



Minutes of Bi-Monthly meeting  
of the RMA New Zealand Branch  
Held at Pt Chevalier RSA, Auckland  
9 October 2010

**Attendees**

Phil Ayling  
Edwin Barton  
Katherine Beare  
Gill Collins  
Jacqui Mellamphy  
Gordon Moore  
Bob Reay  
Harold Robinson  
Jim Roots

Ticker Ayling  
Bob Battersby  
Max Beare  
Peter Collins  
Gloria Moore  
Rob Morrice  
Steve Ritson  
Dee Roots  
Joe Sims

**Apologies**

Keith Anniss  
Vince Harris  
Martin Kavanagh

Beryl Harris  
Noel Harker  
Pip Townend

**Visitor**

Steve Bidwood (Ret'd Capt RM)

The meeting opened with the Royal Marines Prayer read by Steve Ritson.

A few words were said by our visitor Steve Bidwood visiting us from Spain.

**Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

"Nothing Impossible, A Portrait of the Royal Marines" book purchased for £46.50, (\$101.51NZ). Publication date 28 October 2010, will be sent out when arrives.

Globe and Laurel payment has been made by Visa.

Ken Weldon Globe and Laurel rep, Peter sends information to Ken, please send any items you would like in the G&L to Ken, a final draft is sent to Peter before forwarding to G&L for publication.

John Connolly, injured policeman and former RM, has been invited to attend the Corps Birthday as our guest but he did not respond.

Jim Withers will be conducting the Corps Birthday Service.

**Proposed**

Gordon Moore

**Seconded**

Ticker Ayling

All in favour

**Correspondence Inwards**

- Letter from Government House from His Excellency the Right Honourable Sir Anand Satyanand GNLM, QSO, advising his new title.
- CO of 45 Commando regarding the Memorial Garden Condor in grounds of old CO's residence requesting donation (Woodlands Garden Memorial Project Condor) as they need to raise £150k.



- Email from Brian Bartlett, Honorary Life President, Northern Region RMA UK, who will be visiting NZ, with a response from Peter that we propose that he joins us at our next meeting on 5 February 2011.
- Letter from Watties Hawkes Bay for sponsorship for Corps Birthday.
- Thank you email from Geoff Hayward, Chairman Poole and District Branch as James Roots gave him a banner whilst attending their meeting.
- Email from Terry Bartlett, Queensland Branch regarding the Veterans National Defence Medal – covered under Vice President's Report.

### **Correspondence Outward**

- Email response to Geoff Hayward.
- Thank you email to Watties for their support.
- Email sent from the President to Leh Puhini – daughter of Jock Fraser – all well there.

### **President's Report**

- David Wilcox, President Victoria Branch, passed away 1 October. We sent our condolences to Taff Boyer and Peter sent a condolence card to his widow.
- BAFA social on 11 September at the Birkenhead RSA, there was a good turn-out with 15 of our members in attendance. There is a potential for more get together functions with them.
- We had an enquiry from Pamela Henry-Lamb regarding interest in attending our church service for the Corps Birthday, but did not want to join us at lunch.
- Chalky Carr is arranging a Corps Birthday in Christchurch on 5 November, has about 9 interested in attending.
- A few of our members in Christchurch sustained some damage during the earthquake, with a few losing bits of chimneys and rooves, but only superficial damage.
- Armistice Day Parades 11 November, Peter attending the Pt Chevalier RSA service, Gordon Moore, Max Beare and Ticker Ayling the Auckland City one.
- Armistice Day Parade 7 November St Matthews in the City, communication by Peter closer to the date to remind people of this. Would be a good idea to join with the BAFA on this march.
- Goodbye to Steve Ritson and Georgie as they are heading back to the UK next week.
- Steve thanked everyone in the RMA for their friendship over the last 5 years, and we may see them again.

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

- Website update – there is a memorial on the opening page for David Wilcox.
- NDM – National Defence Medal – there hasn't been a medal since WWII from the UK, with a change in the government the UK are now trying to reinstate this medal, there is a push on the government to do this. There is a link on our website to this.



- There are a few old photos on the website, but we would like a lot more. If you send any through, please include names, the year and what it is about. Please pass or email these to Phil Ayling.
- Polo Shirts, we looked at the Gold Wire Company in the UK, these could cost up to \$50 each including Postage and Packaging. Phil has sourced shirts with embroidery for around \$35 to \$40 per shirt.
- Phil to send order form for shirts via email to members so everyone around the country has an opportunity to purchase one.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Current Account has a balance of	\$4,297.08
Ready Saver Account has a balance of	\$2,674.84
Term Deposit (maturing 15/12/10) has a balance of	\$6,000.00

Thank you to those who have paid their membership fees and Corps Birthday tickets.

Peter sent out an all points bulletin this morning reminding members for payment. **COULD ALL MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT YET PAID THEIR SUBSCRIPTIONS PLEASE DO SO ASAP. CHEQUES FOR \$20.00 (AUCKLAND MEMBERS) AND \$15.00 (OUT OF AUCKLAND MEMBERS) PAYABLE TO THE ROYAL MARINES ASSOCIATION AND SENT TO JACQUI MELLAMPY AT 2 BANK STREET, MOUNT EDEN, AUCKLAND. PETER WILL BE SENDING OUT PERSONAL LETTERS SOON TO THOSE THAT REMAIN OUTSTANDING.**

Please, if you use electronic banking, put your surname in the fields so we can track who has deposited funds.

We have 56 confirmed for the CorpS Birthday, 44 have paid already.

<b>Proposed</b>	Steve Ritson
<b>Seconded</b>	Peter Collins
	All in favour

### **Secretary's Report**

Thank you to Jacqui for taking the minutes.

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

Good to see Edwin Barton and Harold Robinson here today.

Peter visited Peter Gosling in New Lynn recently. Edwin calls Peter's wife Nancy regularly and gets updates. He is in good spirits.

### **Report from Standard Bearer**

Standard not presented recently.



### **Globe and Laurel and Publications**

All items to Ken Walden as noted earlier in the minutes.

### **Corps Birthday**

Peter has spoken with the manager of the Birkenhead RSA, Gary Cooley, regarding the catering for the Corps Birthday. We need to give the caterers two weeks' notice therefore 15 October is the cut off date.

Invite to Gary Cooley, son-in-law of deceased member Bill Hale, to the Corp Birthday.

Gwen Hale and her three daughters may also attend.

Proposal that the RMA pay for Gary and his wife and Gwen and her daughters to attend the Corps Birthday as we have enough funds to do this.

**Proposed**

Peter Collins

**Seconded**

Bob Reay

All in favour

45