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Dear D Maclure

I refer to your email of 4 September 2026 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

Regarding 62 Squadron logo hasn't been published on NZDF website due difficulties finding this is about space operations recent establishment.

Another request was any New Zealand naval vessel participated Rimpac in 2026?

No. 62 Squadron has not yet been issued an officially approved squadron crest in accordance with NZAP 207 Royal New Zealand Air Force (RNZAF) Dress Instructions. When the Squadron was re-established, the RNZAF intended to review and, if appropriate, continue the use of an historical 62 Squadron crest from the 1930/1940 period. However, research has determined that the Squadron was disbanded before any crest was formally developed and approved through the heraldry process. As there is no legacy crest to reinstate, No. 62 Squadron will develop an original crest and submit it for formal heraldic approval. This process takes time to ensure historical accuracy, cultural appropriateness, and alignment with RNZAF traditions.

HMNZS Te Mana and HMNZS Aotearoa participated in RIMPAC 2026. Information is publicly available on the Defence Force website¹.

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 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

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¹ <https://www.nzdf.mil.nz/media-centre/news/royal-new-zealand-navy-sailors-set-to-test-themselves-on-the-world-stage-in-hawaii/>