FOR VETERANS REPORT FOR AGM 2026

1. RNZAA Association with the RSA

The RNZAA has an associate membership with the RSA and Peter Miles has taken on our liaison role with the RSA. Peter has been observing and reporting to the RNZAA Committee on the constitutional struggles within the RSA and the committee continues its policy of prudence, watching developments from a distance.

2. Veterans Affairs

The RNZAA continues to attend the regular Veterans Affairs/Ranfurly Trust veterans' forums. These very valuable events are held around New Zealand, to attract veterans and advise them of entitlements. We have had teams run an RNZA Association stall at all five of these forums since our last AGM, in West Auckland, Gisborne, Hamilton, Nelson, and Porirua, mostly led by myself, with Phil Bellamy running a stall at the forum in Nelson. We will have teams running stalls at two more of these forums in the week following this AGM.

3. Individual Gunner Support

If individual gunners need support, we continue to use a mix of our own internal resources and the RNZRSA welfare and support network. We also guide gunners to contact Veterans Affairs as needed.

4. Op Ubique

Op Ubique gatherings to restore old guns, and more importantly to get old gunners gathering and working together again, have been in operation in both the North and South Islands, coordinated in the North by Mark Aldridge and in the South by Skin Frances, with a number of guns being worked on, including the newly restored L5 at the New Lynn Memorial RSA where the reunion dinner will be held, and plenty more on the horizon to still be worked on. Thanks to Rob MacAulay for his previous work on North Island Op Ubique.

5. Gunners' Day, St Barbara's Day, and other gunner gatherings

There have been several gunner gatherings on these days on both islands organised by RNZA Association members. The regular Bay of Plenty/Coromandel casual gunner lunches have had up to fifty gunner and partner/spouse attendees. Skin Frances is organising a gunner group to go on a five-day Auckland-Norfolk Island cruise in June 2027.

Chris Morriss
Webmaster and Membership Secretary.

APPENDIX 6 – PORTFOLIO REPORT – ASSOCIATION WEBMASTER REPORT 2026; ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT 2026

Prepared by Chris Morriss, RNZAA Webmaster & Association Membership Secretary

Association Webmaster Report 2026:

The Association's private Facebook Group continues to be busy and well used, with regular new members joining the group, which now has a membership of 1300, 35 more than a year ago, and has multiple new posts made in the group every day.

The association's website is running well. We had a very few minor hacking attempts recently but those were dealt with and stopped promptly by our website hoster. The rnzaa.org.nz website has an average visit length to the site of about two minutes, and over the past month we have averaged 46 visitors each day. The most frequently downloaded items are our Newsletter pdfs, and the most frequently accessed webpages are the Home Page, Muzzle Flashes/News, Q Store, Join As A Member, and Newsletter pages. Eighty-two percent of our visitors access the site from a computer, and about 17 percent from a mobile phone. "Muzzle Flashes" news posts on the site are getting between 400 and 1500 views/reads each.

If any members have any gunner news or events that they think the association should be publicising on the website, please let me know via the website's "Contact Us" form.

Association Membership Secretary Report 2026:

The association currently has over 1200 members who we have some contact details for, one or more of an email address, a phone number, and/or a postal address. We have around 950 members with a working email address. We regularly have member email addresses that bounce so if you are a member and you change your email address, please do let us know your new address, otherwise there is a high chance that we could lose contact with you. I will soon be trying to contact some of the recently bounced members to try and get their new email addresses.

I and a number of other association representatives have attended Veterans Affairs/RSA veterans' support events around the country, which have seen us meet with many gunners and members face to face, and have seen us get a good number of new association members aboard. Teams attended forums in West Auckland, Gisborne, Hamilton, Nelson, and Porirua, and we will attend forums in Mount Maunganui and South Auckland in the week after this AGM. Many thanks to those teams.

Craig Hewett has, as always, been of great assistance by finding new members and helping me update contact details of existing members via his regular contact with gunners through his Q Store activities.

We have had 46 new full and associate members join the association since the last AGM, which is a much higher rate of new member applications than we were getting through our old website. That is very pleasing. I contact each new member by email to welcome them into the association.

Chris Morriss
Webmaster and Membership Secretary.

APPENDIX 7 - PORTFOLIO REPORT – QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT

Prepared by Craig Hewett, RNZAA Quartermaster

RNZAA AGM Auckland 2026

Quartermasters report

The 2026 year has been a steady year with sourcing of new items that relates us NZ gunners.

