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3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025

Jommy Tee

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Dear Jommy Tee

I refer to your email of 6 November 2024 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the following information:

*I have endeavoured to again narrow the terms of my request - as per your suggestion to include the following key words:*

*sponsor, sponsorship, prizes, dinners, events (including the 26 March 2019 event held in London), the Henry VIII wine cellar, sword/s and dagger/s.*

A search of the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) email archive system using the key words you provided are enclosed. Where indicated, information is withheld in accordance with section 6(a) of the OIA to avoid prejudice to the security or defence of New Zealand and the international relations of the Government of New Zealand; and, section 9(2)(a) of the OIA to protect privacy.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask an Ombudsman to review this response to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that responses to official information requests are proactively released where possible. This response to your request will be published shortly on the NZDF website.

Yours sincerely

**GA Motley**

Brigadier

Chief of Staff HQNZDF

**Enclosure:**

1. Email correspondence

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From: s. 6(a) Sent: Thu, 21 Mar 2019 08:44:02 GMT  
To: Chris Hartley@s. 9(2)(a)  
Subject: RE: Confirmation of 26th March briefing at New Zealand House unclassified  
Thank you Chris also can you please pass on the registration/make and model of the vehicle you will be driving so I can inform security? Parking is in the basement of NZ House entry via Pall Mall road.

s. 9(2)(a) will be covering the NZDF team.

Kind regards,

Zia

s. 6(a)  
**New Zealand Defence Force Logistics Adviser - London**  
**NEW ZEALAND DEFENCE FORCE**  
s. 6(a)  
[www.nzdf.mil.nz](http://www.nzdf.mil.nz)



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From: Chris Hartley@s. 9(2)(a)  
Sent: Wednesday, 20 March 2019 10:23 p.m.  
To: s. 6(a)  
Subject: Confirmation of 26th March briefing at New Zealand Hou

s. 6(a)

I have sent this confirmation of 26th March briefing at New Zealand House to each of the competing nations given advance notice when originally at Australia House.

*"For the avoidance of doubt I am sending a similar note to all the London based POCs in each of the competing nations.*

*The King's Cup briefing on Tuesday 26th March will be at New Zealand House at 17.15 hosted by His Excellency Lieutenant General Sir Jeremiah "Jerry" Mateparae, GNZM, QSO, KStJ, High Commissioner of New Zealand.*

*Invitations are direct from the High Commissioner. Ambassadors and DAs have already been invited. s. 6(a) is managing invitations and RSVPs: s. 6(a)*

*There are two important actions for you please; actions before the event and actions at the event.*

*Before the event, it would be really helpful for you to invite*

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- *Any fellow diplomats who can help your crew*
- *Your media specialists within the High Commission and your national press representatives*
- *Your national defence industry contacts and those UK defence contacts who would want to hear how eight nations are making history - even if you think they may have been invited by others.*

Please let s. 6(a) know the names and emails and they will be invited. "

**At the event** I will be showing a photo of your CHOD and asking you or your representative in one minute to cover the following. Change it as you wish but just cover the items please.

- Greet and introduce yourself ie "Your Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen, I'm.... from ....
- Explain the photo on the screen ie "That is Air Marshall Kevin Short... our Chief of Defence...
- New Zealand is contributing material from the original boat we raced in 1919 to the prizes.
- In 1919 our crew with one exception was entirely sergeants, in 2019 we are racing as the New Zealand Defence Force and with mixed ranks.
- History will be made when our two New Zealand women warriors lead our crew to victory

Please decide who from NZDF will cover the NZ team.

Kind regards

Chris



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From: [John Thompson](#) s. 9(2)(a)  
To: s. 6(a), s. 9(2)(a)

Sent: Mon, 25 Mar 2019 08:20:04 GMT

CC: [Chris Hartley](#) s. 9(2)(a)

Subject: FW: Media advisory - Reception at the NZ High Commission

Attachments may contain viruses that are harmful to your computer. Attachments may not display correctly.

 [The King's Cup Defence Media Advisory .pdf \(161Kb\)](#) -  [New Zealand House briefing 26 March 2019 .pdf \(68Kb\)](#)

Colleagues,

The King's Cup website is now live. Please feel free to issue the media release I sent earlier today to your own contacts or reversion the release to your own needs and keep me informed.

I have also sent this media advisory to some of our media contacts in London (mainly defence journalists) in relation to tomorrow night's reception at the New Zealand High Commission. Feel free to forward to your own media contacts, noting that they will need to RSVP and provide photo ID. It should be an excellent evening that will well and truly showcase this historic event in July.

Kind regards,

JT

**John A Thompson**  
Media Director

s. 9(2)(a)

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From: john.thompson s. 9(2)(a)

Sent: Monday, 25 March 2019 4:15 PM

Cc: 'Chris Hartley' s. 9(2)(a)

Subject: Media advisory - Reception at the NZ High Commission

Gentlemen and Ladies of the Press,



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You are invited to a reception at the **New Zealand High Commission** Penthouse Suite on **Tuesday 26th March 5.00pm** details attached. RSVP and photo ID are necessary.

**17.00 - 18.30 Tuesday 26th March.**

100 years after eight military crews first raced at Royal Henley Peace Regatta, military men and women will row in the same boat at an elite event, with the support of eight nations Chiefs of Defence.

Eight national contributions to the prizes including from two Royal Households, gallantry awards and highly symbolic materiel to be combined into The King's Cup prizes.

Uniforms, world Champion athletes, Doggett's Coat and Badge winners, grand silverware, eight Nation's diplomats, vintage cognac, best views in London - why wouldn't you and your photographer be there?

