



Foxton RSA &
Community Assoc.

Dec 2019 – Jan 2020



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is with disappointment that I have to report that the financial situation of the Club continues to be in a serious state. With the decline in turnover from the bar, the restaurant and gaming, the Club has been operating at a loss for the last 3 months. We were hoping that this was just a Winter trend and that, as the season improved, business would also pick up with the Summer months.

Example:

- The bar takings year to date is \$133,381.00 same time last year was \$174,253.00.
- Gaming Income year to date \$63,112.00 last year to date \$99,349.00
- Restaurant year to date \$110,113.00 last year to date \$116,895.00

The Club needs all members to support it by attendance and financial support.

The Entertainment Committee have worked hard to provide entertainment on Saturday nights, but again for the last 2 shows attendance has been down, yet I believe it was excellent entertainment.

The Executive are trying to keep the Saturday night entertainment going for members' enjoyment, but if it is not supported it will have to stop and the restaurant also may need to close on the Saturday nights.

Restaurant: We welcome our new chef Allan Dries. Numbers seem to be picking up slowly to the extent where some evenings the food is running out. Hopefully it is a sign that more are using the restaurant.

Our Manager, Allan Wakeling, has resigned his position as Manager due to health reasons. At this stage, until things pick up, we will continue to operate without a Manager. We wish Allan all the best.

Julie will look after the Bar Managerial duties and Tara will continue to manage our finances.

All members, please rally together to support the reduced staff in these trying times for the benefit of the Club.

Remember that any concerns should be directed to myself or the Vice President, Bruce Winter.

David Roache, President

COMING EVENTS

- **Sunday 1st December:** Delta Country Music Club.
- **Thursday 5th December:** Women's Section Christmas Party.
- **Saturday 7th December:** Women's Section Kids Christmas Party (registrations at club by Wed 4th Dec).
- **Wednesday 11th December:** Foxton Beach Senior Citizens Club, visiting us for lunch.
- **Saturday 14th December:** Karaoke with Nigel starting at 7pm.

- **Wednesday 18th December:** Bingo Night. Fundraiser for St John. 7pm to 9pm.
- **Tuesday 31st December:** New Years Eve Celebration. Live music by "6 Pack". \$10 entry fee. The Club will be open from 4pm to 12.30am. The restaurant will be open from 5.30pm 'til 8pm. The van will be available - \$3 pp each way (Foxton and the Beach).

January: There are no specific bookings for January due to so many people being away, but **please keep your eye on the noticeboard and flyers at the RSA Clubrooms** for anything that may come up unexpectedly.

REGULAR EVENTS

CARDS – are you an



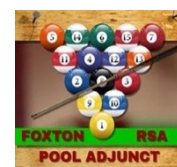
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Do you enjoy playing cards? Was it your favourite pastime? Why not come in on Friday afternoon at 1:30pm. All sorts of card games are played, from Skip-Bo to Rummikub and now 500. If you don't know how to play these card games, no worries' we will teach you! You're in for a treat. Come and play cards on a Friday, have a tonne of laughs. We would love to see you.

POOL ADJUNCT

The pool adjunct has been very busy with home and away games and express thanks to members who turn up to these events and help make the home games even more successful and enjoyable with the plates you bring for the afternoon tea.



Wednesday pool days are still very popular. We welcome new players. Just come along and have your name in before 12.45pm and join in the fun.

EIGHT BALL POOL

We have been having good turnouts on Tuesday nights from 6pm.

We will be having a break from 10th Dec to 14th Jan.

We look forward to seeing new members next year.



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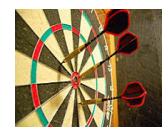
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If Pool is not for you but you enjoy company and a gentle flutter why not try **Housie**. (sometimes known as Bingo). Wednesday night is 'Housie' night. Cards are sold till 6.45pm. White cards are \$3 each and yellow super cards are \$1.

Some weeks the super house is over \$100! Bring your friends and family, the more people playing the higher the prizes will be. You are assured of a warm welcome.

DARTS

The Dart's Club meet each Tuesday evening from 6.30 – 9.00pm for competitive, yet friendly games of darts. New players are welcome to come and play and check us out.



We will be having a break from 10th Dec to 14th Jan.

TGIF - Thank Goodness It's Friday

Friday night is Social Night! This is the time to wind down and enjoy a convivial drink, a hearty meal and engage in conversation in the company of friends.

