



**Minutes of the Bi-Monthly meeting of the New Zealand Branch of the RMA
Held at Point Chevalier RSA, Auckland 4th October 2014**

Attendees:

Philip Ayling	Ticker Ayling	David & Heather Bailey
Peter Collins (President)	Vince & Beryl Harris	Pusser Hill
Marty Kavanagh	Mick McMahon (Vice President)	Jacqui Mellamphy
Gordon & Gloria Moore	Rob Morrice (Treasurer)	Jim Roots
Joann Steel (Secretary)	Alun Thomas	Pip Townend
Phil Turner	Dave Vaudrey	

Apologies:

Max Beare	Gill Collins	Noel Harker
Vanessa Jones		

Peter thanked Pip for bringing in nibbles for the members. Everyone was invited to help themselves

Meeting opened at 12.10

Loyal Toast to Her Majesty the Queen

Royal Marines Prayer recited by Phil Turner

A moment's silence for Fallen Comrades with special thoughts for Dennis Wilkinson who crossed the bar on the 21st of August and his widow, Sue

New Members in Attendance

None

Visitors

Peter gave a hearty welcome to Alun Thomas a WW2 veteran retired as a Lt Cdr, electrical specialist keeping the Fleet Air Arm flying.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting – Matters Arising

Peter received the cheque from Frank Atkins for 250 pounds and sent it to his UK account with the intention of depositing \$500 in the RMA account. It seems the cheque never reached his UK account. That was 4 weeks ago. Although the saga continues, Peter will be following it up and will ensure that there will be a clear and full audit trail.

Mick has still not heard anything further re Terry Cruise from Tauranga.

Venue for meetings and noise. Next week is a large golf gathering; hence the reason why today's meeting was brought forward by a week. Peter said that in the 9 years he has been coming to Pt Chev RSA he could count on one hand the number of times noise has conflicted with the meeting.

Proposer and a seconder that the previous minutes be accepted as a true record

Proposed	Gordon Moore	Seconded	Ticker Ayling
			Carried Unanimously



President's Report

Our thoughts go out Dennis Wilkinson and family. Dennis was still a member of the New Zealand RMA, but joined Queensland RMA when he went there. He had his farewell in Australia last month. His widow, Sue is arranging a New Zealand farewell for the 27th of October. She is planning to go out on a yacht and scatter his ashes in the Hauraki Gulf as he requested. More details to follow. Sue will be at the Corps Birthday.

Our member, Chris Reid, who lives up in Russell, was a naval medical officer who served his career with the Corps. Chris is running an exhibition in the Theatre Bar in Kerikeri from the 11th to the 27th of October of a unique photographic collection of portraits taken in his role as a GP in Kerikeri. He has also written a book that will be available in all good bookshops from September. Go to the links below:

<http://www.turnercentre.co.nz/whats-on/patient-exhibition/>

<http://www.fishpond.co.nz/Books/Patient-Dr-Chris-Reid/9781927213209>

There is a special 350th birthday Corps Rugby shirt available at the following link:

http://www.kitworldbuyonline.co.uk/customer/royal-marines?product_id=895

Peter said he got an email from a young guy who wants to join "the legendary RM Commandos" Peter has pointed him in the right direction of websites for recruitment process.

Outward Correspondence:

Response to the President of the Senior Rates Fleet Mess in Devonport Dockyard formally thanking him for allowing us to hold our 350th celebration there.

Peter wrote to Watties seeking raffle prizes. Response is a bit slow so Peter will follow up.

Peter sent a hastening e-mail on the 31st of August to all members who have not paid their subscriptions.

Mick wrote formally to the Executive Officer of HMNZS CANTERBURY in respect of our Corps Birthday ship's visit. See later for more details.

Inward Correspondence

Peter received a letter from Warrant Officer Te Wiata who is the Senior Rates Fleet Mess President giving formal approval for us to hold our Corps Birthday celebration in that Mess.

Peter received a letter from the Governor-General's Office outlining his strategic theme for 2015 which will be "Nationhood" and the purpose of the letter was to give us the opportunity to comment. No comment was given at the meeting.

Peter received an e-mail from ex RM Corporal Patrick Hollis RM20767, who now lives in Deal. Whilst serving with 42 Commando in Borneo he was chosen to represent serving members at the Tercentenary celebrations of the Corps held in Auckland in 1964 and hosted by the NZ Branch of the RMA. A number of photos were attached and Peter sent it out as an APB. Peter has responded to Patrick to thank him for the very interesting information.



