



**Minutes of the Bi-Monthly meeting of the New Zealand Branch of the RMA
Held at Point Chevalier RSA, 8th of October 2016**

Attendees

Mick McMahon	Rob Morrice	Peter & Gill Collins	Bruce Cain
Ticker Ayling	Marty Kavanagh	Pusser Hill	Kit Gill
Ted Palmer	Vince Harris	Dave Glen	

Apologies

Cuong Huynh	David & Heather Bailey	Phil Ayling	Jacqui Mellamphy
Pip Townend	Gordon & Gloria Moore	Peter Coombe	Nathan Jones
Phil & Jackie Turner	Martin James	Noel Harker	Bob Garrett

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

The Royal Marines Prayer was recited by Bruce Cain

A moment's silence was observed in respect of Fallen Comrades with our special thoughts and prayers going to our recently deceased members Max Beare and Vanessa Jones and their family and friends.

Visitor: Anne Handley concerning her father Frank Clarke who passed away some years ago. Frank was a Marine in WW II – see Inward Correspondence below.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the 6th of August meeting. It was proposed by Ticker Ayling and seconded by Pusser Hill that the previous minutes be accepted as a true record. Carried unanimously.

New Business

President's Report:

Vince Harris arrived at the meeting to break some very sad news. He had called in to pick up Max Beare to bring him to the meeting but upon entering Max's property he found Max on the floor having passed away.

Our member, Vanessa Jones passed away on the 5th of September and her funeral was held on the 9th of September in Papakura, Auckland. A good number of our members were present for what was a lovely ceremony and a very fitting send off. Vanessa's husband, Richard asked Peter to pass on the thanks from the family for the card from the branch and for a good number of cards from individual members.

Peter gave a reminder that the Armistice Day commemoration will commence at 1030 on Friday the 11th of November at the Point Chevalier RSA and he hoped that we would have good representation

Peter had sent out by way of an APB an article from the Globe and Laurel penned by the 1SL and CGRM covering off the introduction of women in ground close combat. It is likely that women will commence Royal Marines training from the 1st of January 2019. They will be required to undertake a pre-joining conditioning programme recommended by the Office of the Corps Colonel.



We received an invitation to attend the Royal New Zealand Navy Museum to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the birth of the RNZN. Rob Morrice formally represented us on the 6th of October with his son, Calum.

The 2016 Royal Marines Band Service reunion is being held this weekend at HMS NELSON with a memorial service at Portsmouth Cathedral on Sunday morning. Mick McMahon asked if it would be possible to get the word to the organisers in respect of the passing of Max Beare. **Post meeting note:** Our member, Chris Archer did so on Sunday the 9th of October.

Inward Correspondence:

Peter had been contacted by Anne Handley concerning her father Frank Clarke who passed away some years ago. Frank was a Marine in WW II and was a member of our branch until he crossed the bar. 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 liaised with her and Anne was invited to attend this meeting to arrange the handover of these items which she appreciated very much.

Outward Correspondence: Peter sent a hastening e-mail on the 7th of August to all members who had not yet paid their subs for this financial year.

New Members: We are awaiting completed documentation from 3 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. (3) 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. Mick is also working on Iain Gulliford, ex RN who works in Devonport Naval Base.

Vice President's Report: Corps Birthday – to be covered off at the end of this meeting

Treasurer's Report:

Current Statement as of 7/10/2016

Current Account	\$4,072.08
Current Debit Accountt	\$0.00
Ready Saver	\$2,803.43
Term Deposit	\$7,157.70
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Incoming since last meeting (from 11th June to 5th August 2016)

- \$1,250* Corps Birthday, \$140 Donations and \$245* subs and \$37.20 interest *incl previous years o/s Corp Birthday + Subs

Outgoing

- \$78 - Globe and Laurel Subs

Corps Birthday

- So far there are 48 tickets sold for the Corps Birthday

Other notes:

- Rob and Callum attended the 75th Navy Exhibition at Devonport Naval Museum (couple of booklets for anyone interested)
- 2 x member couples have asked for subsidies for the Corps Birthday (travelling from outside Auckland).



- Is \$100 donation in lieu of flowers for funerals appropriate if requested? For example Vanessa Jones asked for monies to go to Cancer Research NZ. The consensus was that this was perfectly acceptable.

Secretary's Report: Apologies

Standard Bearer's Report: Apologies

Entertainment Member's Report: Pusser made a plea for members to enter the on line lottery to get tickets for next year's British and Irish Lions tour. He also advised that he had received a generous box of goodies from Pussers Rum to go as raffle prizes at the Corps Birthday.

Pusser also volunteered to take on the roles of Archivist/Historical and CD/DVD library member from Max.

Sick Visitor's Report: Ticker advised that Philip Ayling has been a wee bit crook for a few days. It would seem to be fairly routine time of the year stuff.

Globe & Laurel Report: Our Branch submission was sent by Cuong on the 30th of August and by way of an APB. Our next submission will be sent at the end of this month. Our member, Colonel David Bailey had a letter published in the most recent edition in respect of a batch mate of his, Captain Micky Bleek who crossed the bar in January.

Max Beare had a letter published in the Summer edition of the Blue Band magazine in which he said " Our Royal Marines Association continues the best support possible for myself and all members who appear to have any sort of problem, as we are told Once a Marine always a Marine."

Webmaster's Report – there is a thread in respect of Max Beare on the Obituaries page of the Once a Marine web site

Any Other Committee Member's Report - none

General Information - a number of books and publications were offered up for members to take away

Corps Birthday

Our Guest of Honour, Major Lance Foster REME will not be accompanied at the Corps Birthday

Mick advised that he had hit a wee bit of a hurdle in respect of the bar opening hours – he will be addressing the issue in the week commencing the 10th of October. **Post Meeting Note** – our requested hours were approved by the XO on the 10th of October.

Michael Berry is confirmed as our Church Service conducting padre

All raffle prize donations would be most welcome

A plea from Mick to get any car registration numbers to him well in advance if you are wishing to enter Devonport Naval Base.

A plea from Rob to get all payments processed in advance to avoid any hassle for him and Sally on the day

Date of Next Meeting - Saturday the 10th of December 2016 commencing at 1200 at the Point Chevalier RSA.