An array of raffles are on hand. These include:

- at least 3 meat raffles,
- the President's \$50 prize,
- the 'Door Raffle' and
- the ever popular 'Joker'. Each week a lucky punter, for an outlay of \$2, has the opportunity to turn over a card. If that card is the Joker you win the Jackpot, if not a consolation prize of \$10. The jackpot, if not won, gradually accumulates up to a maximum of \$1,000 at which point **it must be won!**

MEMBERSHIP

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Corine Cudbertson
Margaret Godfrey
Rex Rapson
Colin Dunn

Thomas Zimmerman
Dean Taylor
Dale Austin
Nicholas Girvan

Alister Thorby
Terry Hansen
Nate Dixon

We look forward to seeing you enjoying the hospitality of YOUR club.

PROVISIONAL MEMBERSHIP IS NOW AVAILABLE AT THE CLUB.

Provisional Membership gives the applicant a trial period, as a bona fide member, for a period of 1 month, at the reduced fee of \$5.

At the end of the trial period the Provisional Member can apply to become a Full Member and if Full Membership is granted the \$5 fee will be deducted from the Annual Subscription.

Talk to the staff about this facility.

Why not ask a friend to come in and give this a try. They won't be disappointed.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS NOW DUE

Remember that your membership expires on 31 December 2019.
2020 Membership renewals can now be paid at the bar.

**Members, please remember this is YOUR club.
It cannot exist without your support and attendance.**

ARMISTICE DAY 2019



At 10.50am on 11 November 2019, a cold wet Monday morning, a stalwart group of some 30 people assembled at Foxton Cenotaph to mark the 101st anniversary of the signing of the Armistice which ended WWI. The conditions were more reminiscent of a northern hemisphere winter commemoration than that normally associated with New Zealand.

The President of the Foxton RSA, David Roache, welcomed those assembled and conducted the Commemoration Service. Major Hunter Hannam, accompanied by 2 NCO's of No 21 Supply Company Royal NZ Army Logistic Regiment and an NCO of the Royal Logistic Corp, on an overseas exchange from the British Army, provided a military presence. A sergeant of the NZ Police added to the uniform presence. The 'Order to Cease Fire' was read by Massie Harvey, Head Boy, Manawatu College.



The President then called for 2 minutes' silence. The NZ Ensign was lowered to 'half mast' whilst the Last Post was sounded, marking the end of the 2 minutes' silence.

Major Hunter Hannam then addressed those assembled and outlined New Zealand's commitment to past, present and future military activities in relation to the maintenance of peace.

Tabitha Anderson, Head Girl, Manawatu College then recited the poem 'In Flanders Fields', after which the President invited people to lay wreaths and floral tributes at the base of the Cenotaph.

Wreaths were laid by NCO's of the Logistic Regiment, the RSA President and RSA Ladies Committee, and John Girling, Foxton Community Board.

The 'Ode', in both Maori and English, was recited by Danien Bryant, Manawatu College Kaitaki, and Trevor Solomon delivered a closing prayer.

The sounding of Reveille and the raising of the NZ Ensign to the top of the flag pole marked the end of the Service.

The President then invited all present to the RSA Clubrooms for refreshments.

The Last Post and Reveille was sounded by Nick Van Dijke

Bob Dellow, Treasurer of the Foxton RSA Trust was the Flag Marshall. The Horowhenua Civic & Community Events Coordinator, Melissa Steadman, provided the PA system. The involvement of Manawatu College is greatly appreciated.





CLUB ARTEFACTS

The mammoth task of cataloguing the vast amount of items on current display in the Club is nearing completion.

This has entailed photographing each article and listing same, giving its current location.

When completed, an illustrated catalogue will be available for perusal. The catalogue will list all articles of cultural/historical interest acquired by the Club, including sports trophies which are currently on display.

Recently, two further items were deposited in the Club Office, by an unnamed donor. The Committee has decided that, due to the lack both storage and display space, no further items will be accepted without the Committee's specific permission.

Anyone wishing to donate items must firstly contact the Committee giving a full description of the item, including size, and the name and contact address/phone number of the donor. Consideration will then be given to the relevance of the item and suitability for display. Any item left on the Club premises, without permission being previously obtained, will be returned to the donor, if known, or disposed of.



