



Joint minutes of Bi-Monthly meeting and AGM  
of the RMA New Zealand Branch  
Held at  
Pt Chevalier RSA, Auckland  
1 May 2010

**Attendees**

Phil Ayling  
Katherine Beare  
Colin Campbell  
Jill Collins  
Les Goodyer  
Kim Kavanagh  
Jacqui Mellamphy  
Gordon Moore  
Joe Simms

Bob Battersby  
Max Beare  
Steve Campbell  
Peter Collins  
Noel Harker  
Martin Kavanagh  
Gloria Moore  
Ian Pallas

**Apologies**

Keith Anniss  
Ticker Ayling  
Mandy Glaze  
Vince Harris  
Bob Reay  
Harold Robinson  
James Roots  
Jock Munroe

Sue Anniss  
John Glaze  
David Glenn  
Brendon Johnston  
Steve Ritson  
Ken Weldon  
Pip Townend

There could have been further apologies for the meeting that may have gone astray during the previous week.

Welcome to Ian Pallas, our auditor, and a thank you to him for his efforts over the years.

The meeting opened with the Royal Marines prayer read by Steve Campbell.

**Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

John Glaze wrote an excellent obituary for Bill Hale that has gone to the Globe and Laurel.  
Nomination of Phil Ayling for Quartermaster and Memorabilia

**Proposed**

Gordon Moore

**Seconded**

Max Beare

All in favour



### Correspondence Inwards

- Barbara and Fred Bayly, Great Granddaughter of Lt Col George Dare Dowell VC, best wishes for the Taupo Reunion, and also a donation of a bottle of whiskey for the raffle there.
- Gwen Hale sent a thank you card for our condolences on the recent passing of Bill.
- Frank Atkins sent an email advising he will be visiting in January/February 2011.
- Susanna Brown sent an email to Peter looking for David Abbott, Royal NZ Airforce – ex Capt RM – happily reunited.
- Dave (Dai) Gwilliam sent an email advising he will be visiting in July & August 2010, details of his visit to follow.
- Brian Broadbent the chairman of the Bradford & District Branch was here recently, and his son Darren has just signed up as a new member – Darren is a Sgt MP with the NZ Army.
- Ron Powell who joined recently has donated a Bugle (which doubles as a desk lamp) and also a knitted Royal Marine doll to the association.

### Correspondence Outward

- Email to Gwen Hale asking her to keep in contact.
- Email to Corps Museum Eastney, advising that the personal details for Lt Col George Dowell VC are not correct as advised by Barbara Bayly in Inwards Correspondence. Currently waiting on a reply from the museum.
- Thank you letter to Jimbo MacArthur, President Pt Chevalier RSA for welcoming us for the RM Day on 14 March.
- Thank you letter to CO of the Waiouru Army Camp for the lunch during the Taupo Reunion.
- Thank you letters to Stan Grayland, George Wootton & Mark Owen for the raffle donations for the Taupo Reunion.
- Thank you letter to Barbara and Fred Bayly for the donation of the whiskey for the Taupo Reunion.
- Thank you letter to Maria Harvey's boss for his donations for the raffle.
- Thank you letter to the Taupo RSA for allowing us the use of their facilities for the reunion.



- Cheque and thank you letter to Eda Terry for the wreath and table flowers in Taupo.

### **President's Report**

We have been advised that the Pt Chevalier RSA now has a new President, Horace Cadd, and Secretary Chris Moul.

The Association had voted \$2,000 to be used for the Taupo Reunion; we used \$768 of these funds. The reunion was held on the same weekend as the British Airborne Association reunion; they joined with us marching to the cenotaph and also at the church service. Some of these members have asked if they may join us for our Corps Birthday celebration lunch in October.

The RM Day at the Pt Chevalier RSA had a good turnout with the parade of the Standards, church service & wreath laying and also a rum shout by the RSA. Thanks go to the RSA for this.

ANZAC Day, Auckland Museum, a small turnout of members, but it is the member's prerogative to attend their local marches.

We have been advised that there is excellent Army and Navy accommodation available around the country at very good rates. See Peter Collins for documents and brochures on this. If you wish to use the facilities, you must be sponsored by a serving member. This is around \$60 per night.

The next meeting is 12 June, and Cliff Heywood MBE, Deputy Director of the Navy Museum, will give a short presentation at the completion of the meeting.

Peter has a list of useful contacts for the Globe and Laurel if anyone would like to see it.

We received an update from Neil Grant's daughter on John Connolly, the policeman who was badly injured in Tuakau, advising that he is doing well. John is an ex Royal and will hopefully be joining the association shortly.

### **Finances**

Report from Noel Harker, Treasurer on the finances.

Current Account has a balance of \$2,923.99

The following cheques are still to be debited

Phil Ayling, Wreath for ANZAC Day \$25.00

Gordon Moore, Pt Chevalier RSA \$30.00

Ready Saver Account has a balance of \$2,665.85

Term Deposit has a balance of \$6,000.00

Ian Pallas went through the accounts.

Total Assets of \$11,200



The legacy from Bert Jones is shown separately each year.

Thank you to Noel for the great job done over the years.

