



NAVY CADETS

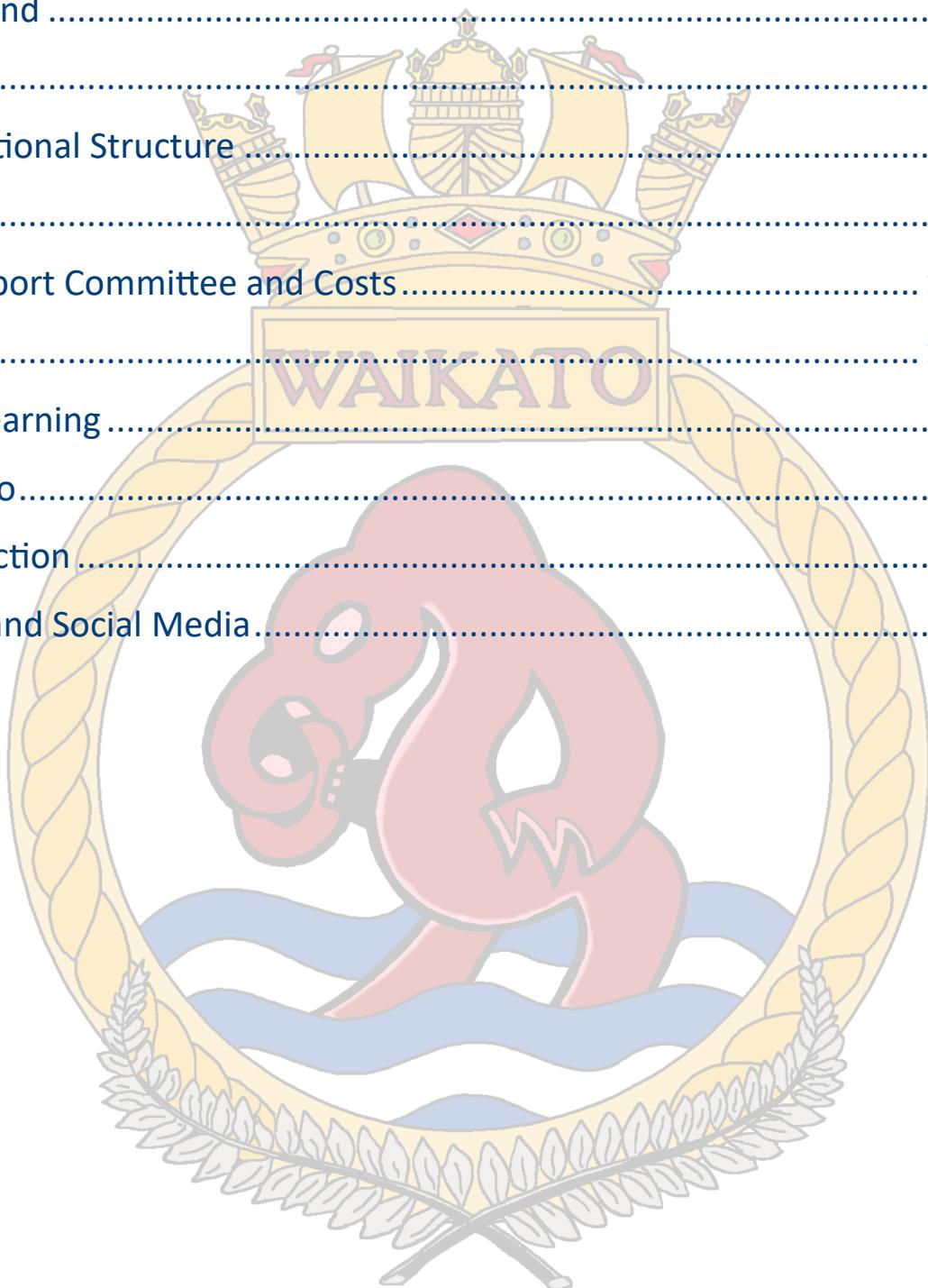
Te Taua Tauira o Aotearoa

T.S. WAIKATO INFO BOOK



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OUR AIMS AND VISION

AIMS

- **To foster a spirit of adventure and teamwork, and to develop those qualities of mind and body essential for good citizens and leaders.**
- **To provide challenging and disciplined training activities, which will be useful in either Service or civilian life.**
- **To promote an awareness of the Armed Forces, and the role they play in the community.**

VISION

Preparing New Zealand's successful leaders of tomorrow.

MISSION

To develop and enable self-disciplined, confident and responsible young New Zealanders.



