

Newsletter

February 2026



YOUR PLACE
YOUR CLUB

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07 575 4477



Bingo

Every Friday from 1:00pm. Friendly faces, a bit of luck, and a whole lot of good times - All welcome.



Karaoke

Every Thursday from 7:00pm. Sing like nobody's listening (but we totally are — and we love it!)



Darts

Currently **ON HOLD** due to club renovations - We'll keep you updated.

From the Manager's Desk

Welcome to 2026 – A New Year for Our Club and Community

Welcome to 2026. I hope you managed to take a well-earned break and spend time some quality time with family and friends. The Club had a busy December—it was great to see members from further afield enjoying their holidays here with friends and family over the break and joining our regulars here at the Club.

That said, the tragic events at the Mount have rocked our community. As a designated emergency centre, we opened our doors to Civil Defence, the Council and emergency responders, and served as a station for some of those evacuated from the campsite. I wish to extend my thanks to those members present that morning who were understanding of the need to close the Club. Civil Defence and the Police asked me to extend their thanks to the staff and volunteers who provided food, drink and support to those who came through our doors. A special mention to Dave Corrin and Shelley Kerr who both opened up their homes to take in some of the evacuees and support them over the following days. We were inundated with offers of help ranging from home baking to clothes and bedding, Thank you to you all.

January is traditionally a quiet month and our raffle volunteers were given a well-deserved break. We have now resumed our usual Wednesday and Friday raffles, with membership draws, Joker's Wild and Spin the Wheel also back on Fridays. In response to member feedback, the Restaurant will be opening for longer hours with food available all day on weekends and public holidays, and later closing in the evenings as required.

There have been a few staff changes, with Damian, Malou and Katy moving on to fresh pastures—we wish them all the best. New staff members Lily and Ruby have been brought in to fill the gap so please give them a warm welcome.

There are two important Extraordinary General Meetings in February: On Sunday 15th for Tauranga RSA at Chadwick House; and on Sunday 22nd here at the Mount RSA. Attendees at these meetings will make the final decisions regarding the Clubs' merger and its future. If you are available, I encourage you to attend in order for you to have your say and use your vote.

Jonathan Clarke - General Manager

Mt Music Club

1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10:15am. All welcome to join or watch.



Mahjong

Every Monday in the west wing, 1 - 4pm. Contact Tania 027 220 1151



Cards - 500

Every Tuesday at 12:45pm. Join our friendly group. Contact Jill 020 413 92497

RSA Support Services Here When You Need Us



I hope everyone had an enjoyable and peaceful Christmas and New Year. We welcome 2026, full of things that have never been. **2026 Poppy Day- Friday 17th April** Planning is underway and anyone that can help with preparations or collecting, please get in touch

Equipment Available for Members: We have a range of mobility equipment available for members to borrow, including:

- Wheelchairs
- Walkers (indoor & outdoor)
- Mobility scooters
- Walking sticks
- Knee scooter

Members are welcome to borrow this equipment for as long as needed. Please get in touch if you or someone you know could benefit.

Pyes Pa Cemetery Visit: Last Tuesday of the month. The RSA Welfare van departs the RSA at 1.45 pm and we can pick up from Farm Street at Bayfair. To join the group on 24th February, please phone me to book a seat.

Support Services Office Hours: I am in the office Monday to Friday mornings. Please ring ahead to check I am available, as I may be out visiting.

If you need to meet outside these times, please call me to arrange an appointment—leave a message if I don't answer and I will get back to you.

Shelley Kerr 07 575 2385

Fishing Club From the Boat to the Bulletin



We took a break over the Christmas holidays and left the fishing to the holiday visitors enjoying our little slice of paradise. We now have a great line-up of trips planned to begin in February, when we're hoping for calmer, more settled weather.

Our first trip will be to Tapu, followed by our annual Coromandel trip in early March, and then another Tapu trip later in March. That's the plan so far — here's hoping for calm seas and plenty of fat fish!

Cheers, Jeanette

Crafty Friends Group

Every Wednesday 10am - 12pm

Craft? Absolutely. Chat? Even more so! Join a lovely bunch who are just as handy with a glue gun as they are with a good gossip. Whether you're here to stitch, sketch, or just have a cuppa and a chinwag – everyone's welcome.



