



Minutes of the Bi-Monthly meeting of the RMA New Zealand Branch

Held at

Pt Chevalier RSA, Auckland

21 May 2011

Attendees

Dennis Ayling
Max Beare
Gill Collins
Vanessa Jones
Mick McMahon
Gloria Moore
Bob Reay
Jim Roots
Joe Simms
Gemma Wood

Phil Ayling
Colin Campbell
Peter Collins
Martin Kavanagh
Jacqui Mellamphy
Gordon Moore
Dee Roots
Harold Robinson
Darren Wood

Apologies

Chip Adcock
Bob Battersby
Ben Curry
Mandy Glaze
Dennis Harvey
Celia Lashmar
Rob Morrice
Pip Townend

David Bailey
Steve Campbell
John Glaze
Noel Harker
Bill Houston
Charles Lashmar
Jock Munro
George Wooton

Meeting opened at 2.05pm.

Loyal Toast to the Queen.

Dennis Ayling recited the Corps Prayer.

A moment's silence was observed for fallen comrades and special thoughts for Edwin Barton who passed away on 10 May 2011. Also for the family & friends of Marine Nigel Mead of 42 Commando who was killed in action in Afghanistan this month.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes sent out previous day, available prior to meeting for viewing. Jacqui is not the Secretary and has been under pressure at work, so apologies for lateness of minutes.

Matters arising from minutes:

Peter Collins to discuss with Brendon Johnson as Entertainments Officer; Brendon has withdrawn his nomination due to pressures of his work. Martin Kavanagh has been nominated to be our Entertainments Officer and he is a willing volunteer.

Nothing Impossible book returned; please advise Jacqui or Peter if you wish to take this.



Proposed

Gordon Moore

Seconded

Harold Robinson

All in favour

New Business

Correspondence Inwards and Outwards

- Peter sent a letter to the incoming Governor General inviting him to be our Guest Speaker at the Corps Birthday celebration.
- Reply from Government House advising that we need to wait until August, and we probably won't hear until September which is a bit late for us to get an alternative speaker.
- Jock Fraser, passed away about 18 months ago, Peter has received correspondence from his widow and daughter saying they are all okay.
- Frank Atkins was coming to NZ earlier in the year, and is now hoping to come out later in the year; Frank has been suffering with back problems.
- Tom Dooley (PO38039G), his son is in NZ and he is hoping that his son has people to turn to if any problems while in NZ.
- Corps Museum, VC Dare Dowell, still have incorrect information on him, they are just about ready to change the details that they hold.
- ANZAC Day Parade at Pt Chevalier RSA, Peter sent a thank you letter to the President thanking them for allowing us to be a part of this celebration with them.

President's Report

- Edwin Barton crossed the Bar on the 10th May; several members attended his funeral on the 19th May. Standard and White Ensign was in attendance. Last Post and Reveille were played with the Ode being recited in between. Peter said a few words on behalf of the Association.
- Dennis Ayling wanted it be recorded that the wording from Peter spoken at Edwin's funeral was excellent.
- The Royal Naval School of Music, now known as the Royal Marine Band Service, was 108 years old on the 20th May.
- 21 May, 29th anniversary of landing at St Carlos, Falkland Islands.
- ANZAC Day Parade at Pt Chevalier RSA, standards paraded by Gordon Moore and Dennis Ayling, Peter laid a wreath.
- Belated congratulations to Phil Ayling on his 60th birthday a few weeks ago.
- Dennis Ayling attended the British Airborne Association social a few weeks ago. Very pleasant afternoon held.
- Royal Marines Association Band project, by Jim Roots, 3 options, marching band with Corps of Drums, concert band, dance and show band. Jim has documented research,



now need a small committee together to start looking at preferred option, funding and equipment. Thank you to Jim for working through this.

- Historical documents and photographs; Peter gave a comprehensive folder to Phil to get scanned and put on the website. Photographs and letters back going back to 1810. Some very interesting photos in the file.

Vice President's Report

Website is updated with comings and goings.

Minutes are now on the website.

One tee shirt available left over from the orders if anyone would like it. Medium \$35.00.
Now Sold.

Secretary's Report

As no Secretary, been shared between Peter and Jacqui. Thank you to Jacqui for covering in absence of Secretary.

Treasurer's Report

Current Account has a balance of	\$4,145.88
Ready Saver Account has a balance of	\$2,690.41
Term Deposit has a balance of	\$6,075.45
Total in Bank	\$12,843.95

Proposed	Peter Collins
Seconded	Gordon Moore
	All in Favour

Report from Standard Bearer

Presented twice since last meeting.

ANZAC Day at Pt Chevalier RSA.

Edwin Barton's funeral on 19 May, which was well attended.

Gauntlets are now past their sell by date. They have a split down them and need to be replaced. Sharky Ward from the Poole & District Branch is looking into replacements for us.

Report from Sick Visitor

Bob Battersby had minor stroke the day of the last meeting. He is doing very well, walking and talking okay, and is now back driving and is on the mend.

Peter Gosling is in New Lynn Rest Home, letter received from his wife Nancy. Peter likes to receive the minutes, newsletters and updates still.

Peter to contact Nancy as we think that Edwin Barton was calling him regularly.



Point made that should we be asking for subs when members are in rest homes. If members want to pay their subs, then we are happy to receive. Some members are very proud and insist on paying their subs.

Good to see Joe Simms at the meeting today, welcome back.

We don't have a sick visitor for the Auckland area. If you hear that someone is sick, then please contact a committee member who can then arrange for someone to go and visit.