The highlights were the production and sale of the 11A, 22D and 16th Fld Rgt wall plaques.

The remaining gains were made from steady sales of other Q store range available to members.

Items that are being sourced for the 2026/27 year are replica wall plaques for 161 Bty & the RNZA plaque (queens crown).

Forecasts sales for the coming 2026/27 yr are expected to be strong with the Auckland AGM & pre-sales for the Wgtn AGM and several VA Forums. Normal online sales are forecast to be steady.

The only major purchase for this financial year 2027 is a replica of the RNZA plaque. It seems that the only place where this is available is the Waiohuru Museum. No other major purchases of product are anticipated only sales, so as at 31/7/2027 will see sales out strip purchases and a very strong income stream.

Once this has been done, my work is finished, as there are no new product anticipated, just restocking of existing stock.

With our new Website up and running now for 12 months, we are able to track individual sales by item, by dollars and individuals thereby providing stock levels for re-ordering.

I thank all Association members for their support to the Q store in the past year.

Ubique,

Craig F Hewett ED.

RNZA Assn Quartermaster.

APPENDIX 8 - PORTFOLIO REPORT – RNZRSA LIAISON REPORT

Prepared by Peter Miles, RNZAA RNZRSA Liaison

Introduction

This report covers October 2025 to 2026 and reiterates key points from several portfolio reports. In July 2026, Peter Miles was appointed as the RNZAA's RNZRSA Liaison, filling the vacant role.

Constitutional Developments

- **Constitutional compliance:** Most RSAs have amended their constitutions to incorporate the model constitution, achieving 80 percent compliance. The remaining 20 percent appear to have adopted their own versions or departed from the model and must urgently resubmit compliant constitutions.
- **Engagement and reconciliation:** RNZRSA is placing greater emphasis on “building bridges” by listening to and reconciling with aggrieved RSAs. However, the Auckland matter remains unresolved, with legal proceedings still pending.
- **Capitation increase:** RNZRSA raised capitation from \$10.00 to \$15.00, prompting concern among smaller RSAs.
- **Administration and communications:** RNZRSA is replacing its OneDrive administration system with Sentinel, while most communication continues to occur by email.
- **Affiliate representation:** The Affiliates group, of which RNZAA is a member, appears to be inactive. Since Keith Ingram's expulsion in 2025, affiliates have had no representation on the RNZRSA Presidents' Forum. RNZAA appears to be the only affiliate to have asked RNZRSA for clarification and next steps.

Welfare & Support Matters

- The RNZAA continues to use the RNZRSA Welfare and Support network and attend Veterans' Affairs Support Forums nationwide. Upcoming forums are:
 - Bay of Plenty Region Veterans Support Forum — 14 October 2026;
 - Tāmaki Makaurau/Greater Auckland Region Veterans Support Forum — 16 October 2026.

RNZA Association's Position

- The Executive Committee agreed that the RNZAA will preserve its neutrality by not aligning itself with one side or the other and will not take on any leadership role in reviving the Affiliates group.

Peter Miles
RNZAA RNZRSA Liaison

30 September 2026

APPENDIX 9 – PORTFOLIO REPORT - OPERATION UBIQUE NORTH

Prepared by Mark Aldridge, Operation Ubique (North Island) Co-ordinator

Introduction

This report summarises Operation Ubique activities on the North Island from October 2025 to October 2026. Overall, the region had a revitalised and productive year.

Outcomes - Operation Ubique North

- Over the past six months, we inspected nine guns from Napier to West Auckland at the request of the respective RSAs. Some will require substantially more work than others.
- The New Lynn L5 gun was fully repaired and restored in preparation for the 2026 RNZAA 92nd Reunion/AGM dinner and the celebration of 11(A) and 11/4 Batteries. Of two planned Operation Ubique workdays, one was cancelled due to rain. Four former 11(A) Battery personnel completed the project on Monday, 28 September, and the New Lynn Memorial RSA greatly appreciated their work.

Work-In-Progress

- Two personnel began work on the 5.5-inch Field Gun at the Papakura Cadet Campus and completed water blasting. They found extensive corrosion.
- We are coordinating work on the Paeroa M101A1 gun with the RSA president. The gun must be temporarily removed while the RSA mural is repainted, then returned. We plan to have it lifted and transported to Richard Logan's workshop for storage and restoration; Logan is a former BSM of 11(A) Battery.