Attached is the Media Advisory and a briefing note.

Please RSVP to [VIPpress@kingscup.org](mailto:VIPpress@kingscup.org)

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

John

**John A Thompson**

Media Director

s. 9(2)(a)

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On Tuesday 26 March 2019 at 5.00pm, New Zealand House, London, His Excellency Lieutenant General Sir Jeremiah "Jerry" Mateparae, GNZM, QSO, KStJ, High Commissioner of New Zealand welcomes Air Marshal Mike Wigston, CBE, Sir Matthew Pinsent, CBE, Henley Royal Regatta Steward and Dr CIJ Hartley, The King's Cup Organising Committee.

Air Marshal Mike Wigston will speak about the essential contribution of women in the UK Armed Forces, reflected in the unique arrangements for the King's Cup. He will highlight how defence engagement activities in partnership with the defence community contributes to this and how it is integral to the Armed Forces' overall mission and societal support.

Sir Matthew Pinsent will draw upon his achievements as both a broadcaster and winner of four consecutive Olympic gold medals to illustrate how sport can be a developer of character and a catalyst for societal change. He will highlight the contribution of Henley Royal Regatta to equality and opportunity in both 1919 and 2019 and the investments made to enable three million uniformed personnel in the competing nations to connect with The King's Cup.

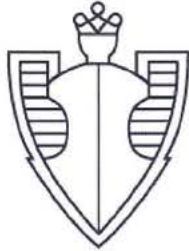
Chris Hartley will walk through the programme for the return of The King's Cup in 2019 involving military crews from the UK, USA, Canada, New Zealand, France, Germany, Netherlands and Australia. Chris will illustrate how this event honours our past, celebrates our militaries' 'fittest and finest', mirrors the opportunities for women in the military, makes an enduring contribution to strategic alliances and leaves a substantive legacy. He will cover the inevitable costs involved, charitable status and government audit assurance as well as critical dates, political and diplomatic invitations, and opportunities for involvement and media. He will give a privileged brief on the engagement of two Royal Households and the USA's first President George Washington, as well as the remarkable contributions from the other nations.

Defence Attachés from Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Netherlands, New Zealand and the USA will be invited to introduce the involvement of their respective Chiefs of Defence, background and the name of their national crew.

Military athletes attending the event will also be called upon.

The CEOs of all the major UK based defence corporations are invited as well as those major corporations with activities in the UK and links back to each of the competing nations.

Guests will be asked to lend their palates to a blind tasting in order to choose a celebratory private label 'Early Landed' Grand Champagne vintage cognac.



The Kings Cup

**MEDIA ADVISORY**

**THE KING'S CUP RETURNS TO HENLEY AFTER 100 YEARS**

Eight military forces – Australia, Canada, France, German, New Zealand, Netherlands, UK and USA – will compete in this year's The King's Cup at Henley Royal Regatta.

This will be the first time the King's Cup will have been raced at Henley Royal Regatta since 1919.

The 2019 event will create history:

- The first time men and women in the military will row in the same boat at an elite international event
- The first time in 100 years that there is a military event at Henley Royal Regatta
- The first time 120 allied athletes from eight nations will be rowing, racing and living together
- The first time eight Nations will contribute material of national significance into an alloyed King's Cup

WHAT: *The King's Cup media & defence industry briefing*

PHOTO OP: *Members of the UK Armed Forces King's Cup crew, World Championship oarsmen, Doggett's Cap and Badge winners (oldest rowing race in the world), HRR silverware*

WHO: *Air Marshall Mike Wigston – British Armed Forces  
Sir Matthew Pinsent CBE – Steward, Henley Royal Regatta  
Chris Hartley – Chairman, The Kings Cup Organising Committee*

WHEN: *26<sup>TH</sup> March, 2019*

TIME: *5pm – 6.30pm*

WHERE: *New Zealand High Commission  
80 Haymarket Street  
St James'  
London SW1Y 4TQ*

RSVP: [VIPpress@KingsCup.org](mailto:VIPpress@KingsCup.org)

NB RSVP & press accreditation are required

Further information:

*John A Thompson  
Media Director, The Kings Cup*

s. 9(2)(a)

*Chris Ritchie  
Chairman, The King's Cup*

s. 9(2)(a)

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From: s. 6(a) Sent: Tue, 26 Mar 2019 22:09:01 GMT  
To: Chris Hartley s. 9(2)(a)  
CC: s. 6(a); s. 9(2)(a)  
Subject: RE: King's Cup media release and activity NZ - unclassified

Hi Chris,

Apologies for the lack of Industry contacts provided to you for this evenings gig at NZ House. I have been badgering all concerned, but to no avail unfortunately.

I hope the other nations have been more successful than we have been?

s. 6(a)

s. 6(a)

Director CYBER - DIS, Defence Information Security

Royal New Zealand Air Force

s. 6(a)

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From: Chris Hartley@s. 9(2)(a)  
Sent: Monday, 25 March 2019 12:20 p.m.  
To: s. 6(a)  
Cc: s. 6(a); s. 9(2)(a)  
s. 9(2)(a) John  
Thompson s. 9(2)(a)  
Subject: King's Cup media release and activity NZ

s. 6(a)

Please find attached the updated King's Cup programme with key dates and activities plus an overview below of various progress.

On boats I have signed a contract for eight boats to be delivered for the Regatta. It is immeasurably better if all crews row in the same boat but I am also very conscious that it is a tight timetable so I will ask the four European based crews to still quarantine two boats each as a fall back.