Proposed	Dennis Ayling
Seconded	Mick McMahon
	All in favour

Globe and Laurel

Peter sent submission in on 29 April, sent to members by email and snail mail. Hard copies were also available at the meeting.

New Members

Duncan Cook RM21501 lives in Waihi, south of the Coromandel

Robin Rowe PO53224N lives in Masterton

General Business

CD and DVD library. Max is happy to get copies of DVDs to copy ones that are of interest. No DVDs available, as most are just taken of.

BBC TV. so not really worth holding something like this. So we will just get copies as we go.

Corps Birthday invite to Sir Gerry Mateparae to be our Guest Speaker.

Martin K came up with the idea for a seating plan for the Corps Birthday: could be difficult to police. Maybe get in early so that you can reserve your table. If the meeting agrees with going with a seating plan, then someone needs to take accountability for this.

Numbers are getting bigger at the birthday; the restaurant can accommodate us if we get bigger. We could swap to where we hold the service if necessary.

When you request your tickets, then you can ask for a table to be reserved at this stage.

Mick McMahan has the book Nothing Impossible.

New medal came out from Malaysian Government from 1957 to 1966. New Zealanders who are eligible for this medal will be presented it in August.

Publications and Globe and Laurels available at the end of the meeting to take as you wish.

Finger food will be available at the end of this meeting, thank you to Jacqui for arranging.

Next Meeting

2nd Saturday in August, 13 August 2011 at 1400 hrs; 3 months from this meeting.

Meeting closed at 3.00pm.



Minutes of AGM, RMA NZ Branch
Pt Chevalier RSA, Auckland
21 May 2011

Review of the year given by Peter Collins; 3 members have Crossed the Bar.
Edwin Barton, Eric Lewis in the South Island and John Williams in Auckland.
Resignation of Barbara Hunter, diagnosed with breast cancer.
Graham Beeson resigned.
Steve Ritson on his return to the UK.

New members

Darren Broadbent
Chris (Dan) Archer
Neil Grant
Ian Smith
Ron Powell
Duncan Cook
Robin Rowe

Three more new members in the pipeline. None of the new members are Auckland based, so we probably won't get to see them.

Dan Archer's wife Chris. is also sick but on the mend.

Brian Bartlett, Hon Life President of the Northern Region of the RMA attended one of our meetings.

Brian Pearson, chairman of East Essex branch, and his wife were hosted by Jim and Dee Roots.

Representation at the Armistice Parade in city on the 7th November and also at the Point Chevalier RSA on the 11th November. Also at the Battle of the River Plate commemoration on the 12th December at ANZAC Day Parade on the 25th April, both at the Point Chevalier RSA.

Jim Beggs and Patrick Toner represented the Association at Government House.

Corps Birthday celebrations going very well

BAFA joining forces with them for social functions.

Phil has done a good job with the polo shirts, caps, website and our memorabilia cabinet.

Darren has done a good job with our Face Book page.

AGM, it is normal for accounts to be presented, Jacqui and Ian Pallas both had conflicts of interests and accounts were not ready to be presented at the AGM. They will be presented formally at the next meeting on the 13th August.



Nomination of committee members. Fairly simple this time as we have one nominee per position, and all volunteers.

Election of Officers

President – Peter Collins

Nominated by Gordon Moore
Seconded Dennis Ayling
All in favour

Harold Robinson thanked Gill Collins for the support that she has given Peter over the last few years as President.

Vice President – Philip Ayling

Nominated by Mick McMahon
Seconded Max Beare
All in favour

Treasurer – Jacqui Mellamphy

Nominated by Gordon Moore
Seconded Jim Roots
All in favour

Standard Bearer – Gordon Moore

Nominated by Martin Kavanagh
Seconded Dennis Ayling
All in favour

Assistant Standard Bearer – Dennis Ayling

Nominated by Colin Campbell
Seconded Gordon Moore
All in favour

Web Master – Philip Ayling

Nominated by Mick McMahon
Seconded Martin Kavanagh
All in favour

Quarter Master – Philip Ayling

Nominated by Max Beare
Seconded Gordon Moore
All in favour



Archivist and Historian – Max Beare

Nominated by Dennis Ayling
Seconded Jim Roots
All in favour

Globe and Laurel – Ken Weldon

Nominated by Mick McMahon
Seconded Gordon Moore
All in favour

Entertainments Officer – Martin Kavanagh

Nominated by Mick McMahon
Seconded Gordon Moore
All in favour

Secretary

No nominations for Secretary, the committee is to address this at a later date.

Assistant Secretary

Max Beare has put his hand up for Assistant two years running, but as no volunteers for Secretary for the Association at present, then currently there is no requirement for an Assistant. Max offered to give every support that he could to the committee.

Newsletter – no nominations forthcoming.

No nominations for Auckland and Wellington Welfare and Sick Visitors

Regional Welfare / Sick Officers

North of Whangarei	John Glaze
North of Warkworth	Steve Campbell
Auckland	No nomination
Rodney	Vince Harris
North Shore	Brendon Johnson
Mt Maunganui / Tauranga	George Wooton
Hastings / Napier	Dennis Harvey
Marlborough Area	John Roberts
Nelson/Marlborough/S Canterbury	Will Trollope
Christchurch / South Canterbury	Kevin Carr / Dave Addison
Hamilton	David Bailey

Nominated by Gordon Moore
Seconded Mick McMahon



All in favour

General Business

Look forward to the next 12 months as the Association goes from strength to strength.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.40pm.