LATEST DONATIONS:

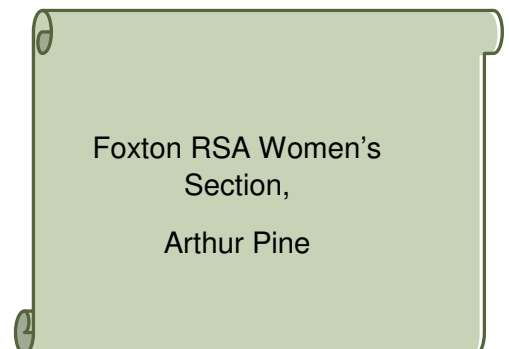
Your generosity has been outstanding and so much more helpful than you could imagine! We still have a long way to go and every dollar helps!

If anyone else would like to make a donation please do head on into the Club and talk to the Manager

Alternatively, details for a bank deposit are:

Foxton RSA 03-0633-0004159-00.

Any and all amounts are very much appreciated.



COURTESY VAN



Currently the Club offers transport to and from both Foxton Beach and the town area. Anyone wishing to avail themselves of this service can phone the duty bar person to arrange pick up time. Nominally the van runs to a schedule: Foxton Town, on the hour and the Beach on the half hour.

Cost \$3 each way.

WE ARE IN DESPERATE NEED OF VAN DRIVERS.
WITHOUT DRIVERS THIS SERVICE WILL CEASE

THE LOYALTY DRAW

Thank you to those who support this.

Remember this is run every month for the whole month, you can buy a number individually or as a syndicate, the more who enter the bigger the prize pool. This is a great way to support your club and win yourself some money.

WOMEN'S SECTION



Another year has gone, and once again Christmas is almost here.

We have had another busy year. In November we made and laid a wreath at the Cenotaph for Armistice Day on behalf of the Foxton RSA Women's Section, and also provided a wreath for the RSA to lay as well. At our November meeting we had Kiri from the library talk about the heritage room.

Some of our members recently attended the Bulls afternoon fund raiser, enjoyed the entertainment and managed to win 3 of the raffles. A group of our members also went to the pre-Christmas afternoon put on by the Levin Women's Section and enjoyed the entertainment and the Christmas stalls.

In December we finish our year with our Women's Section Christmas lunch on the 5th, and the RSA Children's Christmas Party on the 7th.

We meet again in February, on the 3rd Thursday of the month. In March we will be having our AGM, so keep this date in mind as we will need more ladies on the committee.

Our committee members wish to thank all members who have helped out during the year with various activities. Special thanks to the group of ladies who regularly turn up each Friday night during the year to sell the raffle tickets.

Merry Christmas to you all, and to your families, and we hope to see you all again next year.

FOXTON RSA FAMILY RESTAURANT

Please welcome our new Chef, Allan Dries.

The restaurant is open to members and the public from 5.30 – 8.00pm on Fridays & Saturdays.

Note: If you are dining in the restaurant with your children, you are responsible for their behaviour. Remember that children must not run around the bar area. We don't want any accidents to either your children or our club members or visitors.



Due to some diners abusing the 'serve yourself' roast meat, on Friday 22 November we trialled the roast meat being served by restaurant staff. This was met with such overwhelming approval that it will be continued.

CLUB HOURS

Club hours are as per the notice on the door. These hours are currently under review and we will let you know as soon as a decision is made.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE FOXTON RSA will be closed on the following dates:

- 24, 25 and 26 December
- 1 and 2 January

A WORD FROM YOUR EDITOR

During October and November your Entertainment Committee organised some great evenings, from Karaoke with Trev, the 3 piece band Just In Time and Karaoke with Nigel, to Shane and the Bro's (from Manawatu College).

I have to say that I have been disappointed with the turnout of members, and embarrassed for the Club. Karaoke with Nigel was well attended, with participation from more than a dozen singers, and Shane and the Bros was well attended too. However, I counted just 23 people in the club for Just In Time – and 6 of those came with the band!

I'm relatively new to the Club, and I'm at a loss to know what it will take for members to support their club and the hard work of the Entertainment Committee. If you know what the problem is, please let me know. Send an email to me foxtonrsa@xtra.co.nz or write a note to "The Editor" and hand it in to the Club.

Footnote

TO SAVE ON PAPER, PRINTING AND POSTAGE WE WOULD PREFER TO SEND AS MANY NEWSLETTERS AS POSSIBLE BY EMAIL.

IF YOU HAVE AN E MAIL ADDRESS PLEASE LET THE MANAGER KNOW.

Please email us at foxtonrsa@xtra.co.nz - in this way we will get YOUR correct email address.

Please think about the environment before you print this newsletter.



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