



- Max Beare thanked the RMA for the flowers that he received recently in hospital. They came at the right time according to Max. Great to see him up and about again and at the meeting.
- Peter had received an e-mail from PO51519T Sgt Gaz Farrimond – currently serving with 45 Cdo in Afghanistan – he will be visiting NZ early/Easter 2012 with his family with a view to emigrating.
- E-mail from Frank Atkins in the UK – best friend of the late Jock Fraser (he made a \$1000.00 donation to the branch a year or so ago) – hoping to visit NZ in February.
- Condolence letter to Gordon Munro son of the late Eddie.
- Thank you letter to Kay Ingley at the Pt Chevalier RSA for the catering at the AGM.
- Peter had e-mailed our Padre, Jim Withers, twice to confirm that he will conduct the Church Service and attend our Corps Birthday Luncheon – Ticker agreed to speak with Jim.
- We received a letter from Government House requesting confirmation of a number of details in preparation for the supersession of the Governor-General. A confirmatory reply was sent.

President's Report

- Peter spoke of the great courage and humour of George MacLaod and the great donation he made to the Association.
- Peter also spoke of the donation of \$100 that Stan Grayland had made to the hospice in Wanganui following the passing of Eddie Munro.
- We have been invited to join with the British Airborne Forces Association (BAFA) in a week end away in Rotorua – probably the 1st or last weekend of March next year. After a positive show of hands it was decided that Peter will send out an APB to gauge support and liaise with Roy Tilley of the BAFA.
- The Corps Birthday cake. In the last 3 years we have had a Corps Birthday cake for our Birthday luncheon. The first year was supplied by Colleen and Gloria Moore. Last year Philip and Ticker provided a cake. Marty Kavanagh and Mick McMahon will investigate whether a Navy Chef might be able to bake a cake for a small fee. Failing that, a thank you to Darren Wood who offered to provide a cake for the Birthday this year.

Vice President's Report

- The damaged historical memorabilia cabinet in the RSA has been repaired by one of the RSA members. Phil will deliver a gift pack to the RSA to thank him for a job well done. The lock needs renewing so Phil will also look after that.



- In respect of the historical material to go on the web site, Tony Smith is still in the throes of designing his improved page for material like this to be viewed.
- Phil mentioned that times are tough in the market place and corporate sponsors' for our raffle are getting hard to get. If any other members has any contacts for gifts for our raffle at the Luncheon then please bring them along on the day.

Secretary's Report – no secretary, no report

Treasurer's Report

- Ian Pallas the Auditor for the RMA gave his financial report for the year which is attached to these minutes.
- He also wanted it recorded that he thanked Jacqui for all her hard work keeping the books and accounts in good order for the year.
- Ian read out the 1986 records for a light heated comparison with today's efforts. This is also the date that Ian started to Audit the RMA books and he has done so all these years free of charge and always with a smile on his face. This may have something to do with him being Ticker's nephew.

The accounts were accepted as a true record

All in Favour

Report from Standard Bearer

- No parades to report from the last meeting. Gordon has been trying to get a new pair of Gauntlets. Peter undertook to take up with Sharky Ward in Poole & District RMA. Post meeting Graham Barber said that he could arrange and Peter will follow it up with him.

Report from Sick Visitor

- Max Beare is up and about and attended the meeting. Charles and Celia Lashmar are doing well as reported by Ticker. Bob Battersby also attended the meeting and looked a lot better than the last time we saw him.

Entertainments' Member's Report

- Martin was congratulated for a great run ashore to the on the day of the All Blacks game against Australia. All that attended had a great time.
- The next venture is a range day. This would include lunch, drinks and a BBQ at the end. A good show of hands proved this to be a popular event and one that many would enjoy. Marty is pursuing 2 options probably for around November time. Further details to follow. It was suggested that The Airborne Forces guys be invited along also.



Globe and Laurel

- Our submission to the Globe and Laurel has been sent and appears in this month's addition. Copies had been emailed to our members and put in the post to non e-mail members and hard copies were available at the meeting.

Propositions

- Peter suggested that 7 guests to the RMA Corps Birthday Luncheon be paid for by the Association

Proposed Ticker Ayling
Seconded Mick McMahon
All in favour

- It was proposed that a sum not exceeding \$300.00 be available for the toasting wine for the luncheon.

Proposed Gordon Moore
Seconded Rob Morrice
All in favour

- It was suggested that the proceeds from the Corps Birthday Luncheon raffle should be donated to the RM Charitable Trust Fund.

Proposed Vince Harris
Seconded Bob Battersby
All in favour

- It was suggested that a donation of \$500.00 should be made to the Shrapnel Charity to be sent to Sharon Wrigley.

Proposed Martin Kavanagh
Seconded Jim Roots
All in favour

General Business

- Pip wanted to know if we are doing enough to inform or encourage former RMs coming into the country to join our association. After a discussion it was agreed that we are and that a little effort by such guys is all that is needed to find us.
- Harold gave very passionate account of his time in the Corps and the NZ Association.
- Max is organising an ex bandsman reunion in Whangaparaoa in 2013; you can contact him for the details.
- We will resort to taped music for this year's church service at the Corps Birthday.
- Mick McMahon will bring British Legion poppies along for sale at the next meeting for Remembrance Day.
- The book Nothing Impossible was returned and now has been taken out by Darren Woods.



RMANZ Band

- Jim Roots has been putting a lot of time and effort into the possibility of putting together a band for the RMA in NZ.
- He presented a report on his findings so far and the most likely option is for us to sponsor an existing show band. Jim will get his small project team of himself, Max and Vince to investigate further. It is probably worth embarking on a mini-trial. Jim was given encouragement to continue to see if this could be a viable venture.

Next Meeting

- The date for the next meeting is 8 October but due to a Rugby World Cup quarter final being played that evening in Auckland it was suggested that we start at 1.00pm. If things go to form that game could well involve England.
- **Post meeting note:** Peter has e-mailed Charlie Hobson, the CEO and asked for details of our meeting to be sent out on his next RMA Reporting Network report, with an open invite to any serving or former Royals to attend and drink beer and swing lamps. Charlie has responded and said he will do that and will ensure that it also goes on a wide distribution to the serving Corps
- Meeting closed at 4.00 pm.