On oars we have only received offers to hire them but Sir Steve Redgrave is to make a personal request to one or more oar manufacturers if they will support The King's Cup crews with oars for the Regatta. As yet I do not have a fallback plan.



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On transport the Regatta's partnership with Aston Martin has caused a slight delay including on the discussions with JaguarLandRover but this is being sorted. At this stage there is no chance crews will get an Aston Martin each ...

On accommodation this remains with the UK Armed Forces but I am also looking at contingency plans.

I have an unshakable optimism that the current and sizeable funding gap will be met by those in the defence industries as part of their societal contribution and ongoing licence to operate. A number of national military organisations are constrained in their ability to give email contacts of military suppliers, never mind pass on requests for funding. If you know of others who can assist, those contacts would be appreciated. In the absence of this, a concerted effort to publicise your own activities and the challenge of The King's Cup within the military and external arena really helps. We will crowd source the required contacts otherwise.

All nations have made some quite extraordinary contributions to the prizes and these are received or known to be in transit. Cost of manufacture including the precious metals involved of all prizes is in excess of £50,000.

On Monday 25th March AM UK time a press release announcing the names each crew will race under will be issued and The King's Cup website will be launched. The press release and the page describing each crew has been prior circulated to each of the national media contacts with a request that the release is distributed and amplified by each nation.

On Tuesday evening 26th March in the New Zealand High Commission we will outline The King's Cup programme to the diplomatic, media and military communities. This was the event originally scheduled at Australia House but changed as a consequence of logistical difficulties. Air Marshall Mike Wigston, soon to be Air Chief Marshal Mike Wigston, will speak on the role of women in defence and the pivotal contribution of The King's Cup. Please see the brief below.

Each nation, most through their London Ambassador/High Commissioner, have designed an individual to attend this event and speak to their crew, national contribution and racing intent. They have also been asked to nominate national media contacts in London. If there are additional guests that you would like to invite even at this late stage I will endeavour to include them. It may be that we are able to live stream the event in which case I will send you a link.

Consequent on BREXIT developments the UK Secretary of State is also hoping to attend.

I will be bringing the Leander crew along to Tuesday event to bring additional height and weight. A number of them are World Championship medalists and Henley/ Boat Race winners. They have been instructed to vocally support the event so we will see if they do so in the appropriate places. I have also pinched some silverware from Henley Royal Regatta for the evening and dragooned a couple of Doggett's Cap and Badge men in their (tight) red tunics and (oversize) silver armlets. These are winners of the oldest rowing race in the world, rowed by professional watermen on the Tideway section of the Thames. since 1715. In May it is these men who will deliver your enamelled competitor badges to each High Commissioner/ Ambassador.

Kind regards

Chris

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Chairman of the Organising Committee

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## Kings Cup 2019 key dates

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NB. Some events not yet shown.

Date	Time start	Time end	Location	Event	Action	Notes
March	25th	PM		Website launch	KCOC	
	26th	PM	New Zealand House London	London diplomatic and industry briefing	KCOC	
April	TBA			Photographic competition launch		
May	TBA		Virtual	Coaching zoom	KCOC	
	TBA		Virtual	Coxing zoom	KCOC	
	TBA		TBA	Ambassadorial contribution to the prize manufacture	KCOC	
	TBA		London Embassies/ HCs	Competitor badges presented to London Head of Missio	KCOC	Likley ceremonial element
			National venues	National Receptions	Team representatives	Regatta competitor badges presented: local supporters thanked
June						
Friday	21st June			Deadline for final crew names to Regatta	All team managers	
				Provisional date for crew accomodation	All team managers	Provisional date for crew accomodation to be open
				Provisional date for Boat Tent access	All team managers	Subject to confoirmation from Regatta
Saturday	22nd June		Dorney Lake	Marlow Regatta		The 164th Marlow Regatta with an AM time trial and then multi lan
Sunday	23rd June					
		TBA	Leander Club	Coxens' course briefing 1	All coxes	
		TBA	Leander Club	Coaches Regata briefing 1	All coaches	
		TBA	Leander Club	Team manager Rgatta briefing 1	All team managers	
Monday	24th June					
		TBA	HRR course	Private matches	All crews	
Tuesday	25th June					
		TBA	HRR course	Private matches	All crews	
Wednesday	26th June					
		TBA	HRR course	Private matches	All crews	
Thursday	27th June					
		TBA	HRR course	Private matches	All crews	
Friday	28th June					
		PM	HRR course	Qualifying Race	All crews	All crews to race: timed over the course for Regatta Stewards use. I
		TBA	Leander Club	Athletes BBQ	All crews	Guests of Leander Club
Saturday	29th June					
		TBA	Henley	British Armed Forces Day	All crews	
		15.00	Town Hall	Regatta Draw	All crews	
		19.00	Town Hall	The Mayor's Reception for Kings Cup Crews	All crews	Guests of Henley Mayor
Sunday	30th June					
		TBA	Leander Club	Coxens' course briefing 2	All coxes	

