



**Minutes of the Bi-Monthly meeting of the New Zealand Branch of the RMA
Held at Point Chevalier RSA, Auckland 9th April 2016**

Attendees

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

Apologies

Gordon & Gloria Moore	Martin James	Phil Ayling	Beryl Harris
Jacqui Mellamphy	Cuong Huynh	Bruce Cain	Nathan James
Steve Hall	Peter Coombe	Joe Simms	

The Loyal Toast was proposed and drunk to her Majesty the Queen

The Royal Marines Prayer was recited.

A moment's silence was observed for fallen comrades

There were no new members or visitors in attendance

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the February meeting. It was proposed by Ted Palmer and seconded by Pusser Hill that the previous minutes be accepted as a true record. Carried unanimously.

New Business:

President's Report: Mick has suggested that we should have an Association Credit Card to prevent the need for members to use their own funds up front to pay for events such as the ABs social. Peter sent out an APB and had several responses, all of which have been positive. It was proposed by Rob that maybe we should consider a debit card as the risk is limited by the fact that there is a maximum spend of \$500.00. The card could be used for rugby and other events and socials. A vote was taken and was carried unanimously.

Congratulations to our member Lieutenant Commander Cuyong Huynh Royal New Zealand Navy who has been awarded the Joint Commander's Commendation for his service with the Royal Navy in the Middle East.

Inward Correspondence:

Peter received a letter from the Governor-General's office seeking nominations for the Governor-General's ANZAC of the year award – sent out across our membership by means of an APB.

Peter has had correspondence with former Marine James Magson who is hoping to move to New Zealand shortly to work under a 12 month's work visa. He was medically discharged from the Corps in 2012 due to injuries sustained in



Afghanistan. He is currently working in child care with vulnerable and unruly children. **Post Meeting Note: Our member, Kit Gill, has experience in these areas and he has made contact with James.**

ANAC Day Service:

Reminder to be held at the Point Chevalier RSA with the parade stepping off at 10:30.

Outward Correspondence:

Peter has written to the UK Defence Adviser in the British High Commission in Wellington to invite him to be our Guest of Honour at this year's Corps Birthday celebration.

New Members: NTR

Vice President's Report: NTR

Treasurer's Report:

Current Statement

Current Account	\$2,417.10
Ready saver	\$2,803.43
Term Deposit	<u>\$7,086.08</u>
	\$12,306.61

Ingoing since last meeting (from 12th February to 7th April 2016)

- \$50.00 subscriptions
- \$7.39 interest on Ready Saver account, \$35.16 on Term deposit

Outgoing

- \$70.00 Blue band subscriptions

Other notes

- There is \$750.00 outstanding from individual members as a donation towards the Sgt Blackman family support fund. Peter will advise Rob as he pays from his UK account and our funds reimburse him.
- Membership subscriptions are now due (some members have already paid) Payment is optional after the age of 80.

Secretary's Report: NTR

Standard Bearer's Report: Gordon will not be well enough to travel up from Rotorua to attend the ANZAC Day parade and church service

Entertainment Member's Report: Dad's Army was a great day, albeit there was a low attendance.

ABs social and game against Wales - all 40 tickets sold programme attached

Accommodation Register - please complete if you wish to offer travelling members reduced accommodation. It was sent out as an APB several weeks ago.



Corps Crest poppy pins if anybody is interested please contact either Pusser Hill or Phil Turner.

Sick Visitor's Report: Gordon Moore is going through some issues. Ticker said that he had visited Bob Battersby over the past week and found him in an extremely poor condition and suggested anybody wishing to visit should pre-book their visit.

Globe & Laurel Report: Our Branch submission was sent on the 26th of February and by way of an APB. Our next submission will be sent at the end of April.

Webmaster's Report: It was requested that we obtain the password etc from Steve and raise the subject at the AGM to consider a fresh approach as the website is in need of a overhaul. **Post meeting note – Peter has been in touch with Steve Cambell who is currently living in the UK. He was quite surprised that the site was in need of update as he had been making updates. It transpired that there was a synchronization problem that he has now rectified. He is happy to be put up for re-election at our AGM in June.**

Corps Birthday

1. Agreed the date as Saturday the 29th of October.
2. Consensus is that it should be at the Naval Base. Peter had 6 replies and whilst all acknowledged that Birkenhead RSA had been very good to us they all preferred the setting, ambience, pomp and ceremony, Naval tradition etc associated with the Naval Base – Mick will book the chapel and the Senior Rates Fleet Mess.
3. Guest of Honour – we have invited the Defence Advisor from the British High Commission in Wellington. Commander Guy Haywood Royal Navy assumed the role on the 4th of April.
4. Ticket subsidies of \$20.00 per person – we may be able to get cheaper catering but it is likely that the quality would be compromised. Comparisons that some members have made did not allow for the fact that our ticket price is inclusive of table wine. After much discussion a vote was taken to fix ticket prices at \$30 for all members and non-members.

Proposed by Ticker Ayling and Seconded by Bob Garrett. Carried unanimously.

5. The vast majority of members view this occasion as the highlight of the year that we should be prepared to pay a wee bit more for if necessary.
6. A travel allowance for long distance travellers was discussed with all applications considered

Date of Next Meeting – Saturday the 11th of June at 1200 at the Point Chevalier RSA to be followed immediately by our AGM.