Peter received an invitation for members to attend an Armistice Day Service at the Point Chevalier RSA on the 11th of November. Peter will not be available to attend but Ticker and Gordon have accepted and will take the Standard and White Ensign. Any other members would be most welcome to attend.

New Members

Paddy Quinlan N021209N has signed up. He retired as a Captain in 1997 and worked as the Estate Manager at Condor in Arbroath until 2009. He moved with his wife to Rangiora in North Canterbury in March of this year. He has paid up for the Corps Birthday but has just been informed that he will need an operation that will now preclude his attendance. He is gutted that he cannot attend.

New application from John Weth RM10427 who lives in Fielding. He went through CTCRM with YO8 and was a batch mate of Martin Garrod and Henry Beverley, who both went on to be Commandant Generals.

Richard Fletcher PO42725G joined the Corps in 1982 and served for 6 years. He attend the Corps birthday in 2013 and wants to come again this year.

Peter has e-mailed a guy called Fred Henley (an ex RM). Our member Mandy Glaze was chatting to him up North and got his e-mail address. He expressed some interest in the group, but he only served a short time and felt "under qualified" to join. Peter has emailed him twice, saying he is welcome. Peter will not chase it up again if he doesn't hear anything.

Refer to post meeting note re Heather Bailey

Vice President's Report

See report on Corps Birthday.

Treasurer's Report as of 02/10/2014

Current Account	\$8,530.49
Ready Saver	\$2,776.90
Term Deposit	\$6,877.35
	<u><u>\$18,184.74</u></u>

Incoming since last meeting (from 9th August to 2nd October 2014)

- \$415.00 Subs
- \$24.61 bank interest & credits
- \$2,900 for Corps Birthday
- \$101 in Donations

Outgoing

- \$80 for flowers for Vanessa Jones
- \$100 for MTA vouchers for Gordon Moore
- \$70 for Globe and Laurel Subscription

Cheques to be signed

- \$80 for Paddy Quinlan –unable to attend the Corps Birthday



- \$100 travel subsidy for Dennis Harvey
- \$160 for Noel Harker – unable to attend the Corps Birthday

Secretary’s Report None

Entertainments Rep’s Report - No member elected but currently it is the Corps Birthday taking front stage

Standard Bearer’s Report - Gordon Moore

The Standard was last paraded at Harold’s funeral.

It will be paraded again at the Corps Birthday and on Armistice Day 11th November.

Sick Visitor’s Report

- Max Beare is not doing too well at all. (post meeting Joann has sent a card to him, Kath & Joe saying thinking of them.)
- The email sent out to all members from Darren Wood explained a few things. Peter, Marty and Mick have responded. These things happen, and Darren is always welcome back (as is anyone) when these things happen.

Globe & Laurel Report:

There was an article in the latest edition by Chris Terrill “The Royal Marines Changed my Life”. Submission sent 29th of August - copies are always sent out to our members and were available at the meeting. John Glaze wrote and forwarded an obituary in respect of Harold Robinson in the latest addition. Peter has renewed our subscription and being reimbursed by Rob. A further submission will be made before the 30th of this month.

Webmaster’s Report:

Steve Campbell is in the UK taking care of family, but he is still managing the site from over there.

General Business

None

350th Corps Birthday: Outline Plan

Time	Event/Location	Notes
10.30	Arrive at DNB, muster outside / inside if raining building number 6 -7 on the map the SRFM - you will see that the main gate is at number 9 on the map and the chapel is at number 10 so we won't have to go too far.	Allow sufficient time to get through security – early arrival advised as queues are likely. REMEMBER YOUR ID
10.40	Parade and Standards form up	To be lead by Ticker. Drums - Phil & Keith with Enson and standards flying.
10.45	March to the chapel – on arrival salute our Guest of Honour Commodore John	Route - up Leander road towards Philomel steps, Right Wheel then Right Wheel back along



	Campbell.	Achilles Road halting at building 10. Parade falls out and takes seats in the chapel – Standards marched in (Standards can be laid up across the alter or can bring in stands to have them stood up.)
11.00	Service commences with the National Anthem “God Save the Queen”	
11.30 approx	Service ends with the NZ National Anthem “God Defend New Zealand”	Standards marched out – members and guests retire from the chapel.
11.35	Photograph of all by the memorial wall.- tbc	
11.45-12.45	to the SRFM bar/lounge area (mess right opposite) , or Tour of HMNZS CANTERBURY (transport provided to ship from Chapel)	Please notify Mick McMahon if you wish to do the tour mick.mcmahon@hotmail.com or mick.mcmahon@nzdf.mil.nz
12.00	Bar Opens	
13.00	Lunch Commences	Lunch is semi-formal/informal. There will be dinner music to dine too. Numbers at 82 so can still squeeze a few more in.
O/C lunch	Speeches	
O/C speeches	Raffle	Please bring raffle prizes if you wish.
O/C raffle	Retire to bar/lounge area.	