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		TBA	TBA	Leander Club	Coaches Regatta briefing 2	All coaches	
		TBA	TBA	Leander Club	Team manager Regatta briefing 2	All team managers	
July							
Monday	1st July						
		TBA	TBA	HRR course	Private matches/ on river filming	All crews	
		PM	PM	River & Rowing Museum	Stewards reception for o/s and King's Cup crews	All crews	
Tuesday	2nd July						
		TBA	TBA	HRR course	Private matches	All crews	
		AM	AM	HRR	Ambassadorial/ VIP visits	All crews	
		14.00	16.00	Windsor	TBA	All crews	
		18.30	21.00	HRR	Chairman's Reception	Team manager/ Crew Capt.	
Wednesday	3rd July						
		8.30	19.30	Regatta	First day of Regatta		
				Up river training		All crews	
Thursday	4th July						
		8.30	19.30	Regatta	Second day of Regatta		
				Up river training		All crews	
Friday	5th July						
		8.30	19.30	Regatta	Third day of Regatta		
		TBA	TBA	Regatta	Potential Tier one programme		
		TBA	TBA	HRR course	Kings Cup round one	All crews	All crews to race
Saturday	6th July						
		TBA	TBA	Regatta	Semi finals day of Regatta		
		TBA	TBA	Regatta	Vice Regal programme		
				HRR course	Kings Cup semi final		Four crews to race
Sunday	7th July						
		9.30	10.30	Regatta	Finals Day Regatta		
		TBA	TBA	Regatta Church service		All crews	
		Luncheon		Regatta	CHODs programme	KCOC	
		TBC 15.00	TBC 15.07	HRR course	Placement races/ row over	Crews	Six crews to race
				HRR course	Kings Cup final	Crews	Two crews to race
		TBA	TBA	Regatta	Boats to be de-rigged	All crews	All crews
		TBA	TBA	Stewards Enclosure	Prize giving and ceremony	All crews	
Monday	8th July						
Sunday	30th July			Medals engraved	Deadline -final list of medal names to admin	All team managers/ POCs	All nations to receive Kings Cup participation medals
Q3/4		TBA	TBA	National venues	Kings Cup presentations		All nations

King's Cup Organising Committee = KCOC

Some events not shown.

Additons, notes, submissions to [programme@kingscup.org](mailto:programme@kingscup.org)



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From: Chris Hartley s. 9(2)(a)  
To: s. 9(2)(a)  
Subject: Re: UNCLASSIFIED RE: New Zealand and The King's Cup  
Apologies and thanks s. 9(2)(a) Japan is cold but the sake is warm.

Sent: Thu, 11 Apr 2019 00:51:11 GMT

I know s. 6(a) and have his contact details. No action required there. I don't know your High Commissioner to Australia and would like an appropriate email address/ introduction please.

s. 6(a) is the Canadian DA and I was geographically confused when I made that request. Apologies. Please ignore.

I have been in contact with Debbie Howarth and went to see s. 9(2)(a) in London. Neither have been able to give me any contact details for defence industry in NZ, NZ CEOs in NZ or CEO's in other countries like the US and the UK with an interest in NZ. Zero contacts to date from New Zealand. This has proved quite a challenge as without this help my chances of getting past the corporate reception area are slim despite my ongoing efforts.

There is a comprehensive sponsorship offer and I think compelling reasons to support the King's Cup and the NZ crew: honouring our past, celebrating eight allies fittest and finest and empowering women in defence. The NZ history alone is amazing - NZ's first Olympic medalist in any sport rowed in the 1919 King's Cup.

As it stands I am personally paying for much of the NZ support when they are in the UK - plus the trophies, boats, hosting, administration, transport, medals etc. That is my issue I know and I signed up for this but it would be great to have some assistance. CEO or Chairmen contact details for your top dozen defence related organisations and any other contacts would be super helpful from CDF or elsewhere. For instance I would like to invite them to that May 7th event in Canberra, Appreciate anything you can do.

Lastly, please see

<https://www.kingscup.org> and <https://www.facebook.com/TheKingsCupHenley> and <https://www.instagram.com/kingscuphenley/> and ask your team, indeed the whole of NZDF, (and their friends) to view, like and follow.

Many thanks

Kind regards

Chris



Chris Hartley | The King's Cup  
Chairman of the Organising Committee

On 11 Apr 2019, at 08:39, s. 9(2)(a) wrote:

Chris

I hope Japan is treating you well! Thank you for the extra information. I will incorporate this into our wider plan. At this stage AM Short will arrive in London Fri 5 May 19 (ttbc), and depart late PM Sun 7 May 19.

Could you please clarify what you would like to me to do in relation to Canberra? Are you asking for the contact details of our DA in Canberra s. 6(a) or would you like me to connect you with him through an introductory email? I do not have contact details for s. 6(a) Happy to do either.

Many thanks for the kind words regarding the team in London. I will pass them on to CDF.

Please note, you will receive another email from me later today connecting you with s. 9(2)(a) (our Director of NZDF Industry Engagement). This is likely to better help with our efforts to assist with your sponsorship development.

Kind Regards

s. 9(2)(a)

From: Chris Hartley@s. 9(2)(a)  
Sent: Thursday, 11 April 2019 10:47 a.m.  
To: s. 9(2)(a)  
Cc: s. 6(a)  
Subject: Re: UNCLASSIFIED RE: New Zealand and The King's Cup

Good morning from Japan s. 9(2)(a) (where I am chasing the \$).

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CDF schedule: NZDF will race on Friday 5th July and if AM Short is there I will ensure that he is in the Umpire's launch. When they win, they will race again on the Saturday and then the Sunday. Both AM Short and Mrs Short are welcome as my guests on Friday and Saturday, details we can fix later. Some Chiefs will be there all three days, or at least when their crews race. All Chief's are invited to the Sunday Finals Day when they will have a chance to talk to their crew and then see them race later in the day: two crews in the final, six crews racing over the course in pairs at lunchtime.

