



RSA

Waikato-King Country-Bay of Plenty- Coromandel

District Support Manager

June 2024 Update

Tauranga RSA

Operating from Tauranga RSA 2 days a week they have established a Veteran centre where Veterans and/or their families can call in between 10 am and 3 pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and see a DSA/LSA for assistance, advice or just have a cuppa and a chat. If you know of any Veterans in the Tauranga area, please let them know about this service.

If you are passing by Tauranga RSA on either of these days pop in and say hello.

**VETERAN & FAMILY
SUPPORT**
Drop-in Centre

The Hinton Lounge
Tauranga RSA
1237 Cameron Rd

Tuesdays & Wednesdays 10am - 3pm

For more information - admin@tgarsa.co.nz 07 578 9654

Our mission is to improve
the wellbeing of New Zealand's
veterans of military service
and their whanau

Training - Volunteer Support Workers (New)

Do you have some time on your hands, are you able to visit members, rest homes, hospitals or Those confined to their home. Can you help support your local Support Advisor? Why not become a Volunteer Support Worker. What is the role of a Volunteer Support Worker (VSW). **To visit members within their local Association and Community. To advise the LSA of any Veterans, their families, and other members who may require assistance. Support is one of the strategic priorities of the RSA to remember and care for all those impacted by military service for New Zealand and Allied Armed Forces.**

- Foster regular visits with isolated and/or confined persons (e.g., home and hospital, rest homes, bereaved etc.).

- Maintain an individual's confidentiality.
- Be a good listener.
- Be patient.
- Be flexible.
- Excellent liaison and communication skills.
- Be proactive.

Requirements

- Completed a Police Vetting Form
- Completed the online Privacy ABC Course
- To have read and signed the RNZRSA Code of Ethics

Contact your local DSA, LSA or myself for further details. The training held over a 4-hour session.

Veteran Clinics

If you would like to hold a Clinic/Information Day in your RSA, please let me know. This gives your Veterans the chance to come and talk to an Advisor on a one on one basis to get Information and advice about how we can assist them or their families.

Burial in a Services Cemetery

We have recently had a zoom meeting with VA who raised the concern on RSA's/LSA's giving advice on who can be buried in a Service Cemetery. As we know the only people who have the authority to say who can be buried in a Service Cemetery is the local council.

Please note that the Operational Service List under the Burials Act does slightly vary from VA's Operational List.

Eligibility to be buried in a Services Cemetery needs to be approved by your local authority.

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You may be able to be buried in a Services Cemetery if you:

- have Operational Service under the Burial and Cremation Act, or
- your spouse or partner has Operational Service under the Burial and Cremation Act.

[Operational Service under the Burial and Cremation Act](#)

Spouse or partner burial

Some local authorities may only allow burial of a spouse or partner after the member of His Majesty's Forces burial.

District Support Fundraiser for our Veterans

A local in Matamata who is a great supporter of the RSA is making these figures below with all money raised going to our District. This will assist us to help those Veterans who do not live in an area that has an RSA or falls outside of the normal requests.



Cross \$10

Single soldier and cross \$30

Double soldier and cross \$55

They stand approx. 50cm high and are for indoor display,
Contact Peter Doughty for orders or questions 0210300403

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or would like further information on anything in this newsletter.

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**Whakamaumahara. Manaakitanga. Kaiāwhina.
Remembrance. Support. Advocacy.**