



**Minutes of the Bi-Monthly meeting of the New Zealand Branch of the RMA  
Held at  
Point Chevalier RSA, Auckland  
8 December 2012**

**Attendees:**

Ticker Ayling	Max Beare	Gill Collins
Peter Collins	Dave Glen	Beryl Harris
Vince Harris	Marty Kavanagh	Mick McMahon
Gloria Moore	Gordon Moore	Rob Morrice
Jim Roots	Joe Simms	Pip Townend

**Apologies:** Joann Steel (Secretary), Pusser Hill, Noel Harker, Phil Ayling, Jacqui Mellamphy, Dave Workman, Al Coates, Bob Battersby

Meeting opened at 1405  
Loyal Toast to Her Majesty the Queen  
Royal Marines Prayer recited by Pip Townend  
A moments silence for fallen comrades was observed

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting – Matters Arising**

Payment of \$1201.75 from the Corps Birthday raffle etc has been made to the Royal Marines Charitable Trust Fund.

Payment of \$500.00 to the Fallen Heroes Charity still outstanding – Rob to action

**Minutes of Previous Meeting accepted as a true record**

<b>Proposed</b>	Gordon Moore	<b>Seconded</b>	Dave Glen
			All voted in favour

**President's Report**

Margaret Houston passed away in her sleep on the evening of the 30th November at about 11pm. Bill was with her and in Bill's words "she simply slept away without any fuss or bother."

Peter was notified of the passing of former Royal Marine, Malcolm Reid in Wellington at age 86 – he was not a member of the Association. Service details are sketchy but he did serve in Hong Kong after the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War clearing mines – Patrick Toner represented us at his funeral and sent a summary report by e-mail. The family expressed their appreciation that the Royal Marines were represented at the funeral. Peter sent a copy with a couple of photos out across the membership. Peter sent condolences to his son Donald and grand-daughter Emily. Peter has since had an e-mail from his son to say thanks for the representation and to tell us that he was wearing his Corps Tie when he was buried.



The Corps Birthday was another thoroughly enjoyable celebration – Peter sent thanks to all members who had made significant contributions – he sends his apologies if he missed anyone.

Our new member Bruce Lee has set up a Facebook page “Law 4427” to assist in getting the best possible legal team for the 5 RMs facing a murder charge.

Our Standard & White Ensign were paraded at St Matthews Church by Gordon and Ticker on Remembrance Sunday – Peter had intended to attend but had a domestic crisis that morning!

Our Standard & White Ensign will be paraded by Gordon and Ticker at a Commemoration Service for the Battle of the River Plate at Point Chevalier RSA at 1045 on Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup> of December.

Peter has had correspondence with a currently serving RM Captain (Alex Crump) on holiday in NZ – interested in transferring to the NZ Defence Force. Peter put him in touch with Chalky Carr and several others.

The whereabouts of the book “Nothing Impossible” is currently not known. Could anyone who is in possession let one of the committee members know.

A recent e-mail was going around giving Starbucks a hard time for being very anti armed forces – it is very old and was a hoax.

Jim Roots had received an East Essex RMA Branch pennant on behalf of our branch from Tom Bowler.

Peter will chase members still outstanding for subscriptions.

### **Outward Correspondence**

Thank you letters or e-mails to our Guest of Honour, Padre, Birkenhead RSA & Caterers, Watties & other raffle prize donors.

Condolence letter to Donald and Emily Reid.

Christmas card to the President, Committee and members of the NSW Branch of the RMA.

### **Inward Correspondence:**

E-mail from Garry Cooley, Manager of the Birkenhead RSA – “Thank you again for using our club, we are pleased to host you.”

Christmas card from the President, Committee and members of the NSW Branch of the RMA.

E-mail received from William Ross who served from 1997 to 2008 – currently working in Maritime Security but will be moving to New Zealand next year.

### **New Members:**

Andrew Marcel – works at Whenuapai – attended the Corps Birthday.

Jim Newton (PO41816E) lives near Warkworth – aged 49 – served from 1981 to 89 – now working offshore.



Bruce Lee (PO46738B) lives at Hatfields Beach – aged 44 and served from 1987 – 91 before being commissioned into the Royal Navy.

Dave Workman (PO42590K) – aged 49 and served from 1981 to 2005 with a short break in between – lives at Piha.

It seems there is an ex-Royal by the name of Jake Fraser who is running a bar in Takapuna who has expressed interest in joining us.

**Vice President's Report** – Mick had nothing to report.

**Treasurer's Report**

Cheque Account	\$5,189.78
Savings Account	\$2,735.73
Investment Account	\$6,508.89
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$14,434.40</u></b>

Rob wanted to thank Ticker for his recent donation

**Secretary's Report** No report

**Entertainments Rep's Report** Marty is exploring the possibility of an activity involving the RNZN. Maybe a ships visit to include a tour of the messes – Mick also mentioned arranging some boat rides.

**Standard Bearer's Report** Gordon & Ticker agreed that this year's Remembrance Service at St Matthews Church had very little to do with Remembrance Day – seems it was a normal church service with a very brief mention at the end in terms of Remembrance. It was agreed unanimously that next year we will move to the cenotaph.

**Sick Visitor's Report** Nothing to report this time round thankfully

**Globe & Laurel Report:** A submission was sent on the 24th of October – e-mail and hard copies were sent out to members and were available at the meeting

**Webmaster's Report:** Darren was not in attendance but Peter advised that some updates to our web site were imminent.

**Propositions:** That a sum not exceeding \$500.00 be allocated to the Entertainments Member to contribute to costs involved with the RNZN event that he is looking to organise – further details to follow in due course:

<b>Proposed</b>	Marty Kavanagh	<b>Seconded</b>	Mick McMahon
			All voted in favour



**General Business** There were discussions in respect of having a reunion/gathering out of the Auckland area – Taupo or Wellington were suggestions. Marty will do some preliminary investigations with a view to exploring further going forward.

Max raised the issue of the Blue Band Magazine that had previously been raised at the April meeting. Peter undertook to investigate.

**Corps Birthday** The date for the 2013 Corps Birthday celebration was agreed as Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup> of October

**Next Meeting**

- Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> of February at 2pm at Pt Chevalier RSA.
- The meeting closed at 3.30pm.