Minister of Defence; thank you

Could you please do me a favour and flick the contact details for **s. 6(a)** the NZ DA in Canberra as well as the NZ High Commissioner there please/ introduce me. I have an invitation for the Heads of Mission and DAs of all the competing nations to an event on the 7th May and need to invite them. Draft brief for your background below.

Please also tell CDF that in my travels to date I have yet to meet a more friendly and effective team than those in NZ House in London. Sir Jerry and **s. 9(2)(a)** and their teams, are simply outstanding. NZ is very fortunate.

Kind regards

Chris

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Chris Hartley | The King's Cup  
Chairman of the Organising Committee

On 11 Apr 2019, at 06:35, **s. 9(2)(a)** wrote:

Chris

Good Evening. Many thanks for the update.

**CDF NZ Schedule.** I am in the process of organising AM Short's schedule for both this event and other engagements before and after the Regatta. I note you have him (and Mrs Short) invited to the Finals Day. Can you please reconfirm the other regatta activities /days to which you will be inviting AM Short? This will allow us to align his UK arrival and departure requirements with his wider travel schedule.

**Minister of Defence.** To invite the Minister of Defence I recommend getting in touch with his Military Secretary to determine his availability:

**s. 9(2)(a)**

Please let me know if you need anything else.

Kind Regards

**s. 9(2)(a)**

**s. 9(2)(a)**

Personal Staff Officer to the Chief of Defence Force

**NEW ZEALAND DEFENCE FORCE**

**s. 9(2)(a)**

**From:** Chris Hartley **s. 9(2)(a)**

**Sent:** Wednesday, 10 April 2019 11:20 p.m.

**To:** **s. 6(a), s. 9(2)(a)**

**Subject:** Fwd: New Zealand and The King's Cup

**s. 6(a), s. 9(2)(a)**

FYI below.

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Other defence ministers are being invited on the Sunday, please advise the appropriate NZ address at your end. As well as the appropriate nature of the invitation. Your GG would be equally welcome - the only reason the Australian GG is not is that he only gets sworn in the weeks before.

Kind regards

Chris

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Chris Hartley | The King's Cup  
Chairman of the Organising Committee

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Chris Hartley" s. 9(2)(a)  
**Subject:** New Zealand and The King's Cup  
**Date:** 10 April 2019 at 06:56:32 GMT+9  
**To:** [sheryl.jones@mfat.govt.nz](mailto:sheryl.jones@mfat.govt.nz)  
**Cc:** s. 6(a), s. 9(2)(a)

His Excellency Sir Jerry Mateparea

Sir Jerry

Thank you again for your help and support last month

Before the NZ crew arrives in June three events are planned in the UK and one in Australia.

- On the 7th of May in Canberra at 17.00 the Ambassadors and High Commissioners to Australia and their Defence Advisors are invited to a reception to listen to Australia's most senior military commanders and background on The King's Cup. As in March, the Defence Attaché will be asked to introduce the support from your Chief, the name of your crew and the background to the outstanding contribution New Zealand has made to the prizes. Please forewarn your colleagues in Canberra of this event and date as it is important that there is a New Zealand presence please. An invitation to them and location will follow shortly.
- On the 21st May, at a time to be advised and accompanied by Thomas Doggett Cap and Badge winners and Stewards of Henley Royal Regatta, I will be formally presenting the specially commissioned numbered enamel competitor badges at New Zealand House. We will be visiting seven Embassies and the Ministry of Defence that day and I will co-ordinate our arrival with your Defence Section and your media team. It will make for a very colourful photo opportunity and it may be useful to have identified an appropriate location at the High Commission for this.
- At a date to be advised you are invited to join Secretary of State Gavin Williamson in King Henry VIII's wine cellar to physically contribute to the manufacture of The King's Cup prizes. We await advice on the date but this may be the 23 May.
- On the morning of Tuesday 2nd July there is an opportunity for you to meet your crew at Henley Royal Regatta off the water and then watch them train alongside other national crews on the water. Crew launches are not permitted at Henley Royal Regatta or the weeks leading up to it but we arrange an exception for this event. I will liaise with your Defence Section on the timings as you will join other invited Heads of Mission and may wish to remain over lunchtime to hear the presentations to all the massed crews

UK and international media are likely be present at all the above.

On Saturday 6th July you and your partner are invited to lunch in Lion Meadow at Henley Royal Regatta. Henley Royal Regatta is a thoroughly enjoyable mix of Edwardian garden party and an international rowing event; it is a highlight of the English summer Season. For more detail please see [www.kingscup.org](http://www.kingscup.org).

There are strict and somewhat archaic dress and conduct rules which are important to research and will be clear on the invitations.



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On Sunday 7th July, Chiefs of Defence and defence ministers from each of the nations with their partners, are invited to Finals Day at Henley Royal Regatta. Details of the Chairman's programme will follow but it will commence with the Regatta Church service at 09.30 and finish at Prize Giving at 17.00. All Chiefs will see their crews race on the day but only two crews will race in the final. Some elements of the day will see a separate partners programme most likely to be escorted by your DA.

Lastly, may I use you as a UK reference for interest in the New Zealand participation in The King's Cup? It is my experience that New Zealand supporters and the media get comfort from an Ambassador who speaks the same language particularly as New Zealand's history and involvement with The King's Cup is unique.

I look forward to seeing you on at least one of the dates above and thank you again for your support of both The King's Cup and the NZ crew.

