



Joint minutes of Bi-Monthly meeting and AGM
of the RMA New Zealand Branch
Held at
Pt Chevalier RSA, Auckland
1 May 2010

Attendees

Phil Ayling
Katherine Beare
Colin Campbell
Jill Collins
Les Goodyer
Kim Kavanagh
Jacqui Mellamphy
Gordon Moore
Joe Simms

Bob Battersby
Max Beare
Steve Campbell
Peter Collins
Noel Harker
Martin Kavanagh
Gloria Moore
Ian Pallas

Apologies

Keith Anniss
Ticker Ayling
Mandy Glaze
Vince Harris
Bob Reay
Harold Robinson
James Roots
Jock Munroe

Sue Anniss
John Glaze
David Glenn
Brendon Johnston
Steve Ritson
Ken Weldon
Pip Townend

There could have been further apologies for the meeting that may have gone astray during the previous week.

Welcome to Ian Pallas, our auditor, and a thank you to him for his efforts over the years.

The meeting opened with the Royal Marines prayer read by Steve Campbell.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

John Glaze wrote an excellent obituary for Bill Hale that has gone to the Globe and Laurel.
Nomination of Phil Ayling for Quartermaster and Memorabilia

Proposed

Gordon Moore

Seconded

Max Beare

All in favour



Correspondence Inwards

- Barbara and Fred Bayly, Great Granddaughter of Lt Col George Dare Dowell VC, best wishes for the Taupo Reunion, and also a donation of a bottle of whiskey for the raffle there.
- Gwen Hale sent a thank you card for our condolences on the recent passing of Bill.
- Frank Atkins sent an email advising he will be visiting in January/February 2011.
- Susanna Brown sent an email to Peter looking for David Abbott, Royal NZ Airforce – ex Capt RM – happily reunited.
- Dave (Dai) Gwilliam sent an email advising he will be visiting in July & August 2010, details of his visit to follow.
- Brian Broadbent the chairman of the Bradford & District Branch was here recently, and his son Darren has just signed up as a new member – Darren is a Sgt MP with the NZ Army.
- Ron Powell who joined recently has donated a Bugle (which doubles as a desk lamp) and also a knitted Royal Marine doll to the association.

Correspondence Outward

- Email to Gwen Hale asking her to keep in contact.
- Email to Corps Museum Eastney, advising that the personal details for Lt Col George Dowell VC are not correct as advised by Barbara Bayly in Inwards Correspondence. Currently waiting on a reply from the museum.
- Thank you letter to Jimbo MacArthur, President Pt Chevalier RSA for welcoming us for the RM Day on 14 March.
- Thank you letter to CO of the Waiouru Army Camp for the lunch during the Taupo Reunion.
- Thank you letters to Stan Grayland, George Wootton & Mark Owen for the raffle donations for the Taupo Reunion.
- Thank you letter to Barbara and Fred Bayly for the donation of the whiskey for the Taupo Reunion.
- Thank you letter to Maria Harvey's boss for his donations for the raffle.
- Thank you letter to the Taupo RSA for allowing us the use of their facilities for the reunion.



- Cheque and thank you letter to Eda Terry for the wreath and table flowers in Taupo.

President's Report

We have been advised that the Pt Chevalier RSA now has a new President, Horace Cadd, and Secretary Chris Moul.

The Association had voted \$2,000 to be used for the Taupo Reunion; we used \$768 of these funds. The reunion was held on the same weekend as the British Airborne Association reunion; they joined with us marching to the cenotaph and also at the church service. Some of these members have asked if they may join us for our Corps Birthday celebration lunch in October.

The RM Day at the Pt Chevalier RSA had a good turnout with the parade of the Standards, church service & wreath laying and also a rum shout by the RSA. Thanks go to the RSA for this.

ANZAC Day, Auckland Museum, a small turnout of members, but it is the member's prerogative to attend their local marches.

We have been advised that there is excellent Army and Navy accommodation available around the country at very good rates. See Peter Collins for documents and brochures on this. If you wish to use the facilities, you must be sponsored by a serving member. This is around \$60 per night.

The next meeting is 12 June, and Cliff Heywood MBE, Deputy Director of the Navy Museum, will give a short presentation at the completion of the meeting.

Peter has a list of useful contacts for the Globe and Laurel if anyone would like to see it.

We received an update from Neil Grant's daughter on John Connolly, the policeman who was badly injured in Tuakau, advising that he is doing well. John is an ex Royal and will hopefully be joining the association shortly.

Finances

Report from Noel Harker, Treasurer on the finances.

Current Account has a balance of \$2,923.99

The following cheques are still to be debited

Phil Ayling, Wreath for ANZAC Day \$25.00

Gordon Moore, Pt Chevalier RSA \$30.00

Ready Saver Account has a balance of \$2,665.85

Term Deposit has a balance of \$6,000.00

Ian Pallas went through the accounts.

Total Assets of \$11,200



The legacy from Bert Jones is shown separately each year.