Next Steps

- Complete the projects under way in Papakura and Paeroa.
- Prioritise and advance repairs and restoration for the guns identified on the initial categorised list of nine guns.
- Expand the Operation Ubique North team and raise awareness of its activities.

It is a privilege to work alongside those dedicated to preserving local artillery, and deeply rewarding to see a neglected gun restored. Thank you to the RSAs and the Operation Ubique North team for your time, dedication, and support throughout 2025–2026.

Mark Aldridge
Operation Ubique (North Island) Co-ordinator

30 September 2026

APPENDIX 10 – PORTFOLIO REPORT - OPERATION UBIQUE SOUTH AND SOUTH ISLAND MATTERS

Prepared by Skin Frances, Operation Ubique (South Island) Co-ordinator and RNZAA South Island Representative

Introduction

This report covers Operation Ubique activities and other matters specific to the South Island during the 12-month period from October 2025 to October 2026. Overall, the South Island experienced another productive and successful year.

Outcomes - Operation Ubique South

- **Rangitata Military Revival:** Southern Gunners participated in the event over Labour Weekend 2025.
- **National guidance:** Developed the Operation Ubique—Operation Objective and Implementation Principles document to guide RNZAA members in building and maintaining a strong, connected network and supporting the care and upkeep of artillery equipment in their local areas.
- **Event promotion:** Promoted Operation Ubique South events through association and sub-unit social media to increase participation and encourage inclusivity.
- **Connection and morale:** Operation Ubique South continues to reconnect Gunners, strengthen networks, and improve morale.
- **Equipment identification:** Issued decals throughout the South Island to update known guns.

Outcomes - South Island Matters

- **Commemorative events:** St Barbara's Day 2025, ANZAC Day 2026, and Gunners' Day 2026 activities in Christchurch and Dunedin were well attended.
- **Nelson Veterans' Forum:** Phil Bellamy represented the RNZAA at the March 2026 event. He reported that the Association's presence should increase Gunner participation in future events. He is also keen to help establish a Top of the South group, modelled on the Southern Gunners in Otago and Canterbury, and will contact Gunners in the region using the list provided.
- **ANZAC education:** Delivered ANZAC Educational Experiences at two Christchurch East high schools and numerous local primary schools as part of a wider NZDF community engagement initiative leading up to ANZAC Day 2026.
- **ANZAC Day gun firing:** On ANZAC Day 2026, numerous guns were used across the region from New Brighton to Bluff, blank-firing more than 30 rounds.
- **South Island Gunners' Day Weekend:** Held in Geraldine from 22 to 24 May 2026, the event was a major success for 20 former 31(B) Battery and 32(E) Battery personnel and their families, attracting local and media interest. It also encouraged previously unknown Gunners to become involved and/or join the RNZAA.
- **Southern Gunners social events:** Redcliffs RSA and Templeton RSA hosted gatherings in February and July 2026.
- **Waihi School Artillery Club:** The South Canterbury club for Years 5 and 6 students is now in its second year and is preparing for an Armistice Day salute.

- **94th RNZAA Reunion/AGM:** Preliminary planning and bookings are complete for Christchurch to host the event in October 2028.

Work-In-Progress

- Table 1 – South Island Gun Maintenance, Repair & Restoration Status

South Island Gun	Remark
Christchurch Memorial RSA M101A1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restoration of the CMRSA M101A1 by the Southern Gunners and Godley Heritage Trust began in April 2025. Currently with the armourer in Staveley, Mid-Canterbury.
Cust/West Eyreton M101A1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact was established with the six members of the Cust/West Eyreton RSA, a sub-branch of the Rangiora RSA, regarding maintenance of the M101A1 at the Cust War Memorial. Assistance has been offered, and basic cleaning and upkeep have been completed. An Oxford-based Operation Ubique South crew cleaned the gun in preparation for the commemorations.
Dunedin 25PDR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good condition.
Gore M101A1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very poor condition, requiring extensive cleaning and maintenance. Robbie Gardiner noted that a conversation with the local RSA is required to determine the party responsible for the gun.
Greymouth RSA 25PDR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very poor condition; it is understood that a local West Coast company will handle the repair and restoration of this gun, which was spurred by an Op Ubique South initiative.
Ex-Papanui RSA M101A1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NZDF Disposals has stored this gun at Burnham Military Camp following the closure of Papanui RSA. Nothing new to report, other than the Dunedin Gunners' continued interest in it.
Southern Gunners M101A1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good condition
Templeton RSA 25PDR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good condition, added to the maintenance and repair schedule for Christchurch guns alongside the Southern Gunners M101A1.