CORE VALUES

- **Courage** – Confronting challenges, both physical and moral, to overcome any adversity.
- **Commitment** – Being reliable and loyally serving and supporting the NZCF, local communities and New Zealand.
- **Comradeship** - Looking out for each other, having respect for all, and championing the benefits of friendship, teamwork and diversity.
- **Integrity** – Having self-discipline and always being honest, trustworthy and responsible.

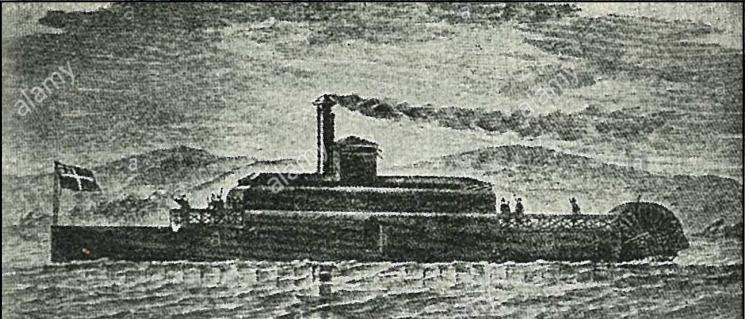


BACKGROUND

- TS Waikato, formally known as TS Rangiriri has been a Navy Cadet Unit in the Waikato region since the 1980's. Hamilton was rapidly growing and there was an interest from locals in Navy styled training for youth. Originally based in Knox Street the Unit moved to Dey Street, now known as 6 Cambridge Road in the late 80's and moved in with the local Air Cadet Unit, 7 Squadron.
- Being New Zealand's only inland Navy Cadet Unit doesn't come without it's challenges but it is a title we are proud of. We lack easy access to large bodies of water and thus the unit had to quickly establish relationships with local councils to allow activities on the Hamilton Lake, Lake Rotoroa, and also in Huntly with Lake Hakanoa.
- The unit has a strong relationship with the Huntly Sailing Club which sees us store our Sailing Boats and equipment at their HQ in Huntly. We have become very mobile and often venture to Tauranga / Auckland to join other Sea Cadet Units for training.
- In 2019 a formal name change from TS Rangiriri to TS Waikato occurred this was reflective of the changing of times and a move away from what previously occurred in society. In operation it's primary use was transporting pakeha settlers up the Waikato River to begin life in Hamilton. We applied for a name change and this was approved to be "Training Ship Waikato" in recognition of the HMNZS Waikato which was decommissioned in 1998 after 32 years of service in the Navy, it's anchor remains at Memorial Park in Hamilton.



HMNZS Waikato



The Rangiriri Paddle Boat

OUR ACTIVITIES AND TRAINING

TS Waikato offers three years of formal training. This training will test cadets in the mentioned activities but also goes beyond into skills necessary for their future employment.

After the three years the training doesn't stop with many of our cadets becoming instructors within the unit attending leadership and growth development courses and learning how to mentor others to grow as well. There is also an opportunity to staff national courses and get paid for the time away (this is typically when they are closer to 17–19 years of age).

CAMPS AND TRAMPS



- **Activities in the weekends**
- **Sailing Camps**
- **Basic Recruit Camp**
- **Joining other units on their camps.**

SAILING



- **Sailing Courses**
- **Weekend exercises**
- **Power Boat driving lessons**
- **NZDF Navy Ship visits**

COMMUNITY EVENTS



- **ANZAC Day**
- **Poppy Day**
- **Fundraising Exercises**
- **Assisting Other Community Groups**

FIRST AID



- **NZQA First Aid Training**
- **Work based First Aid Certificate valid for 2 years.**
- **NZQA Credits from First Aid Training that count towards NCEA.**

SHOOTING



- **Target Shooting Practices**
- **.22 Marlin XT Rifles**
- **Supervised training**
- **Firearms safety training**
- **Competitions**

DRILL (MARCHING)



- **Parade Nights**
- **Community Events (ANZAC Day)**
- **Courses**

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

HEADQUARTERS NZCF

The NZCF Structure is broken down to three main areas with overall command located in Trentham. In Hamilton we are in what we call the Northern Area.

There are around 100 Cadet Forces Units throughout the country answering back to HQNZCF this includes approximately 4000 Cadets and 300 Volunteer Officers. The current commandant is Commander Andrew Law who is in the Royal New Zealand Navy.

TS WAIKATO UNIT STAFF



LTCDR Greg Dyer
Cadet Unit Commander &
Area Support Officer

OTHER STAFF

Executive Officer	LTCDR Paddy Shannon
Training Officer	LTCDR Greg Dyer
Administration / Stores Officer	SLT Tony Suckling
Recruiting and Media / IT Support Officer	ENS Keegan Greenfield
IT Support	Mr Harry McCarthy

STRUCTURE

The NZCF is founded on a military styled structure. This means Cadets begin at the bottom and move their way up through the ranks. During their time they will be placed in charge of their peers and also required to lead subordinates who might be new to the unit. Setting a high standard is constantly tested through our regular parades / Uniform inspections and Camps.