Thank you to Noel for the great job done over the years.

The committee and members thanked Ian Pallas for his help also over the years.

Proposed

Noel Harker

Seconded

Bob Battersby

All in favour

The banners are available for purchase and also as presentations approved by the committee first. If members wish to purchase some banners, at a cost of around \$12.00 each, please contact Philip Ayling.

Report from Sick Visitor – recent visits

Harold Robinson – appears to be doing OK – Jacqui has arranged to visit soon

Edwin Barton – Peter spoke with him on the phone – good days and bad days but very positive and in good spirits

Jock Munro – had a slip in the bathroom but x-rays suggest no serious damage

Charles and Celia Lashmar, visited recently by Max Beare, Joe Simms, Phil Ayling, Jacqui Mellamphy, Sue and Keith Anniss, and Ticker Ayling. Charles goes into respite care every three weeks

Report from Standard Bearer

Recent marches were:

Taupo Reunion

RM Day at Pt Chevalier RSA

ANZAC Day, Auckland War Memorial Museum

Vice President's Report

We Want You! posters have gone to all the RSAs. If members would like to put these up in their local clubs or Associations, please get some from Phil. All the RSAs should have these by now.

We wrote to the RSA after the ANZAC Parade at the Auckland War Memorial Museum, thanking them for allowing us to parade, and also advising of our new wreath layer and parade instructor.

General Business

There was an article in the local Kumeu paper on a marine. Max Beare to send copy to Peter.



In the Waiuku paper, mention of Trent and Deacon Anniss, whose grandfather Keith was a marine and is a current member.

Globe and Laurel

John Glaze submitted article on the Taupo Reunion and also the obituary on Bill Hale.

New Members

Darren Broadbent

Chris Archer (rejoining)

Ron Powell (rejoining)

Corps Birthday Celebration

This is on 31 October at Birkenhead RSA. If anyone has any ideas on a guest speaker would be much appreciated. Bob Reay will be sending out more details in due course.

Meeting closed at 3.00pm



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Review of year given by Peter Collins, we have had a good increase in members, the website and Colleen Ellis have done wonders for the Association. This has reflected in our accounts; the Corps Birthday celebrations were the best attendance to date in Peter's time as a member. We would like to have similar numbers again this year.

Armistice Day; there was a good turnout by our members, but one of the guest speakers was a disappointment as he gave a political and very unmilitary speech.

Armistice Day Parade at the Pt Chevalier RSA on 11 November was attended by a number of our members.

Taupo Reunion was well organised by Jock Munro and was a very successful and enjoyable weekend with just short of 50 members in attendance.

ANZAC Day; there was lots of representation at parades across the country.

Election of Officers

Copies of recent emails between Peter Collins, Philip Ayling and Colleen Ellis were distributed to members to read with a view of holding a vote of confidence/ no confidence in Peter to re-stand as President. Peter left the meeting for 10 minutes so the attending members could read and vote on whether Peter should re-stand. There was a unanimous show of hands for Peter to stand for a further year as President of our Association.

President – Peter Collins

Nominated by All as show of hands
Seconded Bob Battersby
All in favour

Vice President – Philip Ayling

Nominated by All
Seconded Gordon Moore
All in favour



Secretary

No nominations for Secretary, the committee is to address this at a later date.

Treasurer – Jacqui Mellamphy

Nominated by	All
Seconded	Noel Harker All in favour

Standard Bearer – Gordon Moore

Nominated by	All
Seconded	Max Beare All in favour

Assistant Standard Bearer – Steve Ritson

Nominated by	All
Seconded	Gordon Moore All in favour

Assistant Secretary

Max Beare had put his hand up for Assistant, but as no volunteers for Secretary for the Association at present, then currently there is no requirement for an Assistant. Max offered to give every support that he could to the committee.

Globe and Laurel – Ken Walden

Nominated by	Peter Collins
Seconded	Bob Battersby All in favour

Peter to contact Ken and advise.

Web Master – Philip Ayling

Nominated by	All
Seconded	Bob Battersby All in favour

Entertainments Officer – Brendon Johnson

Nominated by	Peter Collins
Seconded	Steve Campbell All in favour



Archivist / Regimental – Max Beare

Nominated by Bob Battersby
Seconded Gordon Moore
All in favour

Quartermaster – Philip Ayling

Nominated by Gordon Moore
Seconded Max Beare
All in favour

Regional Welfare / Sick Officers

Northland	John Glaze
Northland	Steve Campbell
Auckland	No nomination
Rodney	Vince Harris
North Shore	Brendon Johnson
Mt Maunganui / Tauranga	George Wooton
Hastings / Napier	Dennis Harvey
Wellington	James Begg John Roberts
Picton/Nelson	Will Trollope
Christchurch / South Canterbury	Kevin Carr / Dave Addison

General Business

Gloria Moore offered her assistance if any typing was required.
Loyal Toast to the Queen.

As no further business, the meeting closed at 3.30pm.