



**Minutes of the Bi-Monthly meeting of the New Zealand Branch of the RMA
Held at Point Chevalier RSA, 10th of December 2016**

Attendees

Mick McMahon	Rob Morrice	Peter & Gill Collins	Bruce Cain	David & Heather Bailey
Marty Kavanagh	Joe Simms	Brendon Johnson	Dave Glen	Gordon & Gloria Moore
Ted & Gill Palmer				

Apologies

Cuong Huynh	Pip Townend	Peter Coombe	Nathan Jones	Pusser Hill
Phil & Jackie Turner	Bob Garrett	Dave Vaudrey	Simon Smith	Vince & Beryl Harris
Steve Hall				

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

The Royal Marines Prayer was recited by Dylan Nash

A moment's silence was observed in respect of Fallen Comrades.

Visitors: Ex-Royal Dylan Nash has re-located to New Zealand and will be looking to join the Association. He was accompanied by ex -Royal Ben Mudders who is currently in New Zealand on holiday.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the 8th of October meeting. It was proposed by Ted Palmer and seconded by David Bailey that the previous minutes be accepted as a true record. Carried unanimously.

New Business

President's Report:

The Memorial Service for our member, Max Beare, was held on Tuesday the 18th of October. There was a huge attendance with 16 in attendance from our members and families. The Standard and the White Ensign were paraded; Last Post and Reveille were played by a bugler from the RNZN and Ticker recited the Ode in between. Peter spoke formally on behalf of the RM and the RMA and Vince Harris spoke personally from his 71 years of having known Max. The Salvation Army conducted the Service and it was a most fitting send off for Max. Thanks to our member, Vince Harris, for his hard work and coordination with the Salvation Army

Our Corps Birthday celebration was again another rousing success. Many thanks to Mick & Ange, Pusser & Sonya, Marty, Rob & Sally and to everyone who put in the hard yards to make it so.

Armistice Day commemoration at 1030 on Friday the 11th of November at the Point Chevalier RSA – Gordon and Ticker paraded the Standard and the White Ensign

A number of events were staged to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the RNZN in both Wellington and Auckland and the Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines performed at a good number of them. Peter attended the performance at the Wynward Quarter on Auckland's Viaduct on Sunday the 20th of November – excellent as expected. Pusser was



scheduled to attend a reception at the High Commissioner's Residence in Karori but was unable to make it as he was part of the security network for the foreign ships that were visiting to celebrate the anniversary.

The Point Chevalier RSA has a new manager – Cam Scott.

Peter thanked Dave Glen for picking up Joe Simms and bringing him to the meeting. Thanks also to Brendon and Bruce who were also prepared to do so.

Inward Correspondence:

Peter received a letter from Government House advising that the Governor-General Her Excellency the Rt Honourable Dame Patsy Reddy had accepted patronage of the New Zealand Branch of the Royal Marines Association.

Peter received a letter from Government House inviting us to have 2 representatives attend the 177th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi on Monday the 6th of February. Our members, Cuong Huynh and Patrick Toner will represent us.

Peter received a thank you e-mail from our Corps Birthday Guest of Honour Maj Lance Foster REME.

Rob received a thank you e-mail from the Cancer Society Auckland Division in respect of the donation we made on behalf of our member, Vanessa Jones.

We received an e-mail from a serving WO2 seeking some support for his daughter, Bethany, who lives in Auckland and wanted advice on buying a car – thanks to Rob Morrice, Bob Garrett and Pusser Hill for their offers of support. Peter received a thank you e-mail from Bethany on the 17th of November.

Outward Correspondence:

Peter sent thank you letters to our Corps Birthday Guest of Honour, the Executive Officer of HMNZS PHILOMEL and the Senior Rates Fleet Mess President.

New Members: Potential new member – Dylan Nash – see earlier. Bob Stewart, who attended the Corps Birthday bash is returning to the UK and will not be signing up with us.

Vice President's Report:

Mick explained that he had an audience with the Executive Officer of HMNZS PHILOMEL post Corps Birthday and she was pleased with the way that things had gone. No hiccups so hopefully no problem next year.

Mick spoke briefly about the 75th anniversary of the RNZN and the excellent contribution the Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines had made and how well they had gone down.

A number of our members recently completed the Tongariro Crossing in horrendous conditions. "If it's not raining it's not training!!!!" Well done to all concerned. We will be looking into something similar in the first half of next year.

Treasurer's Report:

Current Statement as of 9/12/2016

Current Account	\$2,367.31
Current Debit Acct	\$0.00
Ready Saver	\$802.43
Term Deposit	\$7,157.70
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Ingoing since last meeting (from 7th October to 9th December 2016)

- \$330.00 Corps Birthday tickets, \$765.30 Corps Birthday Raffle (including donations after event).
- \$50.00 Corps Subscriptions.
- \$1,329.94 collected for LionsTour RugbyTickets.

Outgoing

- \$2,916.15 for the Corps Birthday, \$300 CB Travel Subsidy (\$100 not yet cashed)
- \$2,863.86 for LionsTour RugbyTickets
- \$100.00 donation to Cancer Research NZ
- \$1.00 bank fees

Corps Birthday

- Total monies raised for the Corps Birthday was \$1,850, including some monies for ticket sales to members who weren't able to attend. The overall cost was \$2,816.15, leaving a deficit of -\$1,066.15
- Corps Birthday Raffle raised \$765.30 which includes donations after the event.

Secretary's Report: Apologies. Peter explained that Topsy and Jackie had ordered a selection of Corps Christmas Cards and sent them out to selected members. Topsy's contact details will be loaded onto the Head Office web site as our main and initial point of contact.

Standard Bearer's Report: Gordon advised that the Standard had been paraded on 3 occasions – Max Beare's Memorial Service, the Corps Birthday and Armistice Day.

Entertainment Member's Report: Apologies.

Sick Visitor's Report: NTR

Globe & Laurel Report: Our Branch submission was sent by Cuong on the 28th of October and by way of an APB. Our next submission will be sent to meet the deadline of the 4th of January 2017.

Webmaster's Report – NTR

General Business: There was much healthy discussion but it was pretty much just good banter and not for recording on the minutes.

On completion of the meeting the self- help and provided food was served and the healthy discussions continued for a good while longer

Date of Next Meeting - Saturday the 11th of February 2017 commencing at 1200 at the Point Chevalier RSA.