



Greater Wellington Veterans' Forum

 Saturday, 02 March 2024, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

 Lower Hutt Event Centre

30c Laings Road

Lower Hutt

Wellington

This free event is an opportunity for New Zealand veterans, their families and whānau to meet with staff from Veterans' Affairs to discuss entitlements and other support options for themselves or their families.

It is being held at Lower Hutt Event Centre, 30c Laings Road, Lower Hutt, Wellington.

Register for the Forum (<https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/greater-wellington-veterans-forum-tickets-793686877817>)

Who can come

It is free to attend for both you and your whānau.

Whether you are still serving or have left service, and even if you are feeling OK and don't require support, come along and learn what is available for you and your family and whānau.

Meet with Veterans' Affairs staff

At this forum, you can speak with staff from Veterans' Affairs. Look out for staff wearing red lanyards or head to the Veterans' Affairs table for VIP services, application and entitlement support, service questions or general questions about what Veterans' Affairs can offer.

We will have case managers available to speak to. If you need to meet with one, an appointment will be made for you on the day. We want to meet with as many veterans as we can.

If you're short on time, the best idea would be to go straight to the Veterans' Affairs table.

What to expect

The event will have a relaxed atmosphere where you can sit down, catch up with others, and learn about support services from Veterans' Affairs and other support organisations.

Tea, coffee and refreshments will be available throughout the day.

Veteran Support Organisations you can meet

As well as staff from Veterans' Affairs, you will have the opportunity to meet with other support organisations.

Veteran Organisations:

- Veterans' Affairs
- Sisters in Arms
- Veterans of Combined Forces Surfing Assn
- New Zealand Vietnam Veterans Association
- Ahuru Mowai O Te Awakairangi & Te Rito Wellington
- Families of the Fallen
- Patriots Defence Force Motorcycle Club (Wellington and Manawatū Chapter)
- RNZRSA
- Royal New Zealand Artillery Association (RNZAA)
- Soldiers, Sailors & Aviators Association of New Zealand (SSAANZ)
- Taskforce Kiwi
- Te Kiwi Māia — The Courageous Kiwi
- The Ranfurly Veterans' Trust
- Viet Nam Veterans and their Families Trust
- Vietnam Veterans Children & Grandchildren Trust

Health Support:

- Independent Living Solutions (ILS)
- Blind & Low Vision NZ
- White Ribbon

Other Organisations:

- NZDF — Force Financial Hub:
 - FFH — Tower Insurance
 - FFH — Police Credit Union
 - FFH — Become Wealth
 - FFH — Perpetual Guardian
- NZDF Personnel Medals & Archives
- Ministry of Social Development (MSD)
- SeniorNet
- UCOL / Te Pukenga.

What to do on the day

1 Find a park

There are three places you could park, in addition to on-street parking around the venue.

Biddiford Garden car park

Midmore Garden car park

This car park is the closest, next to the Lower Hutt Events Centre on Laigns Road. There are 40 spaces that have been made available for this event.

You shouldn't need to pay, but if you do, please keep your parking receipt, and we will reimburse you.

Centre City Plaza car park

This car park is on Queens Drive, 250 metres from the venue. It has 83 spaces.

You will need to pay for parking here, but please keep your parking receipt, and we will reimburse you. We will explain how in due course.

The fees are:

- \$3 for one hour
- \$5 for 12 hours.

Riverbank car park

Accessible from Daly Street, 800 metres from the venue. It has 847 spaces.

You will need to pay for parking here, but please keep your parking receipt, and we will reimburse you. We will explain how in due course.

The fees are:

- \$2 per hour
- \$4 maximum daily charge.

2 Enter the Lower Hutt Event Centre

Look out for the Veterans' Affairs banners.

Our staff will greet you at the door.

3 Check in with our staff inside

We will scan your ticket if you've registered online, or we'll take some details if you're registering on the day.

The Veterans' Affairs stall can help with questions you may have.

Tea, coffee, and refreshments will be available throughout the day.

Covid-19

The wellbeing of veterans and their whānau is our top priority.

Please stay at home if you are unwell. We want to keep all the attendees at the forum safe.

Masks aren't mandatory, but please feel free to wear one if you like.

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Region

[Wellington \(https://www.veteransaffairs.mil.nz/news-events/events/?region=20\)](https://www.veteransaffairs.mil.nz/news-events/events/?region=20)

Wellington (<https://www.veteransaffairs.mil.nz/news-events/events/?region=50>)

Type

VA Forum (<https://www.veteransaffairs.mil.nz/news-events/events/?type=1>)

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