Kind regards

Chris Hartley

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Chris Hartley | The King's Cup  
Chairman of the Organising Committee

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From: s. 9(2)(a)  
To: Chris Hartley@s. 9(2)(a)  
CC: John.Thompson@s. 6(a), s. 9(2)(a)  
Subject: RE: New Zealand CDF blog - unclassified  
Try [Cellidh.Dunphy@mfat.govt.nz](mailto:Cellidh.Dunphy@mfat.govt.nz)

Sent: Tue, 16 Apr 2019 03:11:09 GMT

Thanks,

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From: Chris Hartley@s. 9(2)(a)  
Sent: Friday, 12 April 2019 5:21 p.m.  
To: s. 9(2)(a)  
Cc: john.thompson@s. 6(a), s. 9(2)(a)  
Subject: Re: New Zealand CDF blog - unclassified

Brilliant s. 9(2)(a) thank you.

Who is your media lead in NZ House London please?

Kind regards

Chris



Chris Hartley | The King's Cup  
Chairman of the Organising Committee

On 12 Apr 2019, at 12:04, s. 9(2)(a) wrote:

Hi Chris

Does this photo work? It's squad members s. 9(2)(a) and s. 9(2)(a)

Both main broadcasters have correspondents in Australia and Britain:

TVNZ: Ryan Boswell – s. 9(2)(a) (Australia) and Joy Reid – s. 9(2)(a) (Europe)

Newshub: Conor Whitten – s. 9(2)(a) (Australia) and Lloyd Burr – s. 9(2)(a) (Europe)

Thanks,

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From: Chris Hartley@s. 9(2)(a)  
Sent: Friday, 12 April 2019 2:25 p.m.  
To: s. 9(2)(a)  
Cc: john.thompson@s. 6(a), s. 9(2)(a)  
Subject: Re: New Zealand CDF blog - unclassified

Well done s. 9(2)(a).

We will put the blog piece on the news section of the main website and then refer to it in our social media posts. Great note but I would hate to be CDF number eight!

Can you send a photo that we can head this up with please. Not a 'head and shoulders' shot. Either CDF in action photo or one of the crew; action photo preferred.

Thanks also for those local links when you have them.

Three upcoming events outside of NZ that have media interest are below and I would be grateful if you might identify NZ media contacts that may be invited to attend

- On the 7th of May in Canberra at 17.00 the Ambassadors and High Commissioners to Australia and their Defence Advisors are invited to a reception at the Australian War Memorial to listen to Australia's most senior military commanders and background on The King's Cup. As in March, the NZ Defence Attaché will be asked to introduce the support from your Chief, the racing name of your crew and the background to the contribution NZ has made to the prizes. I have forewarned your colleagues in Canberra of this event and date as it is important that there is a NZ presence. Brief below
- On the 21st May, at approximately 12.47 and accompanied by Thomas Doggett Cap and Badge winners and Stewards of Henley Royal Regatta, I will be formally presenting the specially commissioned numbered enamel competitor badges to NZ House in London. We will be visiting seven Embassies and the Ministry of Defence that day so it is quite a programme. The Doggett's race dates from 1715 and the winners accompanying me will be dressed accordingly. A Steward of Henley Royal Regatta is likely to be there also, potentially Sir Steve Redgrave. It will make for a very colourful photo opportunity and I have asked for an appropriate location.
- At a date to be advised Sir Jerry will be invited to join British Secretary of State Gavin Williamson in King Henry VIII's wine cellar to physically contribute to the manufacture of The King's Cup prizes. This may be May 23rd.

Lastly, could you set the NZDF a target of say 100 follows, likes and comments on <https://www.kingscup.org> and <https://www.facebook.com/TheKingsCupHenley> and <https://www.instagram.com/kingscuphenley/> with the month? Or am I being under ambitious?

Many thanks

Chris

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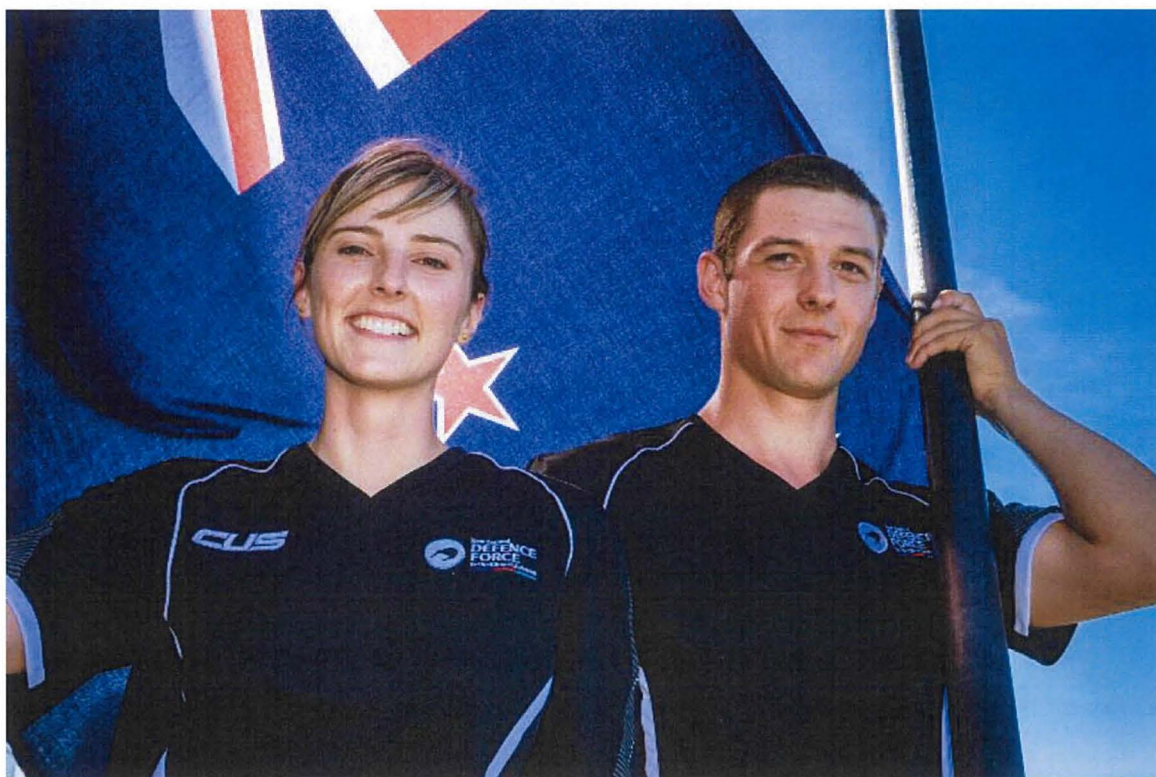
Chris Hartley | The King's Cup  
Chairman of the Organising Committee

