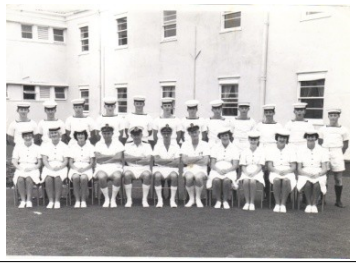
SECRETARY'S CORNER - APRIL 2010



Shipmates,

I am looking forward to catching up with some of you during the forthcoming reunion in Dunedin and putting a face to a name, as a lot of you I know through the data base but haven't actually meet. Next some good news and bad news. The good news is that our membership is up to an all time high with just two below the 300 member mark. We need another couple of recruits to break the 300 barrier. Also, financially the association is on a very sound footing and that's even taking into account the donation we made to the RNZN Museum Foundation.

The bad news which Jim has already alluded to in the latest Claymore and on his page, is due to unforeseen circumstances the HMNZS Otago will not be in Dunedin during our reunion and this has had a major impact on the programme. Nevertheless, Gary, Les and the team in Dunedin have come up with some really good alternatives, such as Lt Cdr Simon Rooke's (CO of the new Otago) talk at the United services Club which is in lieu of the cocktail party. At least it will be warmer and far more comfortable. Gents, there are also a lot of potential members out there and its your job to get them to join. Why keep this superb organization known only to ourselves. You can do your bit by just emailing me their contact details and I will do the rest. The other bit of bad news is that we have a few members who have dropped out of our data base simply because they have moved, changed contact details, email address and the like. If you have moved or are going to move, can you please let me know so I can change your contact details.

If you want to check on your membership status please Click on the "Association Membership Button". Don't get upset if you have paid your subscription but the list doesn't change immediately as it is updated quarterly. But if you don't appear on the list at all – please let me know.

As you will be aware, I don't send out receipts. I write them out, but don't send them. The reason for this is that it costs over a $1 to send them back and modern practice is for you to check your bank account. If the cheque has gone through them it is deemed to have been banked by the Association. If you are going to pay by direct credit please give me a hint as to who you are. I have received quite a number of payments in the past year and don't have a clue who they came from. This is particularly the case as far as registering for the reunion. So far I have received two registration forms without any names. I guess someone will turn up and we won't have a registration for them (We'll sort it out though!!)

Don't forget to look at the website from time to time. We update quite frequently so usually there's something new being posted at least monthly.

Yours Aye,

Noel