- Continuous active building and nurturing of relationships and maintaining current membership information.

Next Steps

- Support the Route 79 museum in Geraldine with cleaning its display 5.5-inch Field Gun.
- Plan the 2027 South Island Gunners' Day Weekend event set for 21–23 May in Oamaru.
- Explore a national sponsor with Executive Committee to supply standard green gloss paint, either free or at a subsidised rate, to support national Operation Ubique activities.

Future Plans

- Develop a comprehensive health and safety template for gun-firing events, based on NZDF documentation, to help RSAs and other groups meet complex local government requirements.

It is an honour and pleasure to work with people committed to strengthening their communities and caring for local artillery. Thank you for your time, service, camaraderie, and support in 2025–2026.

Skin Frances
Operation Ubique (South Island) Co-ordinator
RNZAA South Island Co-ordinator

30 September 2026

APPENDIX 11 – PORTFOLIO REPORT – THE 16TH FIELD REGIMENT ANNUAL REPORT

Prepared by WO2 Stephen Hoskins, Training Warrant Officer, 16th Field Regiment, RNZA

Introduction

1. This report summarises the activities and achievements of 16th Field Regiment RNZA during the 2026 reporting year.

Readiness

2. Throughout 2026, regimental efforts remained focused on generating and sustaining operational capability in support of New Zealand Army readiness requirements. Emphasis was placed on collective training, interoperability with partner organisations, leadership development and preparation for future operational commitments.

Training and Exercises

3. Training remained the Regiment's main effort throughout the year.

4. Participation in the Pacific Land Forces Readiness Challenge 26 in Hawaii strengthened relationships with partner nations from across the Indo-Pacific region while enhancing interoperability and readiness.

5. A demanding programme of activities included Exercises HELLFIRE, BRIMSTONE, CRETE, OZARK RAIDER, HILL 60, PHOENIX FLIGHT, PHOENIX SOAR, AGILE TASMAN, BOLD QUEST and MIRYANG.

6. Exercise AGILE TASMAN provided a significant opportunity to advance joint fires and air-land integration capability. Conducted in the Waiouru Military Training Area with 3 Squadron Royal Australian Air Force, the activity included two live releases of GBU-54 Laser Joint Direct Attack Munitions and multiple dry controls. Significantly, the exercise achieved the first recorded ground-controlled release of a GBU-54 from an F-35 aircraft, marking a notable milestone in coalition air-land integration capability. The activity further strengthened the Regiment's relationship with 3 Squadron RAAF and identified opportunities for future combined training and capability development.

7. Exercise BOLD QUEST 26, conducted in Alpena, Michigan, United States, provided a valuable opportunity to enhance coalition interoperability and digital fires integration. As the New Zealand Army lead for the activity, 16th Field Regiment participated in systems interoperability assessments, a Combined Operational Fires Experiment and a HIMARS live-fire demonstration. The exercise validated coalition fires networks, advanced multi-domain fires integration and demonstrated digital sensor-to-shooter capability alongside international partners.

8. Continued development of both gun and mortar capabilities remained a priority. Through an extensive programme of training and live-fire activities, 163 Battery further advanced RNZA's mortar capability while strengthening integration with 1 RNZIR. Concurrently, 161 Battery maintained and enhanced the Regiment's gun capability through collective training, live-fire serials and readiness tasks.

9. Support with the School of Artillery remained a key commitment throughout the year. Regimental personnel contributed as instructors, mentors and subject matter experts, assisting in the delivery of RNZA trade and leadership training while supporting the development of future Gunners.

10. Professional development opportunities continued to be widely undertaken across the Regiment. Personnel completed a broad range of artillery, leadership and specialist training, including Weapons Bombardier, Joint Fires Observer, Weapons Sergeant, Command Support Sergeant, RNZA Corps Training and Uncrewed Aerial Systems qualifications.

Equipment and Capability Development

11. Investment in modern capability continued throughout 2026, with particular emphasis on expanding Uncrewed Aerial Systems capability. Personnel achieved externally recognised aviation qualifications and night-flying certifications, further enhancing the ability to integrate emerging technologies into artillery operations.