On 12 Apr 2019, at 08:41, s. 9(2)(a) wrote:

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From: [Chris Hartley](#) s. 9(2)(a)

Sent: Thu, 16 May 2019 05:11:39 GMT

To: s. 6(a)

CC: [JONES, Sheryl \(LON\)](#)

Subject: Re: King Henry VIII's wine cellar MoD 16.30 – 17.30 22nd May unclassified Brilliant.

Thank you s. 6(a)



Chris Hartley | The King's Cup  
Chairman of the Organising Committee

On 16 May 2019, at 06:09, s. 6(a) wrote:

Hello Chris this is to advise I will be representing s. 9(2)(a) at this event.

Kind regards,

s. 6(a)

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**From:** Chris Hartley s. 6(a)  
**Date:** Monday, 13 May 2019, 1:02 pm  
**To:** JONES, Sheryl (LON) <[Sheryl.Jones@mfat.govt.nz](mailto:Sheryl.Jones@mfat.govt.nz)>  
**Cc:** s. 6(a)  
**Subject:** Re: King Henry VIII's wine cellar MoD 16.30 – 17.30 22nd May

Many thanks Sheryl, will stand by. Happy and privileged to stand in for NZ and explain the contribution to the SoS Defence if required. Kind regards Chris

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Chris Hartley | The King's Cup  
Chairman of the Organising Committee

On 13 May 2019, at 11:56, JONES, Sheryl (LON)  
<[Sheryl.Jones@mfat.govt.nz](mailto:Sheryl.Jones@mfat.govt.nz)> wrote:

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Good Afternoon Mr Hartley,

Unfortunately Sir Jerry is unavailable to attend this event as he will be travelling out of London on the afternoon of the 22<sup>nd</sup> May.



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I have forwarded your email onto our Deputy High Commissioner David Evans' PA for attendance consideration and response.

Thank you for your time.

Nga mihi

<image001.png> **Sheryl Jones**

EA to High Commissioner

New Zealand High Commission London | Te Aka Aorere

New Zealand House, 80 Haymarket, London SW1Y 4TQ

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**From:** Chris Hartley s. 9(2)(a)

**Sent:** Sunday, 12 May 2019 8:15 p.m.

**To:** JONES, Sheryl (LON); s. 6(a)

**Subject:** King Henry VIII's wine cellar MoD 16.30 – 17.30 22nd May

s. 6(a) Sheryl,

Please find below a brief and run sheet for the Heads of Mission on the 22nd May with the Secretary of State for Defence.

SoS has received exactly the same documentation plus an outline speech which primarily covers the critical role of women in the military, allied nations and The King's Cup arrangements that support this.

All other Heads of Mission have the same brief so there is scope for a little more detail and colour when describing your national contribution to the prizes.

s. 6(a) is the MoD contact for escorts to the wine cellar  
s. 6(a)

Given the change in SoS the now usual caveat on British politics remains in place. DSSec's helpfully pragmatic advice is to proceed as planned but to be aware of potential change.

Kind regards

Chris

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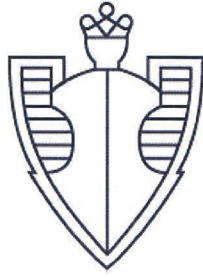
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## **The King's Cup 22<sup>nd</sup> May – brief**

**King Henry VIII's wine cellar MoD 16.30 – 17.30**

### **Background:**

The King's Cup is an international military rowing race at Henley Royal Regatta in July 2019 that honours our past, celebrates eight nations' fittest and finest and catalyses the opportunities for women in defence.

Her Majesty The Queen is Patron of Henley Royal Regatta. The world's finest regatta is in its 170<sup>th</sup> year and remains an essential part of the English summer season.

The King's Cup is the first time that military women and men will row in the same boat at an elite event in front of 100,000 spectators and live-streamed to a potential audience of three million in uniform. It echoes the race that in 1915 helped the allies build the peace; in 2019 Germany and the Netherlands will join the original competitors from the USA, UK, Australia, New Zealand, France and Canada.

Military chiefs of the eight nations will attend the Regatta.

Each nation has contributed something of high symbolic value to be melted down and combined as part of the prizes

### **Attending the briefing:**

High Commissioners of Canada, New Zealand, Australia, Ambassadors of France, USA, Germany. Netherlands invited.

