



**Minutes of the Bi-Monthly meeting of the New Zealand Branch of the RMA
Held at Point Chevalier RSA, 8th June 2019**

Attendees

Mick McMahon, Rob Morrice, Phil Turner, Peter & Gill Collins, Noel and Barbara Harker, Ticker Ayling, Phil Ayling & Jacqui Mellamphy, Steve Hall, Martin Kavanagh, Richard Wilson, Ted Palmer, Vince & Beryl Harris, John Fowles, David & Heather Bailey

Apologies

Gordon & Gloria Moore Cuong Huynh Bruce Cain Nathan Jones Peter Coombe Bob Garratt

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

The Royal Marines Prayer was recited by Richard Wilson

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

New Members in attendance: Richard Wilson

Visitors welcome to: Steve Hall's parents

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

There were no matters arising from the 13th April minutes. Proposed by Mick McMahon and seconded by Vince Harris that the previous minutes be accepted as a true record. Carried unanimously.

New Business

President's Report:

ANZAC Day parade – we were privileged to have 4 x Royals in the 1st 2 files of the march. Ted was the right marker and we had a potential new member, Geraint Williams and an ex Royal Navy guy, Mike Nugent next to Ted. Vince and Topsy were in the 2nd file. Ted laid a wreath on behalf of the Royal Marines and the Association.

Our new member, Richard Wilson visited our ex-member, George Warman in the Waitakere Hospital. George is 92 and was great company according to Richard with some great stories to tell. We have also arranged to send him a copy of each Globe and Laurel that we receive.

Outward Correspondence:

Our member, Nathan Jones, made an informal approach to the CO of the New Zealand SAS with an invitation to be our Guest of Honour at the Corps Birthday celebration. He provisionally accepted subject to a formal invitation and the exigencies of the Service. Formal written invitation to be forwarded.

Peter sent out on the 17th of April a nomination form for committee members to be elected at today's AGM.

Inward Correspondence

Peter received a text followed up with a phone call from All Black, Sam Whitelock thanking him for the invitation to be our Corps Birthday Guest of Honour. It clashes with the Rugby World Cup final unfortunately so it is likely that he will be otherwise engaged. He is keen however to get together at a later date.

New Members

Richard Wilson - A brief resume of Richard's service was discussed at April's meeting and included in the minutes. Richard agreed to give us a career whistle stop brief on completion of the meeting. Henry Smith served from 2008 until 2015 now living in Remuera. Paperwork imminent in respect of Geraint Williams and Peter Roche. We are awaiting the completed paperwork from Peter Roche. (**Post meeting note** details received).

Vice President's Report

Allan Wilby visited since the last meeting but due to travel arrangements. A proposed meet and greet did not come off but not for the want of trying on our part and particularly Ted. However Ted made a plea that we should make every effort to make contact prior and during ex-royal visits.

The Corps Dinner preparations are continuing to go well with a meeting being set up with the Senior Rates Mess representatives.

Ted will work with other members to look at freshening up our presence and profile on social media, our web site. It was also proposed that we should look into advertising our existence and details of meetings and socials etc in the RSA Review publication.

Treasurer's Report

Rob sent out an APB on the 29th of April advising all members that subscriptions for FY 2019/20 are now due.

Current Statement as of the 7th of June 2019

Current Account	\$4,707.04
Ready Saver	\$803.31
Term Deposit	\$7,523.13
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Incoming since the last meeting (from the 12th of April to the 7th of June 2019)

- \$480 RMA Subscriptions, \$200 Corps Birthday, \$261.50 Donations and \$0.14 interest.

Outgoing

\$50 for Entertainment social at the Escape Room

Secretary's Report

All Blacks tickets are confirmed with 16 tickets purchased.

We have been approached by 4 possible new members.

Mike Nugent (Ex RN advised that he lives too far away, with too many commitments. He will be looking to attend the Corps Birthday however.

William Geraint - Has the forms and will forward once he has completed them.

Peter Roche - Has the forms and will forward once completed. (**Post meeting note** details now received).

Henry Smith - Forms completed and he was hoping to attend.

Standard Bearer's Report

Apologies from Gordon – we are still looking for a volunteer to take on this role – see Sick Visitor Report below.

Entertainment Members Report

Marty confirmed that it had been hard working with NZ Rugby but 16 tickets are confirmed.

Sick Visitor's Report

Phil and Jackie arranged for some flowers to be sent to Pip Townend whilst he was in the North Shore Hospital. He is currently recovering at home. Noel Harker phoned Gordon & Gloria last week for an update. Gordon is at home now and Gloria indicated that Gordon had made a significant improvement. Dave Glen was in North Shore Hospital at the time of the meeting. (**Post meeting note.** Jackie visited and provided flowers for Dave & Marlyn's 60th wedding anniversary).

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 before the deadline of the 26th of June.

Quartermaster's Report

Phil presented a diagram of a display cabinet and asked that a proposal be made for a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be made at the end of the meeting for this purpose.

Webmaster's Report

NTR – as a reminder Steve Campbell does not have a crystal ball and can only upload content that is fed to him.

Any Other Committee Members Report

NTR

Corps Birthday

Guest of Honour? As above, current favourite is Lt Col Chris Gray, current CO of the NZ SAS. Nathan Jones made an informal approach that was provisionally accepted and a formal written letter of invitation now needs to be sent.

Hopefully ticket prices can be frozen at \$40.00 – subject to the proposition below being carried

Vince Harris, Phil Ayling and Colonel David Bailey have volunteered to do the Church Service readings and Ticker will recite the Ode.

General Business - NTR

Propositions

That the Corps Birthday tickets be priced at \$40.00 per person.

Proposed by: Phil Ayling **Seconded by:** Vince Harris **Carried unanimously**

That the sum of \$2,000 be offset to cover Corps Birthday expenditure. An itemized breakdown will be provided by our Treasurer post celebration and will be available at the next meeting.

Proposed by: Steve Hall **Seconded by:** Noel Harker **Carried unanimously**

That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be allocated for the purchase of a new display cabinet.

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

It was put to the members that consideration be made for our auditor, Ian Pallas & Gordon Mitchell to be accepted into the Association.

Ian Pallas to be granted Honorary Membership for services provided to the Association
Gordon Mitchell to be allowed to re-join the association as an Associate Member. Gordon is the son of an ex-Royal and was previously a member hence his paperwork is current.

There were no objections.

Date of the next meeting – Saturday the 17th August 2019 commencing at 1200 at the Point Chevalier RSA. **N.B. This is not the second Saturday as is the norm, rather it has been put back a week to coincide with the All Blacks game and social.**