12. Maintaining equipment readiness and sustainment remained an enduring priority. The dedication of logistics, workshop and support personnel ensured equipment remained available to meet both training and operational requirements throughout the year.

Personnel

13. Development of future leaders remained a key focus. Officers, non-commissioned officers and soldiers continued to undertake promotion, trade and leadership training, supporting both individual progression and organisational capability.

14. Personnel represented both RNZA and the Regiment with distinction through sporting, professional and representative activities. Highlights included participation in Linton Camp's Battle of the Brave boxing event and international representation in Waka Ama competition.

15. While recruiting and retention continued to present challenges, the professionalism, commitment and adaptability demonstrated by personnel throughout the year provided confidence in the Regiment's future strength.

16. A strong regional and international presence was maintained throughout the year. Personnel supported the training and development of Pacific partner forces, while a combined 16th Field Regiment and 2nd Engineer Regiment team represented the New Zealand Army at the Pacific Land Forces Readiness Challenge in Hawaii. Members of the Regiment also travelled to the Republic of Korea to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Battle of Kapyong. Collectively, these activities strengthened interoperability, enhanced regional relationships and reinforced the Regiment's connection with its operational heritage.

17. Individual excellence continued to be recognised through several notable achievements. MAJ J. Boersen received a Chief of Army Commendation for his contribution to the training and development of the Papua New Guinea Defence Force, including the delivery of mortar training. CAPT J. Hansen received a Chief of Army Commendation for her contribution during the NZDF response to Cyclone Gabrielle. WO2 Greer was similarly recognised with a Chief of Army Commendation for his contribution to the establishment and development of reserve forces and the training of partner-nation forces. Regimental reporting also acknowledged the significant contributions of MAJ Boersen and WO2 Greer to mortar training activities conducted with Pacific partners.

18. Professional development milestones were also achieved during the reporting period. WO2 Pickering successfully graduated from the UK Gunnery Staff Course and received his NZ Army Long Service and Good Conduct Clasp from the Master Gunner St James's Park. Investment in the next generation of artillery leaders continued through Young Officer, Weapons Bombardier and Senior Non-Commissioned Officer training, with Regimental personnel achieving recognition for excellence on course.

19. Underpinning all activities throughout 2026 was the continued focus on Fight Tonight readiness. This emphasis centred on maintaining trained and resilient personnel, serviceable equipment, effective

command and control systems, tactical competence and the ability to rapidly integrate offensive support effects within combined-arms operations. Participation in Exercises CRETE and HILL 60 provided valuable opportunities to test these capabilities while operating as part of the developing Motorised Infantry Battle Group.

Community, Heritage and Engagement

20. Maintaining strong relationships with the public, veteran community and wider RNZA family remained an enduring priority.

21. Personnel supported Anzac Day commemorations throughout New Zealand and overseas. Significant participation in the 75th Anniversary commemorations of the Battle of Kap'yong in the Republic of Korea saw the Commanding Officer, Regimental Sergeant Major and an eight-person gun crew represent RNZA at commemorative events across Imjin River, Gapyeong, Seoul and Busan. These activities honoured the service and sacrifice of New Zealand veterans while reinforcing the Corps' enduring connection to one of its most significant battle honours.

22. Relationships with allies and partner nations were further strengthened through engagement activities in Hawaii and the Republic of Korea, supporting broader New Zealand Army objectives for regional interoperability and cooperation throughout the Indo-Pacific.

23. Ceremonial commitments remained a visible aspect of regimental service. Multiple 21-gun salutes were conducted in support of national occasions, including Royal commemorations and Matariki, showcasing the professionalism and heritage of RNZA while maintaining important links with the wider New Zealand community.

24. Continued support to the wider RNZA family was demonstrated during the funeral of respected Gunner Bo Ngata. Personnel from 16th Field Regiment, alongside members of the School of Artillery and the wider Corps, assisted in honouring his service, reflecting the enduring bond between serving and former Gunners.

25. Regimental cohesion was further strengthened through Gunners Day activities, Corps Rugby, Regimental Sports, the Regimental Gun Run, RNZA Corps Training activities, the Regimental Ball and the RNZA Dinner.

Conclusion

26. The 2026 reporting year was characterised by a demanding programme of training, professional development, capability modernisation, international engagement, coalition interoperability activities and ceremonial commitments.

27. Whether supporting major exercises, representing New Zealand overseas, conducting national ceremonial duties, developing future leaders, expanding emerging capabilities or supporting the wider RNZA family, officers and soldiers consistently demonstrated professionalism, adaptability and commitment.