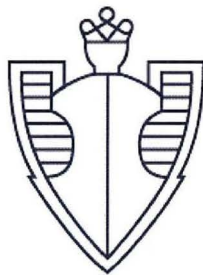
Stewards of Henley Royal Regatta

Chairman of The King's Cup Organising Committee

Defence industry partners, national and international media.

### **Speakers:**

Chris Hartley	The King's Cup introductions and welcome
Secretary of State	Critical role of women in defence – and how The King's Cup supports that.
Heads of Mission	Present their national contributions to The King's Cup
British craftsmen	Introduction and presentation of the prizes
Sir Matthew Pinsent	and/or Stewards of the Henley Royal Regatta



### **The King's Cup 22<sup>nd</sup> May – brief**

**King Henry VIII's wine cellar MoD 16.30 – 17.30**

**National contributions to the prizes be introduced by Heads of Mission:**

Australia: sliver of the original cup and part of The Roll of Honour, Australian War Memorial

Canada: material from the highest point of their first Parliament building

France: four Croix de Guerre awarded each year of WW1

Germany: brass from the historic Gorch Foch sail training vessel

Netherlands: shell cases from the King's coronation

New Zealand: copper fittings from their 1919 original King's Cup boat

UK: contribution from Her Majesty The Queen

USA: George Washington commissioned 1797 USS Constitution original fittings

**British Craftsmen have included apprentices from Goldsmiths and Cutlers Livery Houses:**

WO Lewis: Birmingham based fifth generation handmade, hard enamelled badges

Worcestershire Medals: Royal Warrant holders and current MOD medal suppliers

Ottewill Silversmiths: Henley Royal Regatta silversmiths of Ashford Kent

Colin Henwood: award winning wooden boat builder

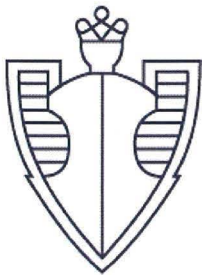
Pooley swords: Robert Pooley bought the Wilkinson sword business.

**Photograph:**

Secretary of State with Heads of Mission, Craftsmen

As above with all present.

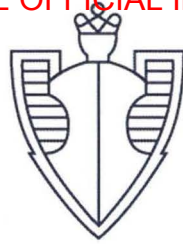




**The King's Cup 22<sup>nd</sup> May – run sheet**

**King Henry VIII's wine cellar MoD 16.30 – 17.30**

15.00	AV check		
16.15 - 16.30	Speakers assembled, guests arrive.		
16.30	The King's Cup introductions and welcome	Chris Hartley	2 minutes
16.35	Secretary of State		5 minutes
The critical role of allies and women in defence – and how The King's Cup supports these.			
16.40	Introducing The King's Cup prizes		1 minute
17.40	Ambassadors/ High Commissioners		16 minutes
Present their national contributions to The King's Cup			
17.00	British craftsmen introduction and presentation of the prizes		1 minute
	Worcestershire Medals		3 minutes
	Ottewill Silversmiths		3 minutes
	Colin Henwood boat builder		3 minutes
	Pooley swords		3 minutes
17.15	Sir Matthew Pinsent video		2 minutes
	A taste of Henley Royal Regatta video		2 minutes
	1919 Henley Peace Regatta video		1 minute
17.20	Summary and Regatta arrangements		3 minutes
17.25	Q&A		
17.30	Close and photograph		



### **International women in defence, The King's Cup and making history**

On Tuesday 7th May 2019 at 5.00pm for 5.15pm, in the Captain Reg Saunders Gallery at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Air Marshal Warren McDonald CSC AM will speak about the essential contribution of women in the Australian Defence Force, reflected in the unique arrangements for the return of The King's Cup and their participation in eight nation's military crews.

The King's Cup is an international military rowing race between eight nations at Henley Royal Regatta that honours our past, celebrates our eight nations' 'fittest and finest', and catalyses the opportunities for women in defence. In 1919 Australia won the event in the UK, it is being re-raced one hundred years on and for the first time with serving men and women rowing in the same boat

Australian dual Olympic medalist and oarsman Cameron McKenzie-McHarg will add his perspective on what makes Henley Royal Regatta second only to the Olympics as a sporting competition and athlete experience, highlight the importance of the 1919 victory to Australia and comment on the prospect of a return to Australia of The King's Cup in 2019.

In a video presentation Henley Royal Regatta Steward Sir Matthew Pinsent CBE will draw upon his achievements as a winner of four consecutive Olympic gold medals to illustrate how sport can be a developer of character and a catalyst for societal change. He will highlight the contribution of Henley Royal Regatta to equality and opportunity in both 1919 and 2019 and the investments made to enable three million uniformed personnel in the competing nations to connect with The King's Cup.

Dr Chris Hartley, Chairman of The King's Cup Organising Committee will walk through the programme for the return of The King's Cup in 2019 involving military crews from the UK, USA, Canada, New Zealand, France, Germany, Netherlands and Australia. He will cover critical dates, political and diplomatic invitations, and opportunities for involvement and media. He will give a privileged brief on the engagement of two Royal Households and the contribution from USA's first President George Washington, as well as the remarkable items incorporated into the prizes from all nations including a poignant contribution from Australia.

The Ambassadors, High Commissioners and Defence Attachés from the USA, France, Canada, Germany, Netherlands, UK and New Zealand are invited to attend; the Defence Attachés requested to introduce the involvement of their respective Chiefs of Defence, their crew background and race aspirations. See [www.kingscup.org](http://www.kingscup.org)

Military athletes attending the event will also be called upon.

All guests will depart with a suitable liquid refreshment tied directly to the experience of Australian troops in WW1.