Country Music Dust Off Your Boots

A great crowd turned out on Sunday 25th for our January Country Music concert and enjoyed an outstanding afternoon of entertainment. The show opened with local singers Hans, Heather, Jacqui, Gary, Josh Gray and Julz, who set a wonderful tone for the day.

Guest artist Dennis August then delivered a brilliant performance, showcasing why he is one of New Zealand's iconic country musicians, much to the delight of the audience. The second half featured lovely performances from Sally, Brian, Lutz, Bruce, Rererangi and Debz, along with a special instrumental from guest musician Robbie Laven, whose fiddle, flute, guitar and mandolin added something very special to the band.

Overall, it was a fantastic afternoon of country music, supported by our wonderful band.

Please note, our February Country Music show scheduled for Sunday 22nd has been cancelled due to an RSA Extraordinary General Meeting at 4pm that day.



Travel Club Passport to Adventure

The Travel Club enjoyed a lovely Christmas dinner at the RSA in mid-December, marking our final get-together for the year. Since then, we have held a committee meeting to plan our first away trip for February, and we will be heading to the Cambridge area to kick off our travel programme for 2026.

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year — may it be filled with good times and interesting adventures ahead.

Jeanette



Ballroom Dancing

Every Thursday 10am-12pm & Sunday from 4.00pm.
(Excluding the last Sunday of every month)
Call Liz **027 3403047** or Neill **020 4000157**



Starting the Year Together – In Good Times and Tough Times.



We started the year off with a great New Years Eve party here at the Club, a party regarded by some as our best yet! Numerous Christmas functions were hosted through December for local businesses, and we greatly appreciate their support. We were also honoured to host a wedding over the festive season, and it was a truly wonderful occasion.

In January, we faced significant challenges due to the severe weather that impacted our region. On 22 January at 9:29am, devastating slips occurred at Mount Manganui (Mauao) as well as in Welcome Bay and Papamoa Hills, tragically resulting in the loss of several lives.

Civil Defence contacted the RSA and requested our support in making the Club available as an emergency response centre. We agreed without hesitation, and closed the Club in order for Civil Defence to set up station within. The RSA became a co-ordination hub where evacuees from affected areas were directed for assistance, with Police, Red Cross, and paramedics in attendance. Judy Hallinan and members of the Women's Section, along with Katrina and Linda, did a tremendous job serving tea, coffee and hot meals, as well as clothes, nappies, and the like, as much-needed support to those who had just experienced major trauma.

Jonathan capably co-ordinated operations on-site, including accommodation and whatever other assistance was needed. Kay and I personally welcomed a family from New Plymouth into our home, offering them an apartment for a few days after they were forced to evacuate their motorhome with little more than a handbag in hand. And our Support Officer, Shelley Kerr, took in a young international visitor affected by the Mount Maunganui slip—he is still there.

On Saturday, 25 January, I attended the funeral of the son & grandmother of Keith Richardson, who tragically lost their lives in the Welcome Bay landslide. Keith's parents, Trevor and Maxine Richardson, are members of the Mount RSA and our deepest condolences go out to them and their family during this incredibly sad time.

Dave Corin - Mt RSA President.

Extraordinary General Meetings

What you need to know....



The **Tauranga RSA** has called an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) to be held on **Sunday, 15th February 2026 at 1:00pm**. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the proposed merger with the Mount Maunganui RSA. The agenda will include:

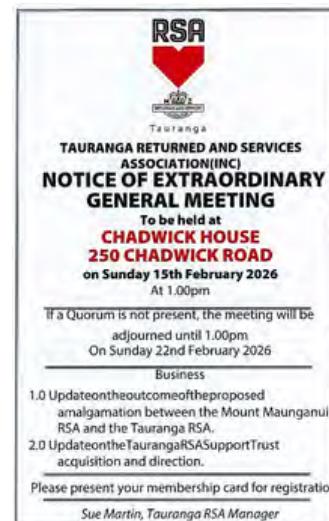
1. Update on the outcome of the proposed amalgamation between Tauranga RSA and Mount Maunganui RSA.
2. An update on the Tauranga RSA Support Trust acquisition and direction.

Following this, the **Mount Maunganui RSA** will hold its own EGM on **Sunday, 22nd February 2026 at 4:00pm**, to discuss the outcome of the Tauranga RSA EGM. Please see below (right) for the agenda.

