

**RNZN COMMUNICATORS ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2024  
PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

I have pleasure in presenting my President's Report for the 2024 Annual General Meeting of the association.

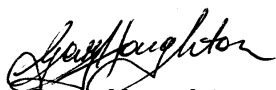
The main activity of the committee this year has been in preparing for the association's reunion next month. As I reported last year, there were some difficulties in making the arrangements and finalising the programme for the reunion. More information will be given in the reunion update, but I would like to acknowledge the efforts of Sandy Watson, Alan Padgett and Dale Leggett in overcoming all the obstacles.

The Association has continued as an Affiliate of the RNZRSA and working alongside other Affiliate organisations. As many of you will know the RNZRSA has been involved in a major overhaul of its organisation, structure and constitution. Most of the revised constitution primarily affects RSAs, but with its introduction Affiliates will have greater recognition by and involvement with the RNZRSA. The RNZRSA HQ recognises that the Affiliates have a greater knowledge of and connection with Veterans around the country. They therefore need the assistance and involvement of the Affiliates to achieve the RNZRSA's core objective of supporting veterans and their families. The RSA National Conference will be held on 16/17 October 24, when the final version of the constitution will be determined.

At last year's AGM comments were made about the future of the Association's reunions. Once this year's reunion is completed the Committee should look not only at this matter, but also the future of the Association itself. It is inevitable that at some stage in the future the Association will close, as existing Communicators cross the bar. However, I think that there is currently still life in the old horse, and it should not be written off just yet. But it would be good to get younger members of the Association (non-Gold Card holders if there are any) involved on the Committee.

It is worthy of note that during the year some currently serving members of the CWS specialisation join the Association. These are the first new members from currently serving personnel for some years. One of these, WO Neil Cundy, has also agreed to join the Committee as the Serving Member representative.

Finally, I would like to thank the committee members who have worked to support the association over the past year. In particular I wish to acknowledge two people who are standing down from the Committee this year. Greg Hanson has been on the Committee for a considerable number of years, acting as the Serving Member. Sandy Watson came back on to the Committee at the last AGM to fill the position of Treasurer, which is a busy job in the lead up to a Reunion. Thank you both for your efforts and contribution.

  
**Gary Houghton**  
President

21 September 2024