28. Under the leadership of the Commanding Officer and Regimental Sergeant Major, operational readiness, professional development, ceremonial commitments and support to the wider RNZA family were successfully balanced.

29. The Regiment remains committed to developing professional Gunners, supporting the wider RNZA family and preserving the traditions and heritage of the Corps. It is well positioned to support New Zealand Army priorities into 2027.

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APPENDIX 12 – NOTICE OF MOTION

Prepared by Shelly Boyes, RNZAA Secretary

NOTICE OF MOTION

To: The 92nd Annual General Meeting, Royal New Zealand Artillery Association (RNZAA)

Date: 7 October 2026

MOTION:

*"That **Craig Hewett** and **Chris Morriss** be made Life Members of the Royal New Zealand Artillery Association (RNZAA) in recognition of their extraordinary, dedicated, and significant service to the Association and the wider Gunner community over many decades."*

Mover: Shay Bassett, President, RNZAA

Seconder: Shelly Boyes, Secretary, RNZAA

SUPPORTING CASENOTES & CITATIONS

1. Citation for Craig Hewett

Executive Leadership & Modernisation: As a long-serving member of the RNZAA Executive Committee, Craig has leveraged his professional background in Information Technology to modernise the Association's operations. He has successfully advanced RNZAA's digital engagement through the implementation of modern website operations, application software, mass electronic communication, and social media platforms.

Revolutionising the Quartermaster Role: Craig has completely transformed the role of Quartermaster. By researching and developing diverse product lines and merchandise—including professional apparel for individual sub-units—he has modernised the Q Store. Crucially, he introduced modern payment methods and built a sustainable, highly profitable revenue stream that actively funds the Association's core activities.

Talent Recruitment: Utilising his expertise in recruitment, Craig has successfully identified and brought dynamic Gunner talent into the Executive Committee, injecting new energy into initiatives that benefit the wider Gunner community.

Welfare and Support Advocacy: Serving as a Local Support Advisor at the Whakatane RSA, Craig directly translates his welfare expertise to benefit Gunners in need. He acts as a vital conduit, linking veterans and members with essential support and information from the RNZRSA, Veterans' Affairs, and Ranfurly Trust providers.

Event Management & Financial Success: For over a decade, Craig has been the driving force behind highly successful and profitable North Island Reunions and AGMs, including his current pivotal role in organising the RNZAA 92nd Reunion/AGM.

Media and Engagement: He remains a regular and valued contributor to the *NZ Gunner* magazine, acting as both a feature writer and a proactive promoter for the Q Store.

2. Citation for Chris Morriss

Operation Ubique Leadership & Gun Preservation: As one of the original members and leaders of Operation Ubique, Chris pioneered efforts to bring Gunners together for camaraderie and support while dedicating himself to maintaining and caring for local artillery to preserve the colours. His example, advice, and guidance continue to inspire newer enthusiasts to repair, renovate, and restore guns within their own local Gunner communities.

Digital Leadership & Web Operations: Utilising his professional civilian background in computer programming and information technology, Chris serves as the Association's Webmaster. For many years, he has managed all digital technologies, ensuring 24/7 year-round functionality, database integrity, and security across the website and social media platforms while collaborating directly with our website provider.

Institutional Memory & Membership Management: For more than a decade, Chris has served as the custodian of the Association's memory and information. He meticulously manages the membership database and personally welcomes all new members, utilising his extensive institutional knowledge to benefit the RNZAA.

Event & Registration Management: Chris has been instrumental in the smooth operational running of reunions and AGMs for many years, successfully overseeing registration management and taking an active, practical role in executing the events themselves.

Honouring Fallen Gunners: He delivers a vital service to the community as a regular contributor to the *NZ Gunner* magazine by managing the Last Post, and he carefully compiles the In Memoriam Roll of Honour for reunion services.

Welfare, Support & Representation: Chris acts as a key representative at veteran forums nationwide, linking Gunners with essential welfare and support from the RNZRSA, Veterans' Affairs, and the Ranfurly Trust. Through his welfare outreach, he successfully connects and reconnects veteran Gunners back to the Association, directly driving membership growth.