We are hopeful that this EGM will provide a clear pathway forward for the merger plans, including confirmation of the proposed \$2 million in funding to support Mount Maunganui RSA.

Our Executive Committee HAS been working tirelessly—and with very limited funds—to take the Club through to the merger. We look forward to our loans being repaid in full to the Welfare and Village Trusts, and to securing sufficient working capital to take the combined Tauranga and Mount Maunganui RSA in a strong and exciting direction for the future.

EGM NOTICES:



Snooker Club Straight Shots & Side Spin



Recent club day winners:

Mondays: Murray Hall & Dennis Bidois, Wayne Tarrant & Red Blake, Alex Stevenson & Dave Carter

Wednesdays: Dennis Bidois, Mark Crosby.

Thursdays: Craig Rollinson, Gary Neels.

High Breaks for: Dec / Jan:

A Grade: Lawrence Millington (97)

B Grade: Kelvin Pilkinton (31), Gary Coston (42)

C Grade: Cheryl Pilkinton (12)

Billiards: Lawrence Millington (75)

Punters Club Bets, Beers & Bragging Rights



The Punters Club continues to be a fun and sociable way for members to come together, enjoy a bit of friendly competition, and share in the excitement of the races. Whether you're an experienced punter or just in it for the company, everyone is welcome. We look forward to another great year of good laughs, good company, and hopefully a few winning tickets along the way!

Sports Club Raffle Roster - February 2026

7 February 2026	8-Ball Club
21 February 2026	8-Ball Club
28 February 2026	8-Ball Club
7 March 2026	8-Ball Club

Note: These Saturdays may be shifted to Sundays - at the adjunct's discretion.

Chess Club Moves & Masterminds



The Chess Club is in full swing, with players working toward securing a place in our preliminaries later in the year. Our early programme is progressing well as new players learn the basics and continue to improve their game.

Caleb, Chess Club

Walking Club Miles & Moments



We meet at the RSA on Tuesdays and Thursdays, departing for a one-hour walk at 9:30am. Our walk usually takes us down to the beach, and we often stop for a coffee along the way.

If you're looking for some gentle exercise and friendly company, we'd love you to join us.

Sue Neill

Golf



GOLF TOURNAMENTS 2026

The Golf Section has been busy, with a number of tournaments lined up for 2026. This year we will be playing at The Mount and Omokoroa. We are currently finalising dates, and a full schedule will be published shortly.

Open to all RSA members. We welcome all golfers from RSA Clubs across the Bay region to join us for our tournaments. It's only **\$5 to join** our section. We run friendly and fun tournaments, and the \$50 entry fee includes 3 tickets for meat pack raffles.

2 men's divisions & 2 women's divisions

Best Stableford

Generous prize table

For further information email: mtrsagolf@gmail.com

Line Dancing Boots, Scoots & Good Times



Recommences: Saturday 7th February 2026

Classes will continue every Saturday thereafter, unless advised.

Class Times (Saturday mornings):

Upper Beginners: 10:30am – 11:30am

Improvers: 11:30am – 12:30pm

Free Dancing: until 1:00pm

Cost: \$5 per class | **Tutor:** Damian Sutton

Contact: wakaboi23@hotmail.com | 021 781 398

Women's Section



I sincerely trust that everyone had an enjoyable Festive season. After a busy year, especially towards the end of 2025, the committee have been able to recharge their batteries for 2026.

Our first Social Day will be Wednesday, February 25th starting at 1.30pm and we will be entertained by the popular "Red Fox Duo".

We are looking forward to welcoming you back for an afternoon of friendship, great entertainment & a lovely afternoon tea -Till then, take care.

Judy Hallinan (President)

Indoor Bowls Rolling Right Along



We started our 2026 season on Monday, 2nd February, beginning at 12:30 pm.

Anyone interested in trying Indoor Bowls is very welcome to join us and give it a go — even if you have never held a bowl before. We are a friendly, social group who enjoy plenty of fun and laughter along the way.

Joy B (Secretary)

Renew Your Membership



Renew your subs from **01 January 2026 - 30th June 2026** for just **\$20.00**. After that, the new membership year will be **1st July 2026 - 30th June 2027**.

If you'd like to pay online, please use your membership number as reference.

