



**Minutes of the Bi-Monthly meeting of the New Zealand Branch of the RMA  
Held at Point Chevalier RSA, 6<sup>th</sup> of August 2016**

**Attendees**

Mick McMahon	Rob Morrice	Peter & Gill Collins	Phil Turner
Ticker Ayling	Marty Kavanagh	Pusser Hill	Bob Garrett
Ted Palmer			

**Apologies**

Cuong Huynh	David & Heather Bailey	Phil Ayling	Jacqui Mellamphy
Pip Townend	Gordon & Gloria Moore	Peter Coombe	Nathan Jones

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

The Royal Marines Prayer was recited by Ted Palmer

A moment's silence was observed in respect of Fallen Comrades with our special thoughts and prayers going to our recently deceased member, Bob Battersby, and his family and friends.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> June meeting. It was proposed by Ticker Ayling and seconded by Ted Palmer that the previous minutes be accepted as a true record. Carried unanimously.

**New Business**

**President's Report:**

The funeral for our member, Bob Battersby, was held on Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> of June at the Manukau Memorial Gardens in Auckland. Peter, Mick McMahon, Ticker, Phil Ayling, Jacqui and Keith and Sue Annis were in attendance. Peter said a few words on behalf of the Royal Marines and the NZ Branch. Ticker paraded the White Ensign and recited the Ode. There was a very large attendance of Bob's family and friends reflecting the love and respect for him and the high esteem that he was held in.

Phil and Brendon attended a Vice-Regal reception at Government House on Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> of August. The Governor-General and his wife thanked and acknowledged the work of various organisations including the NZ Branch of the RMA. Phil reported that it was a very good meeting and a pleasure to see people from all walks of life who provide their time free of charge for the benefit of others. Peter expressed his thanks also to Ticker, Pusser and Kavs for volunteering to attend.

A former Marine and Mountain Leader was killed recently whilst climbing in the Alps – Duncan Potts who served in the Corps for 11 years. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends.

The newly appointed Director of Music for the Royal New Zealand Navy Band is Michael Dowrick. Michael served in the Royal Marines Band Service for 29 years and retired in the role of the Director of Music at the Royal Marines School of Music. Pusser e-mailed him on Thursday to introduce him to our branch. He is interested but was unable to attend today. He has been involved in the last couple of Royal Marines Band Service re-unions in Adelaide. Peter will also e-mail him in respect of joining the Association.



### **Inward Correspondence:**

Peter received an invitation for him and his “fellow marines” to attend the annual commemoration of Armistice Day at the Point Chevalier RSA commencing at 1030 on Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> of November. Peter will send out an APB closer to that date to encourage attendance.

Peter received an e-mail from James Magson, a marine who was injured in Afghanistan and was medically discharged from the Corps. He should arrive in New Zealand late October or early November and will be looking to work in dealing with dysfunctional youngsters. Our member, Kit Gill, has been in touch with him and has contacts in that area of work.

Peter was contacted by Anne Handley concerning her father Frank Clarke who passed away some years ago. Frank was a Marine in WW II. Anne was in the process of clearing out her father’s old badges, ties and memorabilia and thought it would be nice if the items could go to a good home rather than throwing them away. Peter will liaise with her to arrange collection of the items and will hopefully bring them along to next month’s meeting. **Post meeting note:** Peter invited her to attend our next meeting and she has indicated that she would like to do so.

**Outward Correspondence:** Nil this month

**New Members:** We are awaiting completed documentation from 2 potential new members; (1) Bob Stewart introduced to us by our member Cuong Huynh. Bob is a retired RM Major and is now working for the NZDF in Wellington; (2) Simon Everest introduced to us by our member Chip Adcock and working as a police officer in Northland.

**Vice President’s Report:** Corps Birthday – need to start checking final details and to send out a chasing email. It was requested that members should pay in advance rather than on the day. To date only nine members have paid. Peter would send out a trawling warning order email with payment details etc. **Post meeting note:** E-mail sent 7<sup>th</sup> of August.

### **Treasurer’s Report:**

Robbie to send Peter a breakdown of who and who hasn’t paid subscriptions to date and Peter will send out a reminder. **Post meeting note:** E-mail sent 7<sup>th</sup> of August.

Robbie confirmed that he had not yet received joining documentation from Bob Stewart and Simon Everest.

Peter was reimbursed £78.00 in respect of our annual G&L subscription that he had paid in Sterling.

### **Current Statement as of 5/08/2016**

Current Account	\$2,513.78
Current Debit Acct	\$ 0.00
Ready saver	\$2,803.43
Term deposit	\$7,121.80
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### **Incoming since last meeting (from 11<sup>th</sup> June – 5<sup>th</sup> August 2016)**

- \$270.00 Corps Birthday – 9 tickets and \$15.00 subs

### **Outgoings**

- \$50.00 MTA voucher refund (from last year’s account and as identified by our auditor)
- \$141.32 flowers for Vince and Gordon



**Other notes:**

- 4 x members have sought financial travel assistance for the Corps Birthday
- Our Treasurer now has the debit card from the bank – no monies are currently loaded into the account but Rob and Peter will transfer as required.
- Rob and Sally don't want to take cash at the Corps Birthday – please pay in advance. It is their day to enjoy also.
- We would prefer members to pay by internet banking or cheques as those methods provide a full audit trail.

Corps Birthday raffle – We would like to ask for volunteers to run the raffle and we will need to start organizing now. Are we happy with the current format? – the general vote was that the current format should continue.

**Secretary's Report:** NTR

**Standard Bearer's Report:** NTR

**Entertainment Member's Report:** Peter thanked Pusser on behalf of all those who attended the All Blacks game. Pusser went on to say he was still working on tickets for the British and Irish Lions tour next year and asked that if any members have contacts could they let him know. A number of options are being considered.

**Sick Visitor's Report:** NTR

**Globe & Laurel Report:** Our Branch submission was sent by Cuong on the 30th of June and by way of an APB. Our next submission will be sent at the end of this month. Any members with any snippets for inclusion please forward them to Cuong ASAP.

**Webmaster's Report** – Peter has been in contact with Steve Campbell over problems with the interface and compatibility. Steve believes our web site should now be all singing and dancing!

**Any Other Committee Member's Report** - none

**General Information**

Pusser advised that the RMANZ Facebook site is now up and running –please add any information to keep it active and informative.

Ted Palmer took on the Falklands War cartoon book that had been produced by the RM Poole Illustrators and he will return at the next meeting.

**Date of Next Meeting** - Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> of October 2016 commencing at 1200 at the Point Chevalier RSA.