



**Minutes of the Bi-Monthly meeting of the New Zealand Branch of the RMA
Held at Point Chevalier RSA, 9th December 2017**

Attendees

Jackie Turner	Bob Garrett	Steve Hall	Vince Harris	Ticker Ayling
Pip Townend	Peter Collins	Ted Palmer	Gill Collins	Gloria & Gordon Moore
Phil Turner	Rob Morrice	Noel Harker	Phil Ayling	Jacqui Mellamphy

Marty Kavanagh

Apologies

David & Heather Bailey, Pusser Hill (deployed), Bruce Cain, Terry Trotter, Dave Vaudrey, Peter Coombe, Dave Glen & Mick McMahon

New Members in attendance: None

Visitors: None

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

Royal Marines Prayer recited by Marty Kavanagh

A moment's silence was observed in respect of Fallen Comrades. Our special thoughts and prayers went out to our member, Angus Jones, who crossed the bar on the 17th of November and his family and friends.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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

New Business

President's Report:

Unfortunately our member Chalky Carr has been advised that his prognosis has changed and his life expectancy was just 6 weeks from the 1st of December. True to form he continues to think about others and he is promoting the Chalky Carr Trust in respect of Isla Dunn with vigour. All Black Sam Whitelock has shaved his head and beard in support of raising funds. Post meeting note Chalky reached his target on 9th December.

A donation of \$500.00 was made to the Givealittle Isla Facebook page as approved at the October meeting. Chalky e-mailed Peter saying "Wow!!! That is outstanding - I'm truly humbled. Thank you very much indeed to all of our members. It is a very generous donation."

Chalky e-mailed Peter to advise that he and his wife, Sarah, are discussing funeral arrangements. He was seeking the standard protocols for RM input into the Service which Peter duly provided. Chalky and Paddy Quinlan were old muckers in 45 Commando so it is likely, subject to Chalky's wishes that Paddy will deliver any formal address on behalf of the RM and RMA.

Bob Garrett attended Angus Jones's funeral and recited the Corps Prayer. He advised that his son and family were pleased that we were represented and expressed their appreciation.



The Corps Birthday was another resounding success. Our Guest of Honour, Colonel Rob Gillard was great company and gave an enthralling presentation. Kevin and AnnaMarie Simms were lovely and most welcome guests, as was Captain Chris McCardle. Our sincere thanks go to Mick & Angie, Rob & Sally, Pusser and Sonja and to everyone else who worked hard making the preparations and on the day.

Ticker is now a permanent resident in the Ranfurly Veterans Home (room 33) on Mount Albert Road in Auckland. All visitors welcome but please check with Phil A. first

Vince has suggested that we should consider offering Kevin Simms Associate Membership of the Association. Associate Membership takes in the Family Members category so it would be totally appropriate. (See Proposition)

Our member, Dennis Harvey, called in to see Bert Taylor who is the son of Albert Taylor. Albert served from 1940 to 1945 as a Landing Craft rating and he took part in the Dunkirk landings and assault. Albert donated his blazer that was sold for \$250.00 at the Corps Birthday raffle. Bert was wrapped that the blazer went for \$250.00.

Last week RMA Trustees decided that the merger of the RMA with the Royal Marines Charity (TRMC) should proceed, subject to members' wishes. Every Full Member of the RMA will receive voting forms (either by e-mail or hard copy) before Christmas Leave. Voting will close on the 11th of January.

Inward Correspondence:

Peter received an e-mail from our Guest of Honour saying it was a real pleasure and that he had a wonderful time. This was in response to a thank you e-mail that Peter sent to him

Peter received an e-mail from Kevin Simms thanking us **“for the honour and special treatment that they received”** and saying the he and his wife totally enjoyed every aspect of the day.

Peter received several very positive e-mails from members who thoroughly enjoyed the Corps Birthday

Peter received an e-mail from Warrant Officer 1 Paul Dungey | Naval Service Casualty Cell notifying of another two unexpected Royal Marines In-Service deaths - Marine Jonathan LANGFORD Royal Marines CTCRM and Marine James HOLLOWAY Royal Marines 42 Cdo RM.

We have received a Christmas card and a donation for \$12.00 from our member, Peter Coombe. He sends his very best wishes for Christmas to all members. Peter has replied to him to say a big thankyou

Outward Correspondence:

Guest of Honour and Peter Coombe as above

New Members:

Ian Potts (subject to paperwork), Terry Trotter. A work colleague of Peter's was talking to a guy in Christchurch and it came out that he was an ex RM Vehicle Mechanic – Adrian Dyson. Nothing further heard from Gaz Fazackerley.

Vice President's Report:

Apologies received from Mick



Treasurer's Report:

Current Statement as at 7/12/2017

Current Account	\$3,175.40
Ready Saver	\$802.43
Term Deposit	\$7,301.93
	<u>\$11,279.76</u>

Incoming since last meeting (from 13th October to 7th December 2017)

- \$105 for Subs/Donations.
- \$960 for Corps Birthday
- \$644 Raffle Monies (incl \$50 donation for RM charity fund)
- \$250 proceeds from Blazer auction
- \$100 donated by member for purchase for book RMA

Outgoing

- \$500 for the Chalky Carr Trust
- \$3254.29 for Corps Birthday
- \$74 for flowers for Members
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Corps Birthday breakdown:

Monies Received

Corp Birthday amounts received (ticket sales)	\$ 2,080.01
Corp Birthday outstanding (ticket sales)	\$ 80.00

Total \$ 2,160.01

Monies Paid

Lunch	\$ 2,400.00
Wine	\$ 376.20
Port	\$ 126.00
Bar Staff	\$ 72.09
Bugler	\$ 25.00
Rum + complimentary drinks	\$ 81.00
Travel Subsidies	\$ 200.00
Total	<u>\$ 3,280.29</u>

*not yet paid out of acct

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Total Cost \$ (1,120.28) debit



Raffle

\$ 644.00

Incl \$50 Donation to RM Trust

Other Monies

Donation to RMA for a book	\$ 100.00
RMA Blazer	\$ 250.00

Secretary's Report:

Xmas cards will be sent out this weekend. **Post meeting note** - If there are any special requirements let Phil know.

Standard Bearer's Report:

NTR

Entertainment Member's Report:

Apologies received from Pusser

Sick Visitor's Report:

Ticker underwent his hip replacement operation last month and spent a few days in hospital. Rob took some flowers in to him and Phil and Jackie also visited him in hospital. Gill arranged for some flowers to be delivered to his home. He is now recovering well in the Ranfurly Veterans Home.

Globe & Laurel Report:

Our most recent Branch submission was made on the 25th of October and was sent out to members by way of an APB. Our next submission will be sent at the end of December.

Webmaster's Report: NTR

Any Other Committee Members Report – none

General Business - It was put to the meeting for discussion as to whether or not \$300 of the raffle money raised at the Corps Birthday be redirected to Chalky's Trust Fund. This would not include David Bailey's \$50 donation. **Post Meeting Note** – subject to confirmation this will probably not happen as we promoted ticket sales hence members bought tickets with the expectation that proceeds would go to the Royal Marines Charity.

Propositions

That Kevin Simms be granted Associated membership of the NZ Branch of the Royal Marines Association

Proposed by: Vince Harris

Seconded by: Gordon Moore

Carried unanimously

Date of Next Meeting – Saturday the 10th February commencing at 1200 at the Point Chevalier RSA