PARADE

We parade on Tuesday nights from 1815 hours until 2115 hours. A normal parade night consists of 3 lesson periods, a briefing, a break period, and a Colours / Sunset parade on either side.

These nights are where the bulk of our training is undertaken. Our camps are an opportunity to put practice into play.

This activity challenges their self-discipline where the cadets are expected to stand in a set position for extended periods of time without moving.

WEARING THE UNIFORM

We have two main uniforms, our Blues (Full/Half) and our General Working Dress (GWDs). Primarily we parade in GWDs and wear our Blues for formal occasions. Cadets are issued a uniform after being with us for one term.

Until you have a uniform please come in tidy casual clothing (collared shirt and long pants) or School Uniform.

Exceptions to the below can be made for cultural items.

MALES

- **Clean Shaven**
- **Hair must not be visibly protruding from the hat**
- **Short hair off the collar and ears**
- **Socks need to be black or navy blue**



FEMALES

- **Hair tied up neatly in a bun**
- **One plain ear stud per ear is permitted**
- **For less formal occasions a Pony Tail can also be used**
- **If short, it needs to be off the collar**
- **Socks need to be black or navy blue**



UNIT SUPPORT COMMITTEE

Each unit is responsible for having a Unit Support Committee. These committees are required in order to function. They are responsible for managing our funding and assisting with our activities.

We need parent participation in order to operate. Every parent is automatically a member.

7 Squadron Parent Support Committee

Role	Holder
Chairperson	Fran Rangi-Whaikawa
Secretary	Peata Cork
Treasurer	Irene Tai
Grants & Sponsorship	Vacant

COSTS AND COMMITMENT

Whilst there is some money costs to attend the feedback we receive is that the biggest cost to being a cadet is time.

- Fundraisers / Camps Sailing exercises are held about once every two weeks**
- A cadet can also expect to attend about 3—4 week long courses subject to how long they stay involved.**

COSTS AND COMMITMENT

TS Waikato Costs	
Fee if paid Termly	\$50 Per Term
Fee if paid Yearly	\$200 Per Year
Uniform Bond	\$50
Camps Average Cost	\$40 a camp
National Courses	\$0
First Aid Certificate	Typical \$75

As we are a not for profit organisation and a registered charity if you would like to see more details of where your money goes you are more than welcome to ask. Generally the above costs go into uniform purchasing, building costs / lease, and camp food venue hire.

We only know what we know so would love to hear your ideas about cost control, including buildings usage and camp locations, please contact our Unit Support Committee Chairperson.

If you work in an industry that can provide assistance or equipment then please get in touch with also

Common examples include:

- Bus Hire / Van Hire**
- Catering**
- Clothing / Equipment Purchase**
- Boating / Outdoor Equipment**
- Funding and Grants**
- New / upgrading Buildings...**

THE REWARDS

Moving forward within Cadet Forces and TS Waikato is a challenging but rewarding experience.

PROMOTION

As a component of the promotional process Cadets will attend a leadership course. They will spend a week learning how to lead and also deliver presentations / lessons this is done with approximately 60 other candidates all aiming to achieve the same result. Once completed the cadet will normally be issued more responsibility within the unit this is done by a promotion to the next rank.

FIRST AID CERTIFICATE

Cadets who complete their training must have obtained a first aid certificate. A valuable qualification for any workplace.

TROPHIES

We encourage hard work and effort and a yearly awards event is hosted to celebrate our best and those who are moving up the ranks. In some cases we share this event with other units and it becomes an opportunity to mix and mingle to get to know even more people.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Chief of the New Zealand Navy offers a university scholarship, a \$5000 scholarship towards a Navy Cadets University Costs. This is awarded once per year.

CADET EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES

Senior cadets within the Navy Cadets have the ability to apply for international exchanges, these are typically a user pays for their flights model with the host country paying for everything else.

DEFENCE FORCE CAREER AND REFERENCES

The Cadet Forces have a strong tie to the Defence Force. We are a great introduction to Military life and provide excellent references for many different job aspirations. A large number of our members also go on to join the Navy, Army, or Air Force but this is not mandatory.

NZQA CREDITS

TS Waikato offers NZQA Credits for selected subjects which count towards NCEA (School Achievement).