The committee and members thanked Ian Pallas for his help also over the years.

<b>Proposed</b>	Noel Harker
<b>Seconded</b>	Bob Battersby
	All in favour

The banners are available for purchase and also as presentations approved by the committee first. If members wish to purchase some banners, at a cost of around \$12.00 each, please contact Philip Ayling.

### **Report from Sick Visitor – recent visits**

Harold Robinson – appears to be doing OK – Jacqui has arranged to visit soon

Edwin Barton – Peter spoke with him on the phone – good days and bad days but very positive and in good spirits

Jock Munro – had a slip in the bathroom but x-rays suggest no serious damage

Charles and Celia Lashmar, visited recently by Max Beare, Joe Simms, Phil Ayling, Jacqui Mellamphy, Sue and Keith Anniss, and Ticker Ayling. Charles goes into respite care every three weeks

### **Report from Standard Bearer**

Recent marches were:

Taupo Reunion

RM Day at Pt Chevalier RSA

ANZAC Day, Auckland War Memorial Museum

### **Vice President's Report**

We Want You! posters have gone to all the RSAs. If members would like to put these up in their local clubs or Associations, please get some from Phil. All the RSAs should have these by now.

We wrote to the RSA after the ANZAC Parade at the Auckland War Memorial Museum, thanking them for allowing us to parade, and also advising of our new wreath layer and parade instructor.

### **General Business**

There was an article in the local Kumeu paper on a marine. Max Beare to send copy to Peter.



In the Waiuku paper, mention of Trent and Deacon Anniss, whose grandfather Keith was a marine and is a current member.

### **Globe and Laurel**

John Glaze submitted article on the Taupo Reunion and also the obituary on Bill Hale.

### **New Members**

Darren Broadbent

Chris Archer (rejoining)

Ron Powell (rejoining)

### **Corps Birthday Celebration**

This is on 31 October at Birkenhead RSA. If anyone has any ideas on a guest speaker would be much appreciated. Bob Reay will be sending out more details in due course.

Meeting closed at 3.00pm



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Review of year given by Peter Collins, we have had a good increase in members, the website and Colleen Ellis have done wonders for the Association. This has reflected in our accounts; the Corps Birthday celebrations were the best attendance to date in Peter's time as a member. We would like to have similar numbers again this year.

Armistice Day; there was a good turnout by our members, but one of the guest speakers was a disappointment as he gave a political and very unmilitary speech.

Armistice Day Parade at the Pt Chevalier RSA on 11 November was attended by a number of our members.

Taupo Reunion was well organised by Jock Munro and was a very successful and enjoyable weekend with just short of 50 members in attendance.

ANZAC Day; there was lots of representation at parades across the country.

**Election of Officers**

Copies of recent emails between Peter Collins, Philip Ayling and Colleen Ellis were distributed to members to read with a view of holding a vote of confidence/ no confidence in Peter to re-stand as President. Peter left the meeting for 10 minutes so the attending members could read and vote on whether Peter should re-stand. There was a unanimous show of hands for Peter to stand for a further year as President of our Association.

**President** – Peter Collins

**Nominated by** All as show of hands  
**Seconded** Bob Battersby  
All in favour

**Vice President** – Philip Ayling

**Nominated by** All  
**Seconded** Gordon Moore  
All in favour



### **Secretary**

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

### **Treasurer – Jacqui Mellamphy**

<b>Nominated by</b>	All
<b>Seconded</b>	Noel Harker All in favour

### **Standard Bearer – Gordon Moore**

<b>Nominated by</b>	All
<b>Seconded</b>	Max Beare All in favour

### **Assistant Standard Bearer – Steve Ritson**

<b>Nominated by</b>	All
<b>Seconded</b>	Gordon Moore All in favour

### **Assistant Secretary**

Max Beare had put his hand up for Assistant, 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.

### **Globe and Laurel – Ken Walden**

<b>Nominated by</b>	Peter Collins
<b>Seconded</b>	Bob Battersby All in favour

Peter to contact Ken and advise.

### **Web Master – Philip Ayling**

<b>Nominated by</b>	All
<b>Seconded</b>	Bob Battersby All in favour

### **Entertainments Officer – Brendon Johnson**

<b>Nominated by</b>	Peter Collins
<b>Seconded</b>	Steve Campbell All in favour



**Archivist / Regimental – Max Beare**

**Nominated by** Bob Battersby  
**Seconded** Gordon Moore  
All in favour

**Quartermaster – Philip Ayling**

**Nominated by** Gordon Moore  
**Seconded** Max Beare  
All in favour

**Regional Welfare / Sick Officers**

Northland	John Glaze
Northland	Steve Campbell
Auckland	No nomination
Rodney	Vince Harris
North Shore	Brendon Johnson
Mt Maunganui / Tauranga	George Wooton
Hastings / Napier	Dennis Harvey
Wellington	James Begg John Roberts
Picton/Nelson	Will Trollope
Christchurch / South Canterbury	Kevin Carr / Dave Addison

**General Business**

Gloria Moore offered her assistance if any typing was required.  
Loyal Toast to the Queen.

As no further business, the meeting closed at 3.30pm.