



**Minutes of the Bi-Monthly meeting of the New Zealand Branch of the RMA
Held at Point Chevalier RSA, 17th August 2019**

Attendees

Mick McMahon Rob Morrice Phil & Jackie Turner Ticker Ayling Phil Ayling Steve Hall
Ted Palmer Vince & Beryl Harris Pip Townend Mike Nugent Geraint Williams

Apologies

Peter & Gill Collins Jacqui Mellamphy Martin Kavanagh Gordon & Gloria Moore Cuong Huynh
Neil Harker Dave Glenn John Nichols Brendon Johnson

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

The Royal Marines Prayer was recited by Geraint Williams

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

New Members in attendance: Geraint Williams and Mike Nugent

Visitors welcome to: NTR

Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

There were no matters arising from the 8th June minutes. Proposer and seconder that the previous minutes be accepted as a true record. Proposed by Vince and seconded by Mick. Carried unanimously.

New Business

President's Report:

In the process of producing a Vision statement to act as a guide for the committee and members on how we can all help to progress and grow the association, not only through the use of social media, but also with activities for the benefit of all.

Outward Correspondence:

NTR

Inward Correspondence:

Peter received a card from Linda Gabites who is the daughter of our member, Eddie Slater. She informed Peter that Eddie Crossed the Bar peacefully on the 24th of July.

The full content of her card is shown at the end of the minutes and including a photo of Eddie. Peter only managed to meet Eddie once, and Linda, at a social weekend that we had in Taupo a few years ago. They had travelled up from Christchurch. Peter believes Eddie served in the SBS and when he moved over to NZ he joined the NZ SAS.

Peter will respond to Linda offering condolences on behalf of the RMA.

Once a Royal Marine always a Royal Marine

New Members

Geraint Williams - living in Palmerston North with his fiancée Leah

John Nichols - living at Riverhead with his family and looking to come to the Corps Dinner.

Mike Nugent - lives on Northshore ex-navy looking to come to Corps Dinner.

Geraint and Mike gave a brief resume of their service.

Vice President's Report:

Corps dinner preparation continuing to go well with meetings being set up with Senior Rates mess members.

A total of 31 tickets sold to date.

250th anniversary of Serving RM in NZ

Ted will continue to work through the security arrangements.

Treasurer's Report:

Current Statement as of 16/08/2019

Current Account	\$5,652.39
Ready Saver	\$803.45
Term Deposit	\$7,561.05
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Incoming since last meeting (from 7th June to 16th August 2019)

- \$135 RMA Subs, \$960 Corps Birthday, \$500 Donation for Corps Birthday and \$38.06 interest.

Outgoing

- \$649.65 for various expenses

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Secretary's Report

RMA Charity - have held their inaugural meeting and would like to stress membership is now free and I encourage you all to join

<https://royalmarinesassociation.org.uk/joinnew-us/>

Flowers - were sent to Brendon's partner Monika and new son Bradley - A big thank you

Rugby - All arrangements in place for this afternoon's game. Tickets will distribute on completion

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

NTR

Sick Visitor's Report

Jackie & Robbie spoke with Gordon who is making good progress and hoping to get his driving licence back in the near future

Robbie has been up to see Dave Glenn who is getting over a cold.

Globe & Laurel Report

Chung looking for information on recent events

Quartermaster's Report

Phil A. Has started the process of replacing the cabinet and is hoping to collect and assemble it over the coming days. Ted thanked Phil A. for repairing the lion on the standard

Webmaster's Report

NTR

Any Other Committee Members Report

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General Business

A big thanks to Marty was voiced on behalf of those who attended the drinks at Long Bay Surf Club.

Date of next meeting – Saturday the 12th October 2019.