



**Minutes of the Bi-Monthly meeting of the New Zealand Branch of the RMA
Held at Point Chevalier RSA, 12th August 2017**

Attendees

Mick McMahon Peter & Gill Collins Vince Harris Dave Glen Martin Kavanagh & Josh
Ticker Ayling Bob Garrett Ted Palmer Pip Townend Colin Campbell, Steve Hall

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

The Royal Marines Prayer was recited by Vince Harris.

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

Apologies – David & Heather Bailey, Peter Coombe, Cuong Huynh, Phil Turner, Nathan Jones, Pusser Hill, Rob Morrice, Phil Ayling, Jacqui Mellamphy, Gordon & Gloria Moore, Dave Vaudrey.

New Members in attendance: It was good to have Colin Campbell in attendance after a 2 year stay in Australia. Colin had caught an Inter-City bus from Hamilton that morning and got to the RSA at 1000. He was catching a bus back after the meeting.

Visitors: NTR

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Ticker Ayling and seconded by Vince Harris that the previous minutes dated the 27th of May 2017 should be accepted as a true record. Carried unanimously.

New Business

President's Report:

The Duke of Edinburgh performed his last public engagement recently in his capacity as our Captain General when he inspected a Royal Marines Guard of Honour outside Buckingham Palace. The Plymouth Band of the Royal Marines played "For he's a Jolly Good Fellow" as he went back into Buckingham Palace in his official capacity for the last time.

Cuong Huynh represented us at the unveiling of the British Memorial at the National War Memorial Park in Wellington on the 24th of July. He sent the following report which Peter sent out to members:

"The unveiling of the British Memorial was a good event and the weather held out. Unfortunately I did not get the opportunity to meet Boris Johnson. It was my privilege to attend as a representative of the NZ RMA. Some lines for the members are as follows."

'The British memorial unveiling and dedication was conducted on 24 July at the Pukeahu, The National War Memorial Park, Wellington and was attended by Cuong Huynh as the NZ RMA representative. The event was hosted by the The British High Commissioner HE Jonathan Sinclair and the guest of honour for the unveiling and dedication was the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs the RT Hon Boris Johnson MP. The event was also attended by Her Excellency The RT Hon Dame Patsy Reddy, Governor-General of New Zealand and the Hon Gerry Brownlee, Minister of Foreign Affairs.'



The memorial - made of bronze and steel - takes the form of two of the UK's and NZ's most iconic trees: a Royal Oak and a Pohutukawa Tree. Within the branches, the negative silhouette of a soldier can be seen, representing all who have served and continue to serve for the protection of our two nations. The silhouette of the soldier can only be seen from a certain angle and appears as you walk round the tree. The memorial was designed by Weta Workshop with assistance from students at Massey University in Wellington and Wimbledon College of Art in London."

Treasurer's Report: Subscriptions are now due for FY 2017/18 – Rob sent out an APB on the 22nd of July

Current Statement as of 11/08/2017

Current Account	\$3,712.47
Current Debit Acct	\$0.00
Ready Saver	\$802.43
Term Deposit	\$7,265.31
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Incoming since last meeting (from 26th May to 11th August 2017)

- \$380 for Subs/Donations.
- \$360 for Corps Birthday
- \$729 Lions Tickets
- \$36.45 Term Deposit interest

Outgoing

- \$39.98 for Gift to Auditor, and \$50 MTA vouchers.

Other notes:

- Lions Tickets:
Total expenditure for tickets: \$2,863.86
Total received to date: \$2,604.94
Variance: \$258.92
Awaiting response from Pusser reference outstanding monies of \$266 for 2 x Lions Tickets.

Secretary's Report: Apologies received from Phil

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

Entertainment Member's Report: Apologies received from Pusser.

Sick Visitor's Report: NTR

Globe & Laurel Report: Our Branch submission was made on the 29th of June and was sent out by way of an APB. There was a photo of our member, Dylan Nash in the "Where do you read yours section." He was reading his whilst sky diving in New Caledonia. Our next submission will be sent at the end of this month. Peter has just sent a cheque for 39 pounds for our renewed subscription so will liaise with Rob re reimbursement.

Webmaster's Report: NTR

Any Other Committee Member's Report – NTR



Corps Birthday

Colonel Rob Gillard who is the current Special Operations Component Commander has accepted our invitation and welcomed the opportunity to be our Guest of Honour.

Peter has mailed Kevin Simms twice (son of Joe) inviting him and his wife to be our guests at the Corps Birthday lunch? Peter has not had a response. Vince said he would follow up.

Date of Next Meeting – Saturday the 14th of October commencing at 1200 at the Point Chevalier RSA.