

FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

ANZAC Day brought us together to celebrate our shared values, to listen to one another, and to reaffirm our commitment to a future defined by opportunity, dignity, and unity.

To organizers and volunteers: your dedication turned vision into reality, creating spaces for learning, connection, and renewal.

To educators, healthcare workers, public servants, and community leaders: your stead-

iness and service underscored the resilience of our institutions and the trust they require.

To families and neighbours: your acts of kindness, cooperation, and mutual aid reminded us of the everyday power of solidarity

To the young people, veterans, workers, innovators, your insights, and your courage will shape the next chapter of our shared story. I invite you to stay engaged - to mentor, volunteer, participate in dialogue, and hold us accountable as we strive for better outcomes

for all.

Thank you for your contributions, your resilience, and your unwavering belief on ANZAC Day.

Reminder we have our Annual AGM 11.00 24 May 2026 under our new constitution rules. Look forward to seeing you there.



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

President:	Andrew Ritchie
Vice President:	Maree Mayall
Treasurer:	William MacPherson
Secretary:	Belinda Dobson
Committee:	Mike Jones Bruce Robertson Jack Lane Alan Goodfellow Sam Ward Anna MacPherson Glenn Robust

Upcoming Events 2026

The Force 16 May 3-6pm

AGM Sunday 24 May 11.00am

Victory Darts Tournament 30-31 May

Pink Ribbon Day 27 June

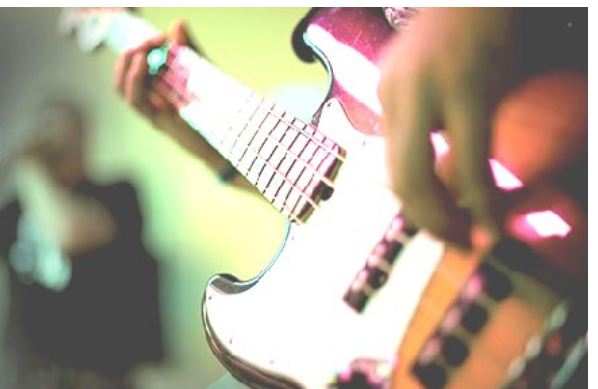
Blue Do Day 26 September

Oktoberfest 17 October

NZ RSA Dart Nationals 23-25 October

(check our website for updates and touch TV)

LIVE MUSIC



Join us for a Saturday afternoon of fun
Enjoy all the ambience our club has to offer
FREE ADMISSION - ALL WELCOME

(check our website for dates & details and on our touch screen TV)

If you have ideas for events or would like to volunteer to help with them, please reach out to enquires@swansonrsa.co.nz



Remember it is easy to catch an uber to and from the Swanson RSA. Why not share an uber to make it cheaper, sit back and relax, have a few drinks, share a meal with friends and make new ones down at the Swanson RSA



We welcome our new members to our Swanson RSA family. Our Club has a unique ambience with everything from a restaurant, members bar, sports bar, free car parking and much more. We are pleased with our increase of new member applications and are continuing to promote our club and a community based environment to support.

Get to Know Our Team:

Joy Stedman - Restaurant Manager

By way of introduction I look after the Mess Hall Restaurant (and mainly our Chef). I can be provoking but mostly very helpful.

I am no stranger to the Swanson area, having raised my son Justin and daughter Jade in Candia Road where I bred poultry for 13 years and supplied Fairday Poultry also became a catcher to make ends meet.

It was during this time that I discovered my passion for hospitality and trained with the Tony's Group in both the cocktail bar and front of house in the restaurant. This led to me selling the chicken farm and I made the move to the North Shore to become a business partner in the Tony Corp Group.

We set up Oceans Buffet Restaurant in Takapuna and then came Tonys Trambarn Epsom. Followed by One Italy, our next successful restaurant. These three very large restaurants, we operated for many years with over 100 staff on the payroll. We were very busy all the time and thrived on the adrenalin.

The restaurants were eventually sold and our next and most successful venture was Joust in Orewa.

Justin (Chef) and I have worked closely through this time and now it's the Swanson RSA for around 12 years.

Working out of this very small kitchen, we manage to serve hundreds on ANZAC Day and all the other special occasions and functions that arise. This is a Club and can only operate with the base of helpful people around us. The support of the ones that are just there on the day year after year. The people in the background that do an amazing job.



We all have a story, so take more photos and keep doing what you are doing for this little community that we call the Swanson RSA.

As I was writing this, I watched Justin (Chef) helping a lady navigating a step to the outside area, holding her glass of wine and I thought... you know what... we are just one caring family of people helping people.

Get to Know Our Members:

JASON HIKO: "I am 85 years old, a father, grandfather and great grandfather. Since the age of 22 I have played in bands. If you'd told me when I first picked up a guitar that I'd be chasing melodies decades later, I might have laughed. Yet here I am with calloused fingertips that tell stories, a voice softened by years of singing and a band that becomes a family. I feel honored that I had the opportunity to play at so many pubs, clubs and halls over my years. My message to younger musicians is to practice with intention but play with heart. The rigor of scales and technique is important but the soul of music lives where your ears meet others. Build your own community. A band is a learning network, a



support system and a source of life long stories. Stay curious. The guitar is a life long invitation to explore, tune up, try a new chord and open a door to a genre you've never explored.

