

# The Royal New Zealand Artillery Association

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## 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion - AGM

18<sup>TH</sup>–20<sup>TH</sup> October 2013

To be held at the  
**Royal NZ Naval Association Clubrooms**  
**20 Domain Street**  
**Palmerston North**

The closure of the Palmerston North RSA, in December 2012, the venue for many successful Corps and Unit reunions in recent years, was a cause of some initial concern for the Reunion Organisers.

In a spirit of Inter Service cooperation, the Royal NZ Naval Association Inc. (PN Branch), offered their Clubrooms as a venue for our gathering. Not a large facility but appropriate as a central gathering place. The Service environment and the Naval memorabilia will warm the hearts of those who were 'Coastal Gunners'.

From the 1880s till 1961, the Artillery had a variety of launches servicing the coastal batteries in the Hauraki Gulf, in Wellington, and in Lyttleton. Launches with such names as – Ellen Balance, Lady Roberts, the Bombadier, the Lance Bombadier and the Gunner (later named the Sapper). A fascinating part of our history.

We are especially grateful to the Naval Association for their hospitality, and sharing their camaraderie.

### Programme Outline

Friday 18 October, registration from 3.30 - 8pm.. An opportunity to purchase some memorabilia etc.

A members informal 'Meet and Greet' time to relax, mix and mingle.

No special meal has been arranged, but nibbles and some finger food will be served between 6-8pm.

Saturday 9am, registration and reception for the 'Late-comers'. Time for a few quick 'warmers' or coffee revivers. Then at 9.45 – a Powhiri from Rangitane, and a welcome from the President of the RNZAA. At approx 10am, members travel to Linton, a field visit courtesy of 16 Fd Regt. Returning approximately 1pm.

Partners of members are offered an optional trip to the "Herb Garden". This will include a morning tea at the Cafe and a chance to visit the gardens and perhaps sample some products. An extra cost of \$10.00 is required for this trip. See [www.herbfarm.co.nz](http://www.herbfarm.co.nz)

***Please Note:*** Lunch own arrangements. The City has many relaxing Cafés and a mix of shopping available, all adjacent to the venue.

5.pm. Assemble at the Clubrooms and then transport departs for Linton at 5.45pm, for the highlight of the weekend, the Formal Dinner. Transport booked to return to the at approximately 10.45pm – all inclusive cost of \$45.00.

**Dress Formal: Medals /Miniatures.**

Sunday 09.30, Commemorative Service at the Clubrooms. Followed by morning tea. 10am – 12pm, the Association AGM. Venue to be confirmed. Our hosts will be celebrating ‘Trafalgar Day, which may necessitate our meeting being held in an adjacent venue.

Conclusion of the weekend celebrations.

### **Accommodation**

Hotels and Motels are offering a range of discounts for those attending. The Masonic and Café de Paris Inn are older smaller style facilities, but most rooms have ensuite. Masonic also has TAB & Gaming facilities.

Please identify yourself as attending the “Reunion” when booking to secure the appropriate discount.

To assist us in planning possible transport needs please tick the name of the facility where you have booked accommodation on the Registration Form

### **Facilities adjacent to the Clubrooms:**

- 🕒 BK’S Motor Lodge: [info@bkspalmerstonnorth.co.nz](mailto:info@bkspalmerstonnorth.co.nz)  
06 353 5995
- 🕒 Masonic Hotel: [info@masonichotel.co.nz](mailto:info@masonichotel.co.nz);
- 🕒 Café de Paris Inn : [www.cafedeparisinn.co.nz](http://www.cafedeparisinn.co.nz); 06 3552130
- 🕒 Travelodge: [palmerstonnorth@travelodge.co.nz](mailto:palmerstonnorth@travelodge.co.nz): 0800 101 100

### **Facilities within 10 minutes by car**

- 🕒 Kingsgate: [Caitlyn.moore@millenniumhotels.com](mailto:Caitlyn.moore@millenniumhotels.com);  
06 356 8059
- 🕒 Coachman: [functions@coachman.co.nz](mailto:functions@coachman.co.nz) 06 356 5065
- 🕒 PN Holiday Park. 06 358 039

### **Registration:**

We encourage you to Register online using the Registration form on the website – [www.rnzaa.org.nz](http://www.rnzaa.org.nz), however, if this is not possible, feel free to use the attached Registration Form and Post to:

RNZA Association, P.O.Box 110107, Auckland

**Please register before Friday 26 August 2013, for catering numbers.**

### **Local Contact:**

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**The Royal New Zealand Artillery Association Inc**

**79th Annual Reunion & AGM**

**Palmerston North, NZ, 18-20 October 2013**

**Registration Form**

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Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Initials & Name: (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Ph No: \_\_\_\_\_ (Mobile preferred)

Service No: \_\_\_\_\_ Operational Service In : \_\_\_\_\_

Names for Labels: (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_

**Accommodation** – booked at: \_\_\_\_\_ (for transport)

**Registration Fee:** \$95.00 per person – this will include the following activities, other than the Partner's Optional Trip which will be approx \$10.00

**Please indicate attendance**

Day/Time	Event	No Attending
Friday 18 Oct	Registration/Meet and Greet/ Hospitality	_____
Saturday 19 Oct	Field Trip to 16 Fd Regt Linton	_____
	Partners' Optional tour (Add \$10.00)	_____
	Formal Dinner Linton	_____
Sunday 20 Oct	Commemorative Service/ AGM	_____

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**Payment:** (Tick the preferred Option) – *Note* there is a non refundable administration fee, which covers the basic cost of the registration documentation including Name tags, venue hire and catering morning teas.

\_\_\_ *I have paid by Direct Credit to the Association's Kiwibank account 38 9007 0694501 00.*  
*Ensure your name is recorded with 'Reunion' in reference box and*  
*Register online at [www.rnzaa.org.nz](http://www.rnzaa.org.nz)*

\_\_\_ *My cheque is enclosed.* (Mail cheque together with this Form to the Association at  
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