



**Minutes of the Bi-Monthly meeting of the New Zealand Branch of the RMA
Held at Point Chevalier RSA, 14th October 2017**

Attendees

Mick McMahon	Rob Morrice	Jackie Turner	David & Heather Bailey	
Dave Glen	Bob Garrett	Pip Townsend	Peter Collins	Ted Palmer
Bob Garrett	Steve Hall	Noel Harker	Vince Harris	Ticker Ayling

Apologies

Cuong Huynh	Gill Collins	Bruce Cain	Kit Gill	Martin James	Gloria & Gordon Moore
Pusser Hill	Phil Turner	Phil Ayling	Jacqui Mellamphy		John Burton

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

The Royal Marines Prayer was recited by Noel Harker

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

There were no new members or visitors in attendance

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the August meeting. It was proposed by Bob Garrett and seconded by Mick McMahon that the previous minutes be accepted as a true record. Carried unanimously.

New Business

President's Report:

Our member, Chalky Carr in Christchurch was recently diagnosed as suffering from Stage 4 terminal Pancreatic Cancer. He has retired from his role as the All Blacks Logistics Manager. Chalky wants to do something productive and meaningful so he has set up a Give a little page to raise funds for a seven year old girl whose single parent mum died of cancer recently. We will discuss a proposition later in respect of a donation from our funds. Follow the link below to get more details and make a donation:

<https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/ChalkyandIsla>

CGRM has championed the re-rolling of 42 Commando as the Maritime Operations Commando. It will focus on maritime interdiction and boarding operations, ship's force protection teams for RN and RFA ships deployed globally and short term training teams. 43 Commando's S Squadron will be incorporated and that unit will now focus solely on its nuclear safeguarding mission.

A successful Corps Family Weekend was held at CTCRM 16th and 17th of September. David and Heather Bailey were able to attend for part of the weekend. David reported that numbers on parade were down on previous years. The Commandant General took the salute. This is the new format for the amalgamation of the RMA re-union weekend and the CTCRM families' day.



The amalgamation of the Royal Marines Association and the Royal Marines Charity is moving on at a pace – the deadline has been moved back for the 1st of January to the 1st of April next year. It has been proposed that the amalgamated organisation will be named “RMA – the Royal Marines Charity”.

The Royal Marines Band Service Annual re-union will be held in Adelaide over the weekend from the 4th to the 6th of May. The organiser, ex Royal Marines Band Service member, Jan Osborn in Australia has sent out an APB to all interested parties including our ex Band Service members

Inward Correspondence: Peter received an e-mail from our member, Chalky Carr advising that he had been diagnosed with stage 4 terminal pancreatic cancer. He is in good spirits, is relishing the challenge and has made a plea for no sympathy, just positive vibes, fun, jokes and laughter

Outward Correspondence: Pete emailed Colonel Robert Gillard on behalf of the RMA offering his condolences on the death of Sergeant Wayne Taylor, Special Air Services. An acknowledgment of thanks was received.

New Members: Peter has had further correspondence with Gaz Fazackerley who lives in Hawkes Bay. We await his completed documentation.

Vice President’s Report: Mick had invited Captain Chris McArdle LCOQ who works out of COMATG to attend today’s meeting, however he sailed on HMNZ Canterbury yesterday but hoped to attend the Corps Birthday.

Treasurer’s Report:

Subscriptions are now due for FY 2017/18 – Rob sent out an APB on the 22nd of July. Rob agreed to send out a further hastening APB.

Current Statement as of the 13th of October 2017

Current Account	\$4,944.69
Current Debit Acct	\$0.00
Ready Saver	\$802.43
Term Deposit	\$7,301.93
	<u><u>\$13,049.05</u></u>

Incoming

\$180 for subscriptions
\$840.01 For Corps Birthday
\$280 Lions tickets
\$36.62 Term deposit interest
\$1.50 Interest on current account

Outgoing

\$69.29 Globe and Laurel subscription

Other notes:

Lions tickets now paid in full
Total expenditure for tickets \$2,863.86
Total received to date \$2,884.94
Variance +\$21.08

Secretary’s Report: Apologies were received from Phil who is on a diving course. Our thanks go to Jackie for volunteering to attend the meeting and take the minutes.



Standard Bearer's Report: We may need a volunteer to march the White Ensign into and out of the church. Gordon will be able to take him through a dress rehearsal prior to the service

Entertainment Member's Report Apologies received from Pusser who is currently deployed

Sick Visitor's Report: Our best wishes go to Chalky Carr – see previous.

Globe & Laurel Report: Our Branch submission was made on the 23rd of August and was sent out by way of an APB. Our next submission will be sent at the end of this month. Peter acknowledged the excellent standard of the submissions by Cuong

Webmaster's Report: NTR

Any Other Committee Members Report – none

General Business - None

Corps Birthday

As is always the case numbers are building –55 to date. The deadline for ordering tickets is the 20th of October in order for the caterers to get their orders in. Peter will send out one final Warning Order early next week. Martin Kavanagh has made his apologies as he will be deployed.

Our Guest of Honor is Colonel Robert Gillard, NZ Special Operations Component Commander, Headquarters Joint Force New Zealand.

Kevin Simms (son of Joe) and his wife have advised that they would be delighted to be our guests. There is a Proposition to follow that our funds cover the cost of their tickets.

Mick has invited Captain Chris McArdle LCOQ who works out of COMATG

We will not be able to get into the SRFM on the Friday night as there is a function, so Saturday morning will be a bit of a push to get everything ready. All volunteers to help would be appreciated.

Mick has the Order of Service, table wine, port and table mats under control.

Chris Haines who is the Senior Naval Base Chaplain will officiate. Royce Creamer is the organist and POMUS Joana Spiers will play the Last Post.

Steve Hall and Dave Vaudrey will do the readings.

Peter will read out the Royal Marines Roll of Honour over the last year.

A \$100 contribution towards assistance to members for travel to Auckland is available.

Raffle - Decent raffle prizes would be appreciated.

Propositions

Proposed by:

Vince Harris

Seconded by:

Steve Hall

That a donation to the sum of \$500 be made to the Givealittle Facebook page to assist 7 year old Isla Lunn

Carried unanimously



Proposed by:

Ted Palmer

Seconded by:

Dave Glen

That our funds cover the \$80.00 to pay for 2 Corps Birthday tickets in respect of Kevin Simms and his wife. Kevin is the son of our recently passed member Joe Simms and is the originator of the saying "Once the son of a Royal Marine, always the son of a Royal Marine."

Carried unanimously

Date of Next Meeting – Saturday the 9th of December commencing at 1200 at the Point Chevalier RSA. As this is the last meeting before Christmas, nibbles welcomed for a pre- Christmas celebration