Dress code for gents – minimum of shirt, neck tie, trousers/slacks, appropriate footwear – no jeans please. Members should wear berets and medals. Equivalent smart dress for ladies.

CARS: PLEASE SEND YOUR CAR REGISTRATION TO MICK MCMAHON IF YOU WANT TO BRING YOUR CAR ON TO THE BASE.
mick.mcmahon@hotmail.com or mick.mcmahon@nzdf.mil.nz

If you are leaving your car overnight, it is best to leave it outside the base.



As Phil only received a total of 8 submissions for polo shirt or glassware it was not a viable option and has been cancelled. Phil has destroyed any cheques or refunded money directly to your bank account.

The provision of champagne or port needs to be discussed and agreed – venue dependent. Mick was going port tasting today.

If Commander David Turner and his wife attend the RMA will pay for their tickets, and do a retrospective vote to approve the cost.

Still not sure if the guest of honour is coming with his wife. **Post meeting note now confirmed she is coming**

Jim Withers (Padre) has been invited to do the service, but Jim has advised that he has conflict. The plan was for the naval padre to do the introductions and Jim to do the service, but so far we have not had a response from Jim. Mike Berry, the Nave Padre is surprised that Jim has not responded, as it was to replace the location of the event, not the Padre. Peter is going to try and have one more 'chip' at Jim.

We will replace Jim and his wife with Mike Berry and his wife as our guests. Again, will do a post Corps birthday proposition to cover the cost.

Propositions

That the Association pays for Sue Wilkinson's and her mother's CB ticket.

Sue is Dennis's widow and used to bring Sue's mum. Harold Robinson used to pay for Sue's mum. Phil said that Dennis was a lovely man, and is sorely missed. He gave his all to the RMA, hence the proposition.

Approved by: Pusser Hill

Seconded by: Vince Harris

Carried unanimously

That the Association pays for Joann Steel's CB ticket.

Joann did say she would stand down if more members wanted to attend, as she understood the importance of this celebration. She would be mortified if someone who had served could not attend if she was taking their place.

Approved by: Mick McMahon

Seconded by: Rob Morrice

Carried unanimously

The meeting closed at 13.10

Next Meeting: Saturday the 13th December at NOON at Pt Chevalier RSA

POST MEETING

Peter forgot to mention that we have a new member – Heather Bailey is now a fully paid up member of the Association. Apologies to Heather for not mentioning this at the meeting.



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Attendees:

Peter & Gill Collins	Ticker Ayling	David & Heather Bailey
Max & Kath Beare	Vince & Beryl Harris	Dave Glen
Gordon & Gloria Moore	Darren Wood	Rob Morrice (Treasurer)
Phil & Jacqui Turner	Pip Townend	Jim & Dee Roots
Martin James		

Apologies:

Noel Harker	Mick McMahon	Phil Ayling
Pusser Hill	Vanessa Jones	Jacqui Mellamphy
Joe Simms	Dave Vaudrey	Martin Kavanagh
Joann Steel		

Peter thanked all members for bringing in nibbles for consumption on completion of the meeting

Meeting opened at 12.10

Loyal Toast to Her Majesty the Queen
Royal Marines Prayer recited by our visitor, George Davies
A moment's silence for Fallen Comrades

New Members in Attendance None this time round

Visitors

Peter gave a hearty welcome to George Davies from the Swansea Bay Branch and Ray Wares (also ex Royal) – both are in New Zealand visiting family.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting – Matters Arising

Matters Arising: \$1000.00 donation from Frank Atkins is now in our bank – Peter sent an APB by way of explanation & thanks.

Proposer and a seconder that the previous minutes be accepted as a true record. Proposed by Phil Turner and seconded by Darren Wood. Carried unanimously.

President's Report

The Corps Birthday was an outstanding day in all respects and a most fitting celebration of a very special occasion. Once again our formal thanks go out to Mick McMahon, Marty Kavanagh, Rob Morrice, Pusser Hill and their partners for a huge effort to make it so special. Thanks also to Ticker, Phil and Keith for their ceremonial contributions. Rob will cover off the financials in his Treasurer's Report.

We will need to agree the venue for the 2015 celebration by the time of our next meeting. The intention was that we would revert back to the Birkenhead RSA but Peter agreed to discuss with our RNZN members in respect of the potential for maybe using the SRFM again – this would be cost dependent of course.