I have been a member of Redwoods Golf Club for nearly 50 years and a member of the RSA for nearly 60 years. I love coming to the Swanson RSA, meeting new people, everyone is so welcoming and nice here."... WE LOVE HAVING YOU HERE JASON.

ANZAC Day 2026



Fantastic Support from our Local Community & Military Alliances



Mike Kernot, Sir Graham Lowe, Sam Ward, Andrew Ritchie



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the SWANSON MEMORIAL R.S.A. INC

Will be held in the clubrooms

SUNDAY 24th MAY AT 11.00am

Positions up for nomination are as follows:

- **President**
- **Secretary**
- **3 Executive Committee Members**

**Nomination forms are available from the Secretary
or from the Bar Staff.**

Nominations, remits and notice of motion close.

Must be in the hands of the Secretary by:

6.00pm On Saturday 16th May 2026

THE 2026 COMMITTEE WILL CONSIST OF:

- **PRESIDENT**
- **VICE-PRESIDENT**
- **SECRETARY**
- **TREASURER**
- **5 COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

MUSIC WITH

THE FORGE



COVER BAND

**COUNTRY BLUES
ROCKNROLL**

SATURDAY 16TH MAY 3-6PM

Join us for an afternoon of

Great Music & Entertainment

**All welcome, bring your friends and family
to enjoy all the ambience our club offers**



We would like to acknowledge our awarding winning darts team.

The dart team welcomes new players if you are interested in joining please contact **Ritz** 021857100 or **Linda** 0211878610 or **Maree** 0272057966.

All welcome, come down on Friday's at 6pm In our downstairs Sports Bar and have a throw of darts.



We would like to acknowledge our awarding winning pool team.

The pool team welcomes new players if you are interested in joining please contact **Deon** 0212449088

All welcome, come down on Thursday at 7pm for registration to play pool at 7.30pm In our downstairs Sports Bar.



Approximately 16 fishing events held over the club season from late August to early June.

We don't use charters because most members have their own boats. If you don't own a boat, there's surfcasting, wharf fishing, or a spot on a boat if the skipper has room.

Our Club Days are usually on Sundays and cost \$20, allowing you to fish anywhere as long as you return to the RSA between 4:00pm - 5:00pm for weigh-in, and you get to keep your catch!

Along with our standard Club Days, we also have a surfcasting day, where everyone can only fish land-based. Our Annual Competition is open to anyone (including non-RSA members), as long as at least one person per boat is a Swanson RSA member.

Every Friday night, we hold a popular raffle at the Lower Deck Bar.

Our AGM and Prize-giving takes place early July, and is very entertaining.

You must have a RSA Membership to join the Fishing Club. The cost to then join the Fishing club is \$20.00 per year.



**JOIN US AT SWANSON RSA
EVERY TUESDAY NIGHT**

Bootscootin Line Dancers with Karen Dawson

6:30 - 7:30 pm Beginners Class 7:30 - 8:30 pm Improvers

Whether you want to learn something new or just let loose on the dance floor
we have a class for all skill levels - no cowboy boots required!

Door charge \$10

For more information contact:
Karen Dawson
Call: 021 143 0833
Email: karen-dawson@xtra.co.nz
Facebook: Bootscootin Line Dancers with Karen Dawson



JOIN US FOR

Thirsty Thursday

4:30pm to 7pm



THURSDAY NIGHT IS QUIZ NIGHT

BELIEVE IT OR NOT?
QUIZ EVENTS

ASK BAR STAFF FOR MORE DETAILS

“ What if I'm not smart enough?
What if we come last?
What if I forget my indepth knowledge of the entropy of thermodynamics?
What if Colin eventually buys a round!?”



OUR CHEF'S RECIPE OF THE MONTH:

Smoked Ham Soup

It's cooling down so we need to warm up. This recipe will freeze well or keep for several days in the fridge (actually gets even better).

We can supply the ham hock subject to availability, see Joy at the front of desk in the Mess Hall Restaurant

Serves 6

Ingredients:

- Smoked Ham Hock
- 2 diced onions
- 2 diced potatoes
- 2 diced carrots
- 2 garlic cloves crushed
- Pinch of mixed herbs
- 25gms Butter
- 1/4 C Flour
- 420g can of Butter Beans (drained)



Method:

1. Cover the Ham Hock with water in a large saucepan and simmer for approximately 2 hours until the meat falls off the bone
2. Discard the bone and set aside the liquid, dice the meat
3. In the same saucepan, melt the butter and sauté the onions, potato, carrot, garlic and herbs until softened
4. Stir through the flour and cook for 2 minutes
5. Add the set aside stock, diced meat and drained butter beans
6. Season with salt and pepper to taste