

1 RNZIR 50th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

WHATS ON:

Saturday 04 Aug

POWHIRI. Previous unit members and guests will be welcomed onto the 1 RNZIR Parade Ground to commence the celebration activities. The Powhiri will be the only formal welcome conducted and will commence at 10am sharp.

OPEN DAY. From 10.30am until 2.00pm, Wellington Lines, the home of 1 RNZIR will be open for guests to view the unit facilities and current unit in service equipment. The newly refurbished 1 RNZIR History Room will also be open for viewing. During the open day a mock battle will be conducted to provide a practical display of unit capabilities. During the open day food stalls will be open for guests to purchase lunch and light refreshments. A facility will also be available to purchase unit memorabilia.

At the conclusion of the Open Day the Unit Lines and equipment will be secured and the Battalion will conduct parade preparation. This is an opportunity for guests to return to P/North to freshen up and prepare for the evening activities.

CEREMONIAL BEAT THE RETREAT PARADE. Commencing at approximately 4.45pm, 1 RNZIR supported by the NZ Army Band will conduct a Ceremonial Parade. During the parade previous members of 1 RNZIR will be offered the opportunity to participate in the ceremony to reinforce the bond between previous and current unit members.

ALL RANKS AND GUESTS FUNCTION:

At the conclusion of the parade an indoors function will be held within the Battalion Lines. A buffet dinner will be provided and full bar facilities will be available. Live entertainment will be provided by the NZ Army Swing Band and by The Beat Girls who will perform music from each respective decade of the Battalion's history. Formal activities will be minimal to enable previous and current unit members to socialise and reminisce.

Sunday 05 Aug

MARCH THROUGH PALMERSTON NORTH AND CENOTAPH SERVICE

Departing from the P/North RSA at approximately 10.30am, 1 RNZIR will march through P/North to the Cenotaph where a memorial service will be conducted. This will be the final Birthday Celebration activity.

WHO IS INVITED?

All previous Unit members and partners.

WHAT ARE THE COSTS?

There is no charge for attending the Powhiri, Open Day and Parade.

The cover charge/ticket cost for the all ranks function is \$35.

HOW DO I PURCHASE TICKETS

Registration Forms are available online at WWW.army.mil.nz, or by writing to; 1 RNZIR 50th, 1 RNZIR, Linton Military Camp, PALMRSTON NORTH.

Note: Guests who wish to attend only the free of charge activities in Linton Camp are also requested to submit a registration form so the appropriate entry to Linton Camp and NZDF Security arrangements can be put in place. This information is also important so the unit can ensure sufficient facilities can be in place to meet anticipated demand.

On receipt of registration forms 1 RNZIR will forward a ticket pack in due course.

SHUTTLE SERVICE

Throughout the day and night of Saturday 04 August a bus shuttle service for guests will run continuously from selected pick up points in P/North to Linton Camp and return. Entry onto the bus will be a gold coin donation to assist with costs. Guests are requested to indicate on the registration form whether they would utilise this service or not so that sufficient buses can be made available.

ACCOMODATION

No accommodation will be available within Linton Camp over the weekend of 04-05 Aug. Details of accommodation providers within the Palmerston North area can be found online in the 1 RNZIR Web pages.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT www.army.mil.nz

The 1 RNZIR Web Pages on the NZ Army Web Site will be continually updated with further details on the 50th Birthday Celebrations and other historical and current matters pertaining to 1 RNZIR.