Our bank details are:

Mount Maunganui Returned Services Association (Inc)
02-0372-0016660-00

If you are a **Life Member** or over **90**, your membership is free: Please pop into the office or call to get your sub renewed for **free**.

Last Post



We farewell with honour the following members who have recently passed. Our thoughts are with their families, friends, and fellow members as we remember their contributions and companionship within our RSA community.

Gladys Hjorth	Associate
Rex Farrow	675695
Beverly Crombie	Associate
Barry Snow	Associate
Keith Stollery	32133
Judith Galloway	Women's Section



FIND YOUR CREW – REACH OUT TODAY

8 Ball (Pool)	Frans Schaeffers	07 262 0156	fransschaeffers@outlook.com
Chess Club	Caleb Wright	027 339 3151	first25plus5@gmail.com
Fishing Club	Jeanette Adamson	07 575 3724	jeanette.adamson@hotmail.co.nz
Golf Club	Wayne Ashworth	021 369 540	wayne@glenngle.co.nz
Indoor bowls	Jill Ovenstone	020 413 92497	jill.n.ovenstone@gmail.com
Punters Club	Robyn Levers	027 444 8623	karisma.beauty.nails@gmail.com
Snooker	Heather Chesters	027 254 6775	hchesters17@outlook.com
Travel Club	Janice Craig	021 1789312	ji_craig12@hotmail.co.nz
Walking Club	Sue Neill	0211 859 755	sueneillnz@gmail.com
Line Dancing	Damian Sutton	021 781 398	wakaboi23@hotmail.com
Ballroom Dancing	Liz Mason	027 340 3047	lizandmurray@gmail.com
Karaoke	Robyn Levers	027 444 8623	karisma.beauty.nails@gmail.com
Cards (500)	Jill Ovenstone	020 413 92497	jill.n.ovenstone@gmail.com
Mahjong	Tania Wilson	027 220 1151	dwjtwilson@yahoo.com
Bingo	Diane King	027 552 2722	arthurking@xtra.co.nz
Bolivia	Sue Baeurle	027 342 4476	baeurle@xtra.co.nz
Crafty Friends	Margaret Butler	022 043 7978	margzhome@gmail.com
Darts	Kevin Boys	027 22 46 790	fernzretreat@xtra.co.nz
Womens Section	Judy Hallinan	027 605 1333	judyhallinan07@gmail.com
Courtesy Bus	Driver Number	027 477 6178	Wednesday & Friday
Karaoke	Robyn Levers	027 444 8623	karisma.beauty.nails@gmail.com

ADJUNCT GATHERINGS & CLUB HAPPENINGS

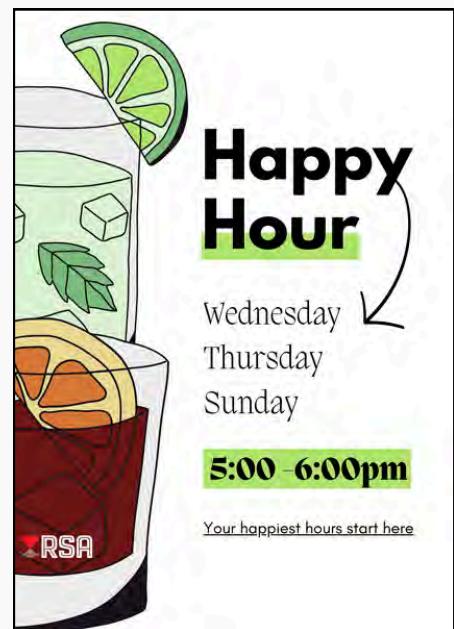
Our various adjunct groups meet regularly—whether it's darts, snooker, fishing, or social catch ups, there's something for everyone. Be sure to check the club noticeboard or chat with our team to find out when your group is next getting together.

Keep an eye out for our monthly newsletter, packed with details on upcoming events, live entertainment, raffles, and special shows—so you never miss out on what's happening at the Mount RSA.

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UPCOMING

Entertainment



COURTESY BUS

Our courtesy bus operates **Wednesdays** and **Fridays** from **3:00pm onwards**, departing the Mt RSA on the hour. Pick-ups and drop-offs are available—please **call 0274 776 178** to arrange your ride.

