



**Minutes of the Bi-Monthly meeting of the New Zealand Branch of the RMA
Held at Point Chevalier RSA, 9th February 2019**

Attendees

Mick McMahon Rob Morrice Phil & Jackie Turner Peter Collins Vince & Beryl Harris
Ticker Ayling Pip Townsend Phil Ayling Jacqui Mellamphy Steve Hall Martin Kavanagh
John Fowles Dave Glen

Apologies

Cuong Huynh Gill Collins Bob Garrett Gloria & Gordon Moore Ted Palmer Paul Bowler
David & Heather Bailey Jason Pace Darren Wood Peter Coombe Dave Vaudrey Noel and Barbara
Harker

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

The Royal Marines Prayer was recited by Mick McMahon

A moment's silence was observed in respect of Fallen Comrades – our thoughts and prayers were especially with the family and friends of ex-Royal Mike Dalton who passed recently – see below

There were no new members or visitors in attendance:

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes stated that Peter & Gill were hoping to relocate to Waihi Beach. This has now actually happened so we will be looking for a new President at the AGM in June. We now have Peter Coombe's new address. There were no other matters arising. It was Proposed by Phil Ayling and seconded by Rob Morrice that the previous minutes be accepted as a true record. Carried unanimously.

New Business

President's Report:

Colonel David and Heather Bailey, Noel Harker and Chip Adcock attended the funeral of ex-Royal Mike Dalton in Hamilton on the 16th of January. Chip recited the Corps Prayer. Mike was a National Service Marine. He served with A Troop 45 Commando at Suez where he was seriously wounded in the back by friendly fire. Mike got a very good send off by all accounts.

Peter received an e-mail from the Executive Officer of HMS MONTROSE. The ship was visiting New Zealand in mid-January (1st Royal Navy ship visit to New Zealand in 30 years). They had been advised that the Ship's Company would be given a Powhiri (Maori welcome) on arrival and they wanted to respond with a chorus of Flower of Scotland but they had no bagpiper. Peter sent out an APB and 5 positive responses were forthcoming and we were able to satisfy their request. Networking at its best!

Our member, Patrick Toner and his wife Carol represented us at the Waitangi Day Bledisloe Garden Reception at Government House in Wellington on the 6th of February. Patrick advised that the reception

went off well with in excess of 2000 people attending in lovely sunshine. The Governor General gave a good speech mainly concentrating on the need to protect our environment.

Ex Royal Tony Pearce will be in Wanaka until the 10th of February and then travelling North aiming to reach Auckland on or around the 18th. He'll then be in Auckland until the 21st when he will fly out. He is aiming to come back again next year so if there is no opportunity to meet up this year then he says perhaps next. He is meeting up with another ex-Royal when he is in Auckland and Peter will send out an APB once details are known.

Outward Correspondence: None this time around.

Inward Correspondence: Peter received a 2002 Branch Newsletter from our member, Peter Coombe. He meant to bring it to the meeting but he forgot. He will give it to Ticker at the next meeting.

New Members: Matt Brindle in Christchurch PO52720V – served from 1994 to 1999 in both Commachio Group and 45 Cdo RM.

Vice President's Report: Ted had made his apologies.

Treasurer's Report:

Current Statement as of 8/2/2019

Current Account	\$3,955.65
Ready Saver	\$803.04
Term Deposit	\$7,486.62
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Incoming since the last meeting (from 8th December to 8th February 2019)

- \$1,000 from auction for RMBF
- \$0.14 interest / \$37.55 from term deposit

Outgoing

- 1 cheque \$87.18 to Compass for bar staff for the Corps Birthday

Secretary's Report: NTR

Standard Bearer's Report: Apologies from Gordon – still looking for a volunteer to take on this role – see Sick Visitor Report below.

Entertainment Members Report: Darren was not in attendance. Marty is looking to arrange an Escape night. Details to follow.

Sick Visitor's Report: Not heard anything from Gordon & Gloria recently. Peter and/or Robbie will give them a call. **Post meeting note: Peter has tried a couple of times but went straight to voicemail.**

Globe & Laurel Report: Our most recent Branch submission was made at the end of December and was sent out by way of an APB. Our next submission will be sent before the deadline of the 1st of March.

Quartermaster's Report – In respect of our cabinet re-location in the RSA. Phil Ayling will contact the RSA to arrange for the display cabinet to be moved.

Webmaster's Report – NFTR

Any Other Committee Members Report – none

Corps Birthday – The weekend of the 26th of October is Labour Weekend so Saturday the 2nd of November was agreed.

We need to start thinking about our Guest of Honour? The Deputy Chief of Army, Colonel Helen Cooper has been suggested but her career history does not align too well with our modus operandi. A suggestion was made to contact Keiran Reid or Sam Whitlock.

General Business

Jacqui suggested that it would be a good idea if the branch was to send flowers to Noel and Barbara in respect of their 60th wedding anniversary. A general discussion was had and it was agreed to spend in the region of \$80. Jackie Turner kindly volunteered to arrange. **Post meeting note: the flowers were delivered. Noel sent a thank you e-mail to all members via Peter.**

Phil Ayling mentioned that Ticker was having weekly visits from the daughter of one of his old squad members. Phil agreed to pass the information to Cuong Huynh for inclusion in next month's Globe and Laurel.

Date of next meeting – Saturday the 13th of April 2019 commencing at 1200 at the Point Chevalier RSA.