



Minutes of the Bi- Monthly meeting of the New Zealand Branch of the RMA  
Held at Point Chevalier RSA, 9<sup>th</sup> June 2018

**Attendees**

Peter Collins Mick McMahon Rob Morrice Jackie Turner Marty Kavanagh Ticker Ayling  
Phil Ayling Jackie Mellamphy Bob Garrett Ted Palmer Darren Wood Dylan Nash  
John Fowles Neil Grant Noel Harker Dave Glen

**Apologies**

Gill Collins David and Heather Bailey Gordon and Gloria Moore Nathan Jones Peter Coombe  
Pip Townend Vince and Beryl Harris Colin Campbell Phil Turner Pusser Hill  
Cuong Huynh Steve Hall

**New Members in attendance** – John Fowles

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

**The Royal Marines Prayer** was recited by Neil Grant

**A moment's silence was observed in respect of Fallen Comrades** – our special thoughts and prayers go out to our member, Chalky Carr, who crossed the bar on the 14<sup>th</sup> of January and his family and friends.

**Visitors welcome to:** None

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Mick McMahon was still sorting out with Mark Owen in respect of him gifting us a White Ensign. Marty Kavanagh agreed to follow up on it.

There were no other matters arising from the minutes of the April meeting. It was proposed by Phil Ayling and seconded by Darren Wood that the previous minutes be accepted as a true record. Carried unanimously.

**New Business**

**President's Report:**

Our turn out for the ANZAC Day Parade was disappointing. Peter laid a wreath on behalf of the Royal Marines and the Royal Marines Association and the order of laying protocols were just about right. It was disappointing that a large number of members of an Asian Association that is looking at becoming affiliated with the RSA were a wee bit aggressive in pursuit of photographs, before, during and after the service. Maybe we can put it down to over enthusiasm rather than disrespect? It was great that we could meet up with an ex-Royal D Day veteran, Charles Willoughby. He had 4 generations of his family around him and was as sharp as a button. He thoroughly enjoyed himself and it was a great privilege for us all.

There was an outstanding obituary for Chalky Carr in the Globe and Laurel that had been produced by one of his batch mates.

Peter Coombe sent a package to Peter containing historical documentation re the NZ Branch. It is very dated and Peter does not have the capacity to retain it. Members were invited to help themselves and Ticker Ayling took the package on.

Peter brought a number of books to the meeting and invited members to help themselves. He suggested that it would be good if other members could do likewise to provide a loan library service.

The RMBS annual re-union was held in Adelaide over the weekend of the 4<sup>th</sup> to the 6<sup>th</sup> of May and it was a resounding success by all accounts.

**Outward Correspondence:** Peter sent a letter to formally invite Captain Andrew Nuttall RNZN and his wife to be our Guests of Honour at this year's Corps Birthday celebration. He is the Logistics Commander (Maritime) with the Defence Logistics Command and his father was a Bootneck for approximately 5 years. Andrew has accepted our invitation.

**Inward Correspondence:** Peter received an e-mail from the Office of the Governor-General apologizing for her not being able to attend the Corps Birthday.

RMA Head Office CEO, Brigadier Richard Spencer, e-mailed Peter to advise that the Office of the Commandant General had approached the Palace in respect of Prince Harry being our Guest of Honour at the Corps Birthday but they advised that his itinerary was finalized months ago.

Topsy received an e-mail from RMA Head Office in respect of the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) that came into effect from the 25<sup>th</sup> of May and which replace the Data Protection Act. The purpose is to help ensure that branch members' data is handled according to the individual's wishes. Peter has more details if required.

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

#### **Current Statement as at the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 2018**

<b>Current Account</b>	\$3,937.17
<b>Ready Saver</b>	\$802.48
<b>Term Deposit</b>	\$7,374.53
	<u>\$12,114.18</u>

#### **Incoming since the last meeting (from 13<sup>th</sup> April to 8th June 2018)**

- \$660 for Subscriptions, \$150 Donations.
- \$0.05 interest

#### **Outgoing**

- \$10 bank charge - to be discussed at bank as in error

#### **Treasurer's Notes**

- Thanks to Ian Pallas for once again doing the Year End financials – full report with the AGM minutes.

**Secretary's Report:** apologies from Topsy – many thanks to Jackie for volunteering to take the minutes.

**Standard Bearer's Report:** Apologies from Gordon.

**Entertainment Members Report:** No report available.

**Sick Visitor's Report:** David (hip replacement) & Heather Bailey are both imminently due to undergo surgery. Gill arranged for some flowers to be delivered and they sent a very nice thank you e-mail which Peter read out.

**Globe & Laurel Report:** Our most recent Branch submission was made at the end of April and was sent out by way of an APB. Our next submission will be sent at the end of June.

**Quartermaster's Report** – Phil observed on ANZAC Day that our property cabinet was not in its usual place in the RSA. The cabinet has been moved to the front foyer.

**Webmaster's Report** – NTR

**Any Other Committee Members Report** – none

**General Business**

Corps Birthday – Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> of October – tickets \$40.00 per head, proposition to follow

Guest of Honour – Captain Andrew Nuttall RNZN as covered off earlier.

**Proposed by:** Ted Palmer                      **Seconded by:** Mick McMahon

That the tickets for the Corps Birthday should be charged at \$40.00 per person

**Carried unanimously**

It was confirmed that travel subsidies will again be available for members travelling from outside Auckland to attend the Corps Birthday.

**Date of next meeting** – Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> of August 2018 commencing at 1200 at the Point Chevalier RSA.