CADET NET (ONLINE TRAINING)

- **Once you decide to take the plunge (Join Us) you will be added into our national database of Cadets.**
- **Cadets will be issued an email firstname.lastname@tswaikato.nz and this will be used for them to access their online learning information plus any other online resources from the unit.**
- **Some of our training is completed via Moodle which is access via the CadetNet framework www.caenet.org.nz**
- **Cadets will be given training on how to use CadetNet once they join and a computer is available at the unit for those who might not have easy access at home. It is expected that a cadet will as they go on through cadets be given more responsibility and thus will likely require more regular access to the internet.**
- **It's important to note that we are training the cadets and not the parents. We expect the cadets to be the ones facilitating their own experiences and learning. As a result Parents are not able to access Cadet Net and apply for exercises on the cadet's behalf however do need to approve their applications.**
- **If you have any special requirements regarding access to the internet we need to be aware of for your cadet please let us know/**



New Zealand Cadet Forces Intranet

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COMMON FORMS AND DOCUMENT NUMBERS

NZCF 2 & 2a

Cadet [enrolment form](#) joining terms and conditions.

**NZCF 23 /
3822**

A small copy of a cadet's record like a cadet passport. It must be carried by the cadet to all activities and exercises especially Defence Force bases. Once issued it is important the parents of the cadet sign it.

OTHER INFO

GLOSSARY

LTCDR	Lieutenant Commander	NCO	Non-Commissioned Officer
LT	Lieutenant	RNZN	Royal New Zealand Navy
SLT	Sub Lieutenant	NZDF	New Zealand Defence Force
ENSIGN	Ensign	NZCF	New Zealand Cadet Forces
OFFCDT	Officer Cadet	SCC	Sea Cadet Corps
WOCDT	Warrant Officer	USC	Unit Support Committee
CPOCDT	Chief Petty Officer Cadet	PSC	Parent Support Committee (Now USC)
POCDT	Petty Officer Cadet	HQNZCF	Headquarters New Zealand Cadet Forces
LCDT	Leading Cadet	SEACANZ	Sea Cadet Corps Association of New Zealand
ACDT	Able Cadet	NCEA	National Certificate in Educational Achievement
CDT	Cadet	NZQA	National Zealand Qualifications Authority
CDTUT	Cadet Under Training	GWD	General Working Dress
A/*	An acting position	NCO	Non Commissioned Officer aka Rating

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

If I join will I go to war?

Definitely not while you are a member of the Cadet's.

When do I get my uniform?

We generally issue a uniform after one term of being in cadets to enable people if it's not for them to make that call without needing to come in. The uniform is the same as the New Zealand Defence Force so it is very important that cadets do not wear it unless they are attending a Cadet Activity.

Do I have to attend every event?

It is recommended to attend as much as you can to get the full cadet experience. If you have something on that is a one off then normally we can accommodate this but it is definitely recommended that you attend all of our camps.

What if I want to change to another Unit?

You can transfer to another unit if you are moving or feel they are do more of what you are into. Come and talk to our staff if you would like to move.

How long until I move up?

You can expect to be a cadet for around 2 years before moving to a new rank. You will move up a training year every year so long as you pass your assessments.

I'm getting bullied or don't feel safe at cadets.

The NZCF takes anti-bullying very seriously. If you feel unsafe or are getting bullied please contact the staff immediately. The duty officer is available on . If you would prefer to talk to our Unit Commander please email him directly cucdr.tsawaihato@cadetforces.org.nz

How do I get involved with the Unit Support Committee?

All parents are automatic members and can attend any parade night in this capacity. Our support committee also have monthly meetings which are advertised.

What will I be doing in the Unit Support Committee?

Our USC is a vital component and mostly assist with our camps and activities. They are responsible for logistics of food at a camp, managing the unit's finances and organising fundraising. If this is something you think you could help with please come along and offer your support.

SAFETY AND PRIVACY

In the New Zealand Cadet Forces, Safety and Privacy are very important. To ease your mind please note the below.

- **All of our volunteers are Police vetted before being allowed to assist with Cadets.**
 - **All activities are documented and risk management / assessment is undertaken to identify and manage any hazards.**
 - **A trained Officer will be present at every activity. They also hold a duty of care for your child whilst they are under their control of which is legally binding and breaches taken very seriously.**
 - **Contact details for Cadets are taken to every activity.**

Privacy Statement is available on our website www.tswaikato.nz

YOUR NOTES

CONTACTING US / MORE INFO

It is very important as an organisation to stay in touch. We have a number of social media presences and it is likely that during your child's time they will be published on one of these forums.

If you see a post that you feel is unfair, portrays your child negatively, or you simply do not want it online, please send us a private message via the forum in which it is present on and we will remove it.

Instagram

@tswaikato

Unit Facebook

www.fb.com/tswaikato

National Facebook

www.fb.com/nzcf1/

Parent and Cadet Facebook Forum

www.fb.com/groups/203080003119878

Phone Contact

Work in Progress

Website:

www.tswaikato.nz

Contact the Unit Commander

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