



Minutes of Bi-Monthly meeting  
of the RMA New Zealand Branch  
Held at Pt Chevalier RSA, Auckland  
11 October 2010

**Attendees**

Phil Ayling	Ticker Ayling
Bob Battersby	Max Beare
Martin Kavanagh	Mick McMahon
Jacqui Mellamphy	Gloria Moore
Gordon Moore	Rob Morrice
Bob Reay	Jim Roots
Joe Sims	

**Apologies**

Gill Collins	Peter Collins
Beryl Harris	Vince Harris
Barbara Harker	Noel Harker

The meeting opened with the Royal Marines Prayer read by Ticker Ayling.

**Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

- “Nothing Impossible, A Portrait of the Royal Marines” book purchased for £46.50, (\$101.51NZ). Book has been received and was given to Max Beare to read and pass around the members in his area. Book to be brought back to the next meeting to pass on to other members, and a record to be kept of who is holding it.
- Phil Ayling suggested at the last meeting that the RMA hold at least 2 socials per year, similar to the BAFA. Peter to follow up with Brendon Johnson, Entertainments Officer. Covered again under General Business.

**Correspondence Inwards**

- Email received from Ken Weldon, Globe and Laurel representative, wishing the members a Merry Christmas.
- Email from Chalky Carr advising that all went well and 6 members in attendance at the South Island Corps Birthday.

**Correspondence Outward**

- Condolence card to Pamela Wilcox, widow of David President of the Victoria Branch.
- Thank you letter to Wayne Mapp, President Birkenhead RSA.
- Thank you letters to sponsors of raffle prizes for Corps Birthday.
- Letter to curator of Corps Museum regarding the updating of the information on Col. Dare Dowell, as no response to date on update of information that was submitted by Barbara Bayley.



### **President's Report**

- Battle of the River Plate Commemorative Service to be held at Pt Chevalier RSA on Sunday 12 December. Gordon Moore and Ticker Ayling will be in attendance.
- Agreed on Corps Birthday lunch to be on Sunday 30 October. Bob Reay agreed to send letters to Birkenhead RSA and caterers advising them of this.
- Possible guest speakers at Corps Birthday could be: Chief of Defence Staff, Veterans Affairs Minister, CO of SAS.
- Two visitors due in February; Brian Bartlett, Honorary Life President of the Northern Region RMA in the UK who is visiting our shores between 31 January and 7 February. Proposed by Peter that we hold our next meeting one week earlier so that Brian Bartlett could also attend.
- Next meeting will be 5 February so that Brian Bartlett could attend.

**Proposed** Rob Morrice  
(in Peter's absence)

**Seconded** Ticker Ayling  
All in favour

- Brian Pierson, Chairman of the East Essex Branch, will be visiting on a cruise ship on 28 February for one night only, possible for a catch up over a few drinks with him. Peter Collins to follow up with Brian if this is a possibility.
- Waiting on confirmation that Prince Edward will assume the role of our Captain General as the Duke of Edinburgh eases back on his commitments at the age of 90.
- Peter to send out letters and emails to members next week who have not paid their subs to date.

### **Vice President's Report**

- Website update – the memorial is on the opening page for David Wilcox, will be removed after Christmas.
- We need more memorabilia on the website, please include names, the year and what it is about. Please pass or email these to Phil Ayling.
- If enough orders come through, we will look at ordering some more polo shirts.
- Suggestion to look at baseball caps. Phil to look at costs to purchase.
- Phil presented the association with a framed first day cover celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Corps departing New Zealand.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Current Account has a balance of	\$4,033.18
Ready Saver Account has a balance of	\$2,681.51
Term Deposit (maturing 15/12/10) has a balance of	\$6,000.00



The term deposit matures on 15 December, current interest rates are:

6 months	3.5%
12 months	5.1%

Proposed that we reinvest the \$6000 principal for a further term of 12 months at 5.1% per annum.

<b>Proposed</b>	Max Beare
<b>Seconded</b>	James Roots
	All in favour

A total of \$694.00 was raised with the Corps raffle.

Cheques written recently:

Birkenhead RSA Wine	\$224.00
Monarch Catering Birkenhead RSA	\$1470.00
Jock Munro (reimbursement for Lunch)	\$42.00
Send-a-Basket (Gill Collins, recent operation)	\$85.00
Sharton International (David Glen's shirt included with membership cheque)	\$36.80

- Please, if you use electronic banking, put your surname in the fields so we can track who has deposited funds.
- As agreed at last meeting, the association will pay the total of the raffle funds of the Corps Birthday to the 45 Commando Memorial Garden and this be rounded up to nearest £50. A total of \$694 was collected and this equates to approximately £310.00. Proposed that this amount be rounded up to £350.00 and Peter to pay this on his UK Visa card, and Treasurer to reimburse him.

<b>Proposed</b>	Rob Morrice
<b>Seconded</b>	Mick McMahon
	All in favour

### **Secretary's Report**

Thank you to Jacqui for taking the minutes.

### **Report from Sick Visitor – recent visits**

- Max Beare and Ticker Ayling visit Charles Lashmar on a regular basis.
- Stan Grayland recently had a fall contributed by a urinary tract infection. Was on some really nasty antibiotics, but now all okay.

### **Report from Standard Bearer**

Standard presented at Remembrance Day Parades at St Matthews in the City and St Andrews churches. Gordon Moore and Ticker Ayling will also be presenting the Standards at the Battle of the River Plate at Pt Chevalier RSA on Sunday 12 December.



### **Globe and Laurel and Publications**

All items to Ken Walden and he will send his draft to Peter Collins before it is included in the Globe and Laurel.

### **General Business**

- James Roots, Joe Sims, Max Beare and Ticker Ayling attended the Christmas function with the BAFTA.
- Our next social function we need to invite the BAFTA as we have been invited to two of their functions and we haven't reciprocated. Entertainments Officer to look at a function.
- Bob Reay gave old Corps Christmas cards that were in storage to those to use as they wished.
- It was noted that no Christmas celebration food was provided at the final meeting for the year as has happened in the past.
- Both Phil and Jacqui apologised for not organising this, as both lead busy lives with their companies and when it was remembered it was too late to organise, because any catering we have at the meetings must be organised by the Pt Chevalier RSA.
- Noted by Bob Reay that there are others in the Association that could also have sorted this out, as there are other members in the committee who could take this on. As only 13 members attended the final meeting, we would have had a lot of wasted food and the effort of the RSA ladies.
- Bob Reay thanked Jacqui, Phil and Peter for the time and effort put into the association.
- We hope everyone has a safe and Merry Christmas, and see you all next year.

Next meeting 5 February 2011 at the Pt Chevalier RSA.

Meeting closed at 2.50pm.