



**Minutes of the Bi-Monthly meeting of the New Zealand Branch of the RMA
Held at Point Chevalier RSA, 8th April 2017**

Attendees

Mick McMahon Rob Morrice Phil & Jackie Turner Gloria & Gordon Moore
Ticker Ayling Dave Glen Bob Garrett Pusser Hill Peter Collins Ted Palmer

Apologies

David & Heather Bailey Cuong Huynh Gill Collins Bruce Cain Kit Gill Martin James Pip
Townsend

New Members: NTR

Visitors: NTR

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

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

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Dave asked that previous minutes be amended to reflect he had submitted his apologies but they were not correctly recorded. Minutes updated to reflect. It was proposed by Gordon Moore and seconded by Bob Garrett that the previous minutes be accepted as a true record. Carried unanimously.

New Business

President's Report:

We had huge representation at the funeral of Joe Simms on the 1st of April with 20 members in attendance. It was a terrific and most fitting send off for Joe. The Standard and the White Ensign were paraded and the Last Post and Reveille were played by a bugler from the RNZN with Ticker reciting the Ode in between. Our member, Vince Harris spoke very poignantly and emotionally about Joe who he first met in 1944. Peter recited the Corps Prayer and spoke formally on behalf of the Royal Marines Association and the wider Corps Family. Peter emailed Kevin (Joe's son) to say that under the circumstances it was an excellent service.

The ANZAC Day Parade will step off at 1030 on Tuesday the 25th of April from the corner of Alberta Street & Point Chevalier Roads. The Commemoration Ceremony and wreath laying service will commence at 1100 in the RSA. Peter will lay a wreath on behalf of the Corps and the RMA. He has e-mailed the RSA asking that correct protocols be observed in terms of orders of precedence.

Sergeant Blackman had his charge reduced to manslaughter on the grounds of diminished responsibility having been assessed as suffering an adjustment disorder.

There is a mechanism whereby our Head Office can claim back 25 pence for every pound that we pay by way of our subscriptions or donations. Peter sent the form out to members by way of an APB. Further details can be obtained at finance@RMA.org.uk



Ex-Royal Mick Dowrick who heads up the RNZN Band has suggested a possible gig to be performed by the band at the Point Chevalier RSA. A gig is confirmed for the 20th of June at the Bruce Mason Concert Centre. Mick would like to acknowledge the RMA gratitude for providing the bugler. Mick to investigate whether payment is required.

One of our members has made a 300.00 pounds donation to the SeaMore Appeal for funds towards the Friends of the Royal Marines Museum charity. He wishes to remain anonymous.

Phil Ayling and his band Volcanic Rock will be performing a charity gig in aid of the Cancer Society. Friday the 21st of April at the Dog's Bollix pub on Newton Road, Grey Lynn, commencing at 2000.

Chip Adcock has a mate (Rob Drummond) in Keri Keri whose son is keen to join the Corps. Peter contacted the Defence Section in the British High Commission in Wellington and they have contacted him and got the wheels in motion.

Inward Correspondence: We received a very nice email from Kevin Simms thanking the RMA for the support and attendance at Joe's service. Peter to investigate inviting Kevin to the Annual Corps Birthday celebration on the 28th of October.

Outward Correspondence: NTR

New Members: Topsy has sent joining documentation to John Burton RM20933. John is an ex chef and works at the Puhoi Pantry. Steve Hall has also met up with a former Royal who is interested in joining. He left the Corps in 1973 after serving 10 years as a PTI.

Vice President's Report: Due to insufficient numbers the planned Tongariro Crossing was postponed until possible October or November.

Treasurer's Report:

Current Statement as of 07/04/2017

Current Account	\$2,369.75
Current Debit Acct	\$0.00
Ready Saver	\$802.43
Term Deposit	\$7,228.86
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Ingoing

\$30 for subscriptions
\$36.91 interest

Outgoing

\$44 for flowers (Joe)
\$266 refund for Lions Tour tickets

Other notes:

Subscriptions - Rob to send out an email to members who have outstanding subscriptions.

Secretary's Report: NTR

Standard Bearer's Report: We really need to make a hard push to get a younger, Auckland based member trained up – Peter will do the hard sell prior to the AGM.

Entertainment Member's Report: British and Irish Lions, still 8 tickets remaining all takers welcome.



Al Blackman – Pusser has a copy of a program which is interesting if anybody want one.
Two new movies due for release - Dunkirk and WWII. Pusser to look at arranging a gathering. More details to follow.

Sick Visitor's Report: Jim and Dee Roots have been in the wars but are hopefully bouncing back

Globe & Laurel Report: Our Branch submission was made on the 5th of March and was sent out by way of an APB. Our next submission will be sent on the 28th of this month. Any suggestions please sent them to Cuong on cuonglhuynh@gmail.com

Webmaster's Report – NTR

Any Other Committee Member's Report – Mick mentioned its worth checking the two Facebook sites for information.

General Information: NTR

Propositions

Mick talked about the untimely death of former Royal, Sgt Nathan Beesley who died when a cliff face gave way whilst he was working on it; he was waiting to join the Australian Army. Mick suggested that as “Brothers in Arms” we should make a donation of \$500.00 towards his family's welfare.

Proposed by: Mick McMahon

Seconded by: Pusser Hill
Carried unanimously

Post meeting note: When Rob went to access the donations site it had been closed down. Apparently they had targeted \$30,000.00 but actually received \$36,000.00. Job done.

Proposition

The bottle of Pussers' rum used in the quake for visitors/ new joiner and guest of honours requires replacing. Cost \$70.

Proposed by: Mick McMahon

Seconded by: Ted Palmer
Carried unanimously

Corps Birthday

The 28th of October falls on a Saturday this year which is perfect. Mick has done all the necessary preparatory letters in the Naval Base. Rob raised at the last meeting the possibility of inviting the Naval Women's Association?? Peter to investigate possible options for Guest of Honour.

Date of Next Meeting – It would normally be the 2nd Saturday of the month i.e. the 10th of June. However Peter will not be available that day and as it will double as the AGM I (Peter) propose that we bring it forward to Saturday the 27th May commencing at 1200 at the Point Chevalier RSA. Agreed by all present.