Donation Requested

Mount & Omanu to Girven Road

\$4 per person

Girven Road to Domain Road, Papamoa

\$6 per person

Domain Road to the end of Papamoa

\$8 per person

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

February 2026

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	Crafty Friends 10.00am - 12noon Raffles 4-6.30pm Happy Hour 5-6pm Jokers Wild 6.15pm Snooker 6.15pm 8 Ball 7.00pm	Walking Club 9.30am Ballroom Dancing 10.00-12noon Exercise Group 10.00-11.00am Bolivia 12.30-3.30 Snooker 12.30pm Happy Hour 5-6pm Karaoke 6.30pm-9.30pm	WAITANGI DAY OPEN Bingo 1pm Raffles 4.00pm Jokers Wild 6.15pm Spin the Wheel to win \$500 After raffles Membership Attendance Draw Woody Dean	Line Dancing 10.30am-1.00pm Ballroom Dancing From 4.00pm Happy Hour 5-6pm

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Indoor Bowls
12.15 - 1.15pm

Walking Club
9.30am

Crafty Friends
10.00am - 12noon

Raffles 4.00 - 6.30pm

Happy Hour 5-6pm

Walking Club
9.30am

Exercise Group
10.00 - 11.00am

Ballroom Dancing
10am

Ukezplus
10.15am - 12.00pm

Bingo 1pm

Mahjong 1-4pm

Raffles 4.00pm

Spin the Wheel to win \$500
After raffles

Happy Hour 5-6pm

Line Dancing
10.30am-1.00pm

Valentine's Day Boogie Night Dance Party 6pm
Tauranga RSA EGM
1.00pm
Chadwick House

Ballroom Dancing
From 4:00pm

Snooker 12.30pm

Mahjong
1.00 - 4.00pm

Chess 6:15pm

Exercise Group
10.00 - 11.00am

OMG Music Group
10.30am

Cards - 500
12.45pm

Tauranga 8-Ball
6.00pm

Jokers Wild 6.15pm

Snooker 6.15pm

8 Ball 7.00pm

Bolivia 12.30pm

Snooker 12.30pm

Happy Hour 5-6pm

Karaoke
6.30pm-9.30pm

Membership Attendance Draw

Gerry Lee
Happy Hour
5-6pm

Indoor Bowls
12.15 - 1.15pm

Snooker 12.30pm

Mahjong
1.00 - 4.00pm

Chess 6:15pm

Walking Club
9.30am

Exercise Group
10.00 - 11.00am

Mt Music Group
10.00 - 12.00pm

Cards - 500
12.45pm

Tauranga 8-Ball
6.00pm

Crafty Friends
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Happy Hour 5-6pm

Jokers Wild 6.15pm

Snooker 6.15pm

8 Ball 7.00pm

Walking Club
9.30am

Ballroom Dancing
10am

Exercise Group
10.00 - 11.00am

Bolivia 12.30pm

Snooker 12.30pm

Happy Hour 5-6pm

Karaoke
6.30pm-9.30pm

Ukelele Workshop
10.15am - 12noon

Bingo 1pm

Mahjong 1-4pm

Raffles 4.00pm

Spin the Wheel to win \$500
After raffles

Happy Hour 6.15pm

Line Dancing
10.30am-1.00pm

Membership Attendance Draw

Terry Jensen
EGM
4.00pm

Happy Hour
5-6pm

Indoor Bowls
12.15 - 1.15pm

Snooker 12.30pm

Mahjong
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Chess 6:15pm

Exercise Group
10.00-11.00am

OMG Music Group
10.30am

Cards - 500
12.45pm

Tauranga 8-Ball
6:00pm

Women's Section Social Day 1.30pm

Crafty Friends
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Raffles 4-6.30pm

Happy Hour 5-6pm

Jokers Wild 6.15pm

Snooker 6.15pm

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Walking Club
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Ballroom Dancing
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Exercise Group
10.00 - 11.00am

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Snooker 12.30pm

Happy Hour 5-6pm

Karaoke
6.30pm-9.30pm

Ukezpluz
10.15am - 12noon

Bingo 1pm

Mahjong 1-4pm

Raffles 4-6.30pm

Spin the Wheel to win \$500
After raffles

Happy Hour 6.15pm

Line Dancing
10.30am-1.00pm

Membership Attendance Draw

Shy & Retiring
EGM
4.00pm