Dave Glen, Ticker, Phil, Jacqui, Peter & Gill attended the ashes scattering ceremony for Dennis Wilkinson in the Hauraki Gulf on Monday the 27th of October. It was a very fitting celebration of his life – Dennis was a very nice man and a wonderful character.

We only got notification on the day of the funeral (25th of November) of the passing of ex Royal Marine Charles Ernest Winteringham. Pip managed to attend the funeral in Avondale, Auckland. Chris Moulton from the Point Chevalier RSA read out the Ode and the Last Post was played. Chris also passed on, on behalf of us all, our President's thanks to Charles for his service and offered our condolences to his daughter, Christine and all family and friends. Peter sent an APB to the members on the 26th of November to update.

Outward Correspondence:

Thank you letters were sent to Commodore John Campbell for being our Corps Birthday Guest of Honour and to the President of the SRFM for allowing us to use the mess and facilities.

Thank you e-mails were sent to Chaplain Michael Berry for conducting a superb service and to the Executive Officer of HMNZS CANTERBURY for allowing us to tour the ship.

Peter sent a condolence e-mail to the daughter of Charles Winteringham

Inward Correspondence

Peter received a Christmas Card from our member Peter Coombe in New Plymouth. Peter has not been too well lately but is fighting back.

New Members – none this period

Vice President's Report – Mick had made his apologies – he was on parade with the RNZN

Treasurer's Report as of 11/12/2014

Current Account	\$3,431.44
Ready Saver	\$2,781.54
Term Deposit	\$6,877.35
	<u>\$13,090.33</u>

Incoming since last meeting (from 2nd of October to 11th of December 2014)

- \$20.00 Subs
- \$2.28 bank interest & credits
- \$280.00 for Corps Birthday
- \$1050.00 in Donations
- \$578. Corps Birthday raffle

Outgoing

- \$80 for flowers for Sally Morrice
- \$6990.71 spent on the Corps Birthday – see separate accounts sheet



Rob explained that our Term Deposit Account matures in December and he will be investigating whether we can negotiate a higher interest rate than the 2% that we currently attract.

Secretary's Report Joann had made her apologies.

Entertainments Rep's Report - No member elected.

Standard Bearer's Report The Standard was paraded at the Corps Birthday and on Armistice Day.

Sick Visitor's Report Max Beare had spent a few days in the North Shore Hospital but was at the meeting and recovering well. Jacqui Mellamphy has not been too well over the last few weeks. Gill was arranging to send some flowers.

Globe & Laurel Report:

There was an obituary for Harold Robinson in the latest edition that had been prepared by John Glaze. There was also a letter from our member, Colonel David Bailey, in respect of Marine L E Phant. Our Branch submission was sent on the 24th of October - copies are always sent out to our members and were available at the meeting.

Webmaster's Report:

Steve Campbell is in the UK taking care of family, but he is still managing the site from over there.

General Business

There was a suggestion from Pip Townend that maybe we should consider offering financial assistance to any non-Auckland based member as an incentive to attend our meetings. The consensus appeared to be that it wasn't for financial reasons that we attracted very few, rather it was a question of time and convenience. Peter would welcome any feedback from any non-Auckland based members on this issue.

Propositions - That \$330.00 be voted in to cover off the costs for the toasting wine at the Corps Birthday

Proposed by: David Bailey

Seconded by: Darren Wood

Carried unanimously

The meeting closed at 12.55pm

Next Meeting: Saturday the 14th of February at NOON at Pt Chevalier RSA



Corps Birthday Accounts

Monies Received

Corps Birthday amounts received (ticket sales)

\$ 2,780.00

*incl ticket on day

* removed all donations

Monies Paid

Lunch	\$ 3,955.50	
Port	\$ 330.00	
Band	\$ 1,800.00	
Bar Bill (Wine) x 31 bottle	\$ 423.90	
Mess staff bill/Wait staff	\$ 177.65	
Banners etc (Pusser) estimate	\$ 103.40	*not yet paid
Printing (Mick)	\$ 31.20	*not yet paid (not wanting to be paid)
Travel Subsidies	\$ 200.00	\$100 not yet cashed
Total	\$ 7,049.25	

Other Monies

Corps Birthday (cash)	\$ 40.00
Raffle	\$ 578.00
Donations (chq) D Glen	\$ 50.00
Donation to Charitable Trust (Martin James)	\$ 80.00
Donation to Charitable Trust (Jim Roots)	\$ 30.00