



**Minutes of the Bi-Monthly meeting of the New Zealand Branch of the RMA  
Held at  
Point Chevalier RSA, Auckland  
13<sup>th</sup> April 2013**

**Attendees:**

Ticker Ayling	David & Heather Bailey	Colin Campbell
Gill Collins	Peter Collins (President)	Dave Glen
Beryl Harris	Vince Harris	Vanessa Jones
Marty Kavanagh	Lev Leatherland	Mick McMahon (Vice President)
Gordon & Gloria Moore	Rob Morrice (Treasurer)	Dee Roots
Jim Roots	Joann Steel (Secretary)	Darren Wood

**Apologies:**

Phil Ayling	Bruce Cain	Noel Harker
Pusser Hill	Andrew Marcel	Jacqui Mellamphy
Harold Robinson	Pip Townend	

Meeting opened at 14.10

- Loyal Toast to Her Majesty the Queen
- A toast was proposed and drank to Margaret Thatcher
- Royal Marines Prayer recited by Gordon Moore
- A moments silence for fallen comrades was observed

Peter welcomed a visitor to the meeting - Julianne Emberton from the UK visiting our Secretary, Joann Steel.

**New members in attendance**

Lev Leatherland: Ex- Royall and currently a parachute jump instructor at Whenuapai Air Base

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

***Correction of the minutes 9<sup>th</sup> February 2013:*** The beret and cap badge were placed on the coffin of Thomas Millross during the funeral but were not placed in the coffin for burial or cremation, as retrieved by the family at their request.

Payment of \$500.00 voted in at the October meeting has not yet been made to the Fallen Heroes charity. Marty did not get much response from the RNZN and therefore this will be **carried forward to the next meeting.**



- **ACTION:** If Marty still has no response there will a proposition made to rescind the payment to the Fallen Hero's Charity and nominate another charity.

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

**Proposed**

Ticker Ayling

**Seconder**

Dave Glen

All voted in favour

### **President's Report**

The next meeting on 8th June will coincide with the AGM. Peter will be mailing existing members to see if they wish to remain in post. He will also send out voting correspondence.

ANZAC Day Parade – Pt Chev RSA. Fall in for parade at 1000 or meet at the RSA at 1100 for church service and wreath laying.

The visit of Ted (Pedlar) Palmer and social 10th of March. Peter received an e-mail from Ted: *"Please pass on my thanks to everyone who managed to get to O'Hagan's and giving us a real New Zealand welcome. We will put to good use all of the emigration information we picked up"*. He is now back in the UK and hopes to be back in April 2014, as a permanent resident.

Vince Harris recently attended a Royal Marines Band Service reunion in Adelaide. He gave an update on our branch members and activities and proposed a toast to the Corps Family. It was very well received.

Corps Birthday 27th of October. Birkenhead RSA and catering have been confirmed. We do not have a guest speaker as yet, but Peter has written to the Governor General inviting him. If he cannot attend they usually offer an alternative speaker who is usually excellent value. Do we want a birthday cake at the Corps Birthday? A brief discussion was held and the consensus was –Yes, but maybe not a big cake. Suggestions were:

- Small birthday cake and a tot for the birthday toast
- Small cup cakes for each individual

Annual Subscriptions are now due. Peter proposed that we remain with \$20.00 for Auckland based members and \$15.00 for out of Auckland members. All Agreed.

Peter received an e-mail from Jay Christianson seeking some recruiting advice to join the RM. Our member Chalky Carr, who worked in recruitment with the NZDF, is helping him. The powers that be are asking him for a letter confirming that he has no commitment to the NZDF.



### **Outward Correspondence**

Corps Birthday invitation to the Governor General

### **Inward Correspondence:**

Peter received the Service Sheet from the funeral of Thomas Millross sent to him by Colonel David Bailey who represented us at the funeral.

