



**Minutes of the Bi-Monthly meeting of the New Zealand Branch of the RMA  
Held at Point Chevalier RSA, 27th May 2017**

**Attendees**

Mick McMahon	Rob Morrice	Phil & Jackie Turner	Pusser Hill	Peter Collins	Vince Harris
Ticker Ayling	Bob Garrett	Gloria & Gordon Moore	Ted Palmer	Pip Townend	Dave Vaudrey
Phil Ayling	Jacqui Mellamphy	David & Heather Bailey			

**Apologies**

Cuong Huynh Gill Collins Bruce Cain Martin James John Burton Simon Smith

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

Royal Marines Prayer recited by Pusser Hill

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

New Members: NTR

Visitors: NTR

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Ex-Royal Mick Dowrick who heads up the RNZN Band has confirmed that no payment is necessary when a bugler is provided to our funerals. It is a duty consideration. There were no other matters arising from the minutes of the April meeting. Proposer and a seconder that the previous minutes be accepted as a true record.

Proposed by Gordon Moore and seconded by Ticker Ayling. Carried unanimously.

**New Business**

**President's Report:**

It was recently confirmed in the media that Prince Harry will assume the position as our Captain General with immediate effect.

Paddy Quinlan and Ben Curry were able to attend the funeral of former WO2 Smiler Whitehouse on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> of May. Paddy sent Peter the following message:

“Smiler’s funeral was excellent and very well attended, I would say 200+. Large contingent of Coastguard and Army. I met up with Ben after the initial part of the service but he could not stay any longer. Met another Royal, good friend of Smiler and family and flew over from Queensland, Tony James. He will be moving over to live in Christchurch in July. Every person and his dog got up to speak but I got my chance and gave the following”:

***“My name is Paddy Quinlan and I am a former Royal Marines Commando, who as the Estate Manager of RM Condor had the privilege to serve with Smiler when he was the Zulu Company CSM in 45 Commando.***

***He was an immense character who embodied all that we in the Royal Marines aspire to achieve: courage, loyalty, sincerity, determination and as his nickname suggests, humour.***

***If I may quote from one of Smiler’s Corporals, Jason Hare, he had this to say about him “ A laugh I can still hear now and I think I always will. It was Smiler’s trade mark, a laugh so deep and rambunctious it eluded to severe mischief to come or already been!”***



*Alison, on behalf of the Family of Royal Marines, the Royal Marines Association, the Royal Marines Association New Zealand, may I pass on our heartfelt condolences to you and your family.”*

We had a good turn out for the ANZAC Day Parade and Remembrance Service on the 25<sup>th</sup> of April. Gordon paraded the Standard and Peter laid a wreath on behalf of the Royal Marines. We were much higher up the pecking order than last year so hopefully the RSA is getting to understand protocols and precedence. It was great that we could be joined by Warrant Officer (K) Frankie Vaughan and Capt RMR (Retd) Andy Mason (ex OC of Poole Det) who were both visiting New Zealand to participate in the World Masters Games representing the Royal Navy swimming team.

Dylan Nash represented us at the ANZAC Day Parade in Vanuatu.

Work is underway to merge the Royal Marines Association and the Royal Marines Charity. It is being led by the DCGRM and has a target date of the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2018.

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 20<sup>th</sup> of June at the Bruce Mason Concert Centre.

**Inward Correspondence:** Dylan Nash sent a photo of himself with the New Zealand and Australian High Commissioners on ANZAC Day at the Vanuatu War Memorial. Cuong has included it with our G & L submission.

Our auditor, Ian Pallas, included a covering letter with our EOY accounts making a number of points. Rob will cover off.

#### **Outward Correspondence: NTR**

**New Members:** John Burton RM20933 has forwarded his joining documentation to Peter and Rob. John is an ex PTI/Driver and works at the Puhoi Pantry.

Nothing more heard from Steve Hall re the former Royal who is interested in joining. He left the Corps in 1973 after serving 10 years as a PTI.

Mick Dowrick is sounding out Lt Cdr Terry Cruse RNZN.

**Vice President's Report:** The contribution sent over for the late Sgt Nathan Beesley arrived after the fund had reached its target and therefore we were unable to make a contribution. The funds will be returned to the NZRMA account.

Mick had difficulties trying to contact a number of members in relation to Smilers funeral. He urged all members to make the most of the Association's Facebook page

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

**Current Statement** as of 26/05/2017

Current Account	\$2,331.45
Current Debit Acct	\$0.00
Ready Saver	\$802.43
Term Deposit	\$7,228.86
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#### **Income**

\$375 for subscriptions/Donations  
\$552 Lions Tickets

#### **Outgoing**



\$765.30 donation towards the RMCTF and \$200 MTA voucher to reimburse Gordon for duty travel expenses

**Other notes:**

Globe & Laurel payment cheque written on 6th August 2016 so will soon be coming due again  
Rob suggested that we should add date of enrolment on our joining form.

**Secretary's Report:** Contacted by Diane Osborne on behalf of her father Captain Keith William Osborne RM who is looking to connect with Ticker Ayling.

**Standard Bearer's Report:** Standard at ANZAC day parade was good if the drill not quite as good as we are used to!!

**Entertainment Member's Report:** British and Irish Lions – there are still 4 tickets remaining all takers welcome.

**Sick Visitor's Report:** NTR

**Globe & Laurel Report:** Our Branch submission was made on the 27<sup>th</sup> of April and was sent out by way of an APB. Our next submission will be sent at the end of this month.

**Webmaster's Report:** Several members mentioned an issue over there being two RMANZ websites. Peter will contact Steve Campbell to investigate

**Any Other Committee Member's Report** – NTR

**Corps Birthday**

It was put to members for consideration that the price of tickets for this year's Corps Birthday celebration should be \$40.00 per head. This was put forward as a proposition, proposed, seconded and carried unanimously. However members' names for proposing and seconding were not recorded. A number of members commented that although tickets had gone up in price by \$10.00 from last year it was still very good value for money.

Guest of Honour: Nathan Jones has been sounding out the OC of D Squadron (Commando) for a couple of weeks but unfortunately he "is not keen to support us". Peter proposes to invite either the Defence Advisor (or representative) or the Special Operations Component Commander (full Colonel). This was agreed.

**Post meeting note:** Colonel Rob Gillard who is the current Special Operations Component Commander has accepted the invite and welcomed the opportunity to be our Guest of Honour.

Do we agree that we should invite Kevin Simms (son of Joe) and his wife to be our guests at the Corps Birthday lunch? Proposition below that our funds cover the cost of their tickets??

**Propositions**

**Proposed by:** David Bailey

**Seconded by:** Pusser Hill  
**Carried unanimously**

**Date of Next Meeting** – Saturday the 12th of August commencing at 1200 at the Point Chevalier RSA.