



**Minutes of the Bi-Monthly meeting of the New Zealand Branch of the RMA
Held at Point Chevalier RSA, Auckland 13th February 2016**

Attendees

Mick McMahon	Rob Morrice	Peter Collins	Max Beare
Phil Turner	Ticker Ayling	Vince Harris	David & Heather Bailey
Bob Garrett	Steve Hall	Ted & Jill Palmer	Pusser Hill
Marty Kavanagh			

Apologies

Gordon & Gloria Moore	Dave Vaudrey	Phil Ayling	Pip Townsend
Jacqui Mellamphy	Simon Smith	Noel Harker	Jim & Dee Roots
Cuong Huynh	Bruce Cain	Marin James	Nathan James

The Loyal Toast – “Ladies and Gentlemen the Queen”

Royal Marines Prayer recited by Bob Garrett

A moment’s silence for Fallen Comrades

New Members in attendance: None

Visitor: Welcome to Richard the son of David & Heather Bailey

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the 12th December meeting. It was proposed by Ticker Ayling and seconded by Pusser Hill that the previous minutes be accepted as a true record. The motion was carried unanimously.

New Business

President’s Report:

Dave Glen, Ticker and Phil Ayling attended the funeral of our member, Les Goodger at the Bucklands Beach Boat Club on Tuesday the 2nd of February. Dave said a few very emotional words on behalf of the Association and Ticker lowered the White Ensign whilst the Last Post was sounded. The War Birds from Ardmore Aerodrome performed a fly past over the boat club with smoke trails. There were over 60 attendees and the out pouring of love and respect for Les was very evident

Peter made Sterling (£) donations to the Sgt Blackman Support Fund and the Corps Birthday raffle proceeds to the RMCTF and was reimbursed by Rob at the exchange rate of the day for Sterling against the NZ \$.

We have been invited to attend the Point Chevalier RSA parade and wreath laying ceremony on ANZAC Day. Meet at the RSA 10:00. Fall in at 1015. Peter will send out a flyer nearer the date.

The Royal Marines Charitable Trust Fund and the C Group (Business Group Fund Raising Managers) have merged and will be known as the Royal Marines Charity going forward.



Peter and Gill were invited to attend a Bledisloe Garden Reception at Government House in Auckland on Saturday the 6th of February to commemorate the 176th Anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi. When they arrived there was a board up saying “Function Cancelled”. There had been no notification of cancellation on the web site or on 3 consecutive news readings on NTZB as had been promised.

Inward Correspondence: Peter received a very nice letter from Claire Blackman, wife of Sergeant Blackman which was read out to the meeting. (if you did not attend the meeting and wish to read the contents please contact Peter)

Peter received an e-mail from ex Royal, Len Ashurst who served in 42 Commando between 1957 and 1964. He will be visiting New Zealand shortly and was hoping to attend this meeting but sadly circumstances prevailed against that. He asked me to pass on his very best wishes to all our members.

Peter received a Christmas card from Frank Atkins in the UK wishing all our members a very Merry Christmas and all the very best for 2016. Frank was the best mate of our deceased member Jock Fraser. It had a UK post mark of the 13th of December 2015!! Peter responded to Frank by e-mail.

Outward Correspondence: NTR

New Members: NTR

Vice President’s Report: NTR

Treasurer’s Report:

Current Statement as of 12/02/2016

Current account	\$2,429.71
Ready saver	\$2,803.43
Term deposit	\$7,050.92
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	\$12,284.06

Ingoing: Since last meeting (from 11th December to 12th February 2016)

- \$20 subs
- \$0.38 interest on Ready Saver account, \$34.99 on Term deposit

Outgoing:

- \$477.99NZD (£226.58) to Royal Marines Charitable Trust Fund from members (Corps Raffle + Pip’s ticket monies)
- \$499.99 (£216.61) Sgt Blackman (RMA Funds)

Other Notes

- There is outstanding \$570 from individual members for Sgt Blackman. No further donations have been received since so suggest that this amount is sent off asap
- Not had time to coordinate with Peter around organizing time with Pete for restructuring of bank account. Peter offered advice that due to the small increase interest it was not worth the difficulties involved.
- Suggested mid-year function - around 6th June (Queen’s Birthday) – Sunday 5th June Auckland – Pusser to firm up



It was proposed by Bob Garrett and seconded by Pusser Hill that the accounts be accepted as a true record. Carried unanimously.

Secretary's Report: It was requested that all changes to email and personal contact details are sent through to Rob so that we can ensure that our members' list is up to date at all times.

Standard Bearer's Report: It was confirmed that Gordon will be available for ANZAC Day.

Entertainment Members Report: Pusser suggested some possible options as follows:

Dad's Army – a lunch time gathering for a meal and pint and a cinema viewing on completion

Mystery Room – an evening out in the city involving a team challenge to solve problems

All Blacks v Wales rugby game and social on Saturday the 11th of June

Lions rugby tour in 2017 with three possible options

Pusser will investigate further and notify

Sick Visitor's Report: Rob would like to say a big thank you to Marty Kavanagh for visiting Pip Townend whilst he was in hospital. Pip very much appreciated the visit. Max had undergone another short stay in the North Shore Hospital but was in good form at the meeting.

Globe & Laurel Report: Our branch submission was sent on the 31st of December and sent to all members by means of an APB. Unfortunately it was not included in the latest edition and Peter will take that up with the editor.

Webmaster's Report – NTR

Any Other Committee Members Report - NTR

Propositions NTR

Any other Business

Corps Birthday The date was agreed as Saturday the 29th of October. The venue will either be the Naval Base or Birkenhead RSA? After much discussion it was agreed by the members that both facilities have a lot to offer and further discussion was required. It was suggested by Vince that all information should contain the cost of the event to enable individuals to decide early. The topic of subsidised ticket and travel was also covered with a decision needing to be made at the next meeting. In terms of our Guest of Honour, Peter mentioned that he had spoken with the OC of USMC who is a Gunnery Sergeant but there seemed to be a distinct lack of enthusiasm.

Post meeting notes:

Peter sent out an APB by e-mail to all members seeking preferences.

Peter has since formally invited the UK Defence Advisor from the British High Commission.

Date of Next Meeting – Saturday the 9th of April at 1200 at the Point Chevalier RSA.