Invitation received from the Governor General for 2 representatives to attend a Patronage Reception at Government House on Thursday 29th June 2013, in respect of Volunteer Awareness Week. Peter will be asking our normal representatives in Wellington to attend: Jim Begg and Patrick Toner. **Post meeting note: Jim Begg will not be able to attend as he will have moved away from the Wellington area by that time – volunteer required??**

### **New Members**

N/A

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

Mick had nothing to report. However he is still missing his badge from Brendon!!!

### **Treasurer's Report**

Rob prepared an e-mail with details for payment of subscriptions for this financial year and Peter sent it out across the membership on the 16<sup>th</sup> of April. Payment and bank account details etc will be sent together with these minutes with the next newsletter for those people not on email.

Rob's goal is to have most of the subs paid by the end of May so we can have a clear picture financially where we are at and able to plan things for the rest of the year.

Cheque Account	\$4,690.24
Savings Account	\$2,743.16
Investment Account	\$6,624.26
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$14,057.66</u></b>

### **Secretary's Report**

Joann was rushed to hospital to have her appendix out. She thanked the members for the flowers and is now doing fine.

### **Entertainments Rep's Report**

Marty's main item was the Rugby on Sat 8<sup>th</sup> June (after the AGM) of All Black's v France at Eden Park. \$100 will include your ticket to the game, meal and wine on the table. Marty



has sent an email out to everyone. If you order a ticket can you please pay Marty as soon as possible please.

- **Action: Marty to confirm start time of the AGM as it may have to start at 1pm**

An email has been received from the Naval Base Chaplain requesting for the RMA to have a church service. Not sure who has made the request.

- **Action: Mick to look further in to it and feedback at the next meeting.**

### **Standard Bearer's Report**

The Standard has not been presented since the last meeting. Gordon has been invited to go back to his grand daughter's school where he will present one of our pennants (agreed by Peter) to the school.

The Standard will be paraded on ANZAC day at the Point Chevalier RSA and again on the 28<sup>th</sup> of April at St. Andrews Church.

### **Sick Visitor's Report**

Max and Kath Beare have both been in hospital for some surgery but are making decent recoveries. Max says they now have season tickets to the North Shore Hospital!!

Joann was in hospital on the 27th of February for surgery and then again on the 4th April. She is recovering well. Jo sent Peter an e-mail to express her sincere thanks for the flowers that we sent her.

### **Globe & Laurel Report:**

Submission sent 27th of February - e-mail and hard copies were sent out - copies available at the meeting.

### **Webmaster's Report:**

Darren can't do much with the website as it is controlled by Tony Smith. The website has been updated, but if you see something on there that is incorrect, or out of date, please let Peter or Darren know.

### **Propositions:**

That \$80 be approved for the flowers sent to our Secretary Joann Steel. Unfortunately no receipt was obtained, but by way of these minutes it is confirmed that Vanessa Jones bought them and Joann Steel acknowledges receipt of them.

**Proposed:** Mick Mahon

**Seconded:** Darren Wood  
All in favour.



That Vanessa Jones be accepted as an Associate Member of the NZ Branch of the Royal Marines Association. (RMA Rules sub para 10 b vii) Her first husband was an RM and they have a son together. Her second partner was a RM reservist and they have two children together.

**Proposed:** Gordon Moore

**Seconded:** Vince Harris  
All in favour.

### **General Business**

It is good to see that the Corps family is still attending RMs funerals in cases where they do not have any family.

Gloria Moore mentioned the Raid on Dieppe – A programme was on the History Channel called “Unknown Dieppe” which gave the real reason for going in. Ian Flemming was the Naval Intelligence Officer of 40 commando and AIU. An excellent programme if you get the chance to see it.

Does anyone know the whereabouts of the book “Nothing Impossible”? Joann stated that it was taken to the Corps Birthday.

- **Action: Peter to send out and APB to see who has the book.**

### **Next Meeting & AGM**

- Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 1400 at Pt Chevalier RSA. – NB the All Blacks social as organised by Marty will commence on completion
- The meeting closed at 2.55pm.

### **Post Meeting**

Lev Leatherland gave a brief overview of his service history and his life post service. A warm welcome Lev.