Signatures:

Shay Bassett - Mover / RNZAA President

Shelly Boyes - Seconder / RNZAA Secretary



Secretary RNZAA

From: Secretary RNZAA
Sent: Wednesday, 7 October 2026 5:28 AM
To: 'Bassett, Shay, MAJ'
Cc: Dick, Jonathan, MAJ
Subject: RE: For Action / Sign-Off: Notice of Motion for RNZAA Life Memberships (Craig Hewett & Chris Morriss) unclassified

DONE – Thank you and kind regards ... Shelly

From: Bassett, Shay, MAJ <SHAY.BASSETT@NZDF.mil.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, 7 October 2026 2:12 AM
To: Secretary RNZAA <secretary@rnzaa.org.nz>
Cc: Dick, Jonathan, MAJ <JONATHAN.DICK@nzdf.mil.nz>
Subject: RE: For Action / Sign-Off: Notice of Motion for RNZAA Life Memberships (Craig Hewett & Chris Morriss) unclassified
Importance: High

Hi Shelly,

The motion and supporting statements are superb, thank you! With the following amendment – delete “*elevated to Life Membership*” and insert “*made Life Members*” - ***I approve and sign this Notice of Motion as Mover.***

Cheers,

Shay

From: Secretary RNZAA [<mailto:secretary@rnzaa.org.nz>]
Sent: Tuesday, 6 October 2026 2:39 p.m.
To: Bassett, Shay, MAJ <SHAY.BASSETT@NZDF.mil.nz>; NSATU MR TRG RES Deputy Branch Head BASSETT, Shay OF-3 <shay.bassett@nsatu.nato.int>
Cc: Dick, Jonathan, MAJ <JONATHAN.DICK@nzdf.mil.nz>
Subject: For Action / Sign-Off: Notice of Motion for RNZAA Life Memberships (Craig Hewett & Chris Morriss)
Importance: High

Hi Shay!

I hope you are keeping well.

As we previously discussed with Jono, I have finalised the written Notice of Motion to elevate **Craig Hewett** and **Chris Morriss** to RNZAA Life Membership at the upcoming AGM on 10 October.

Because of our **07 October** deadline for written submissions, I need your formal sign-off as the Mover so I can second it and submit the paperwork. The full motion and supporting citations are attached for signature.

How to sign off:

Since you are overseas, please simply reply to this email stating:
“*I approve and sign this Notice of Motion as Mover.*”

I will attach your email reply as your official digital signature, sign it myself as Secunder, and submit it into the AGM records. It is important that your email reaches me today.

Thank you for your time and help with this.

Kind regards ... Shelly Boyes, RNZAA Secretary.

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APPENDIX 13 – RNZA HISTORIC TRUST 2025/2026 REPORT

Prepared by Barry Dreyer, Chair, RNZA Historic Trust

Report of the RNZA Historic Trust 2026

The Trust was formed in February 2013 as a registered charitable trust. Its purpose is to “maintain, develop, and preserve historical records, artefacts, collections and memorabilia of the RNZA”.

As projects arise, the Trust raises money to allow projects to be completed.

Over the years the Trust has completed a number of projects, including:

- purchased or acquired significant original RNZA medal sets and presented them to the Regiment
- developed a master list of RNZA memorabilia and trophies within New Zealand that are not held by the Regiment
- successfully won at a deceased estate auction in Sydney a significant historical RNZA trophy originally presented to 4 Field Regiment RAA, for re-presentation to 4 Regiment RAA
- maintained contact with RAA historical entities, sharing detail and supporting activities
- presented historical items and papers to the National Army Museum in Waiouru and to the Kippenberger Library

The major project by far, and the longest-running, has been the work on the Miles papers to the stage where the text is currently with the publisher. The amount raised over the 10+ years of the project is around \$120,000. Publication date is scheduled for late 2027. This has been a significant work in progress and the outcome should be an important historical work covering the first half of the 20th century, based around the biography of perhaps our most important gunner.

The most recent project, and fundraising exercise, was the Anzac Day 2026 auction purchase of the painting by the Australian war artist Garry Dolan, of 161 Battery in action at the Battle of Long Tan. This painting has been displayed at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra and the Australian National Gallery, as well as a number of local galleries in Queensland. The total cost was around \$7000. The painting will be presented to the Regiment in November this year.

We are very grateful to all those that contributed to the trust to allow us to obtain the painting. Donors included the RNZA Association.

The Trust has around \$20,000 at the bank. This is almost entirely committed to the Miles project.

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Barry Dreyer
Chair
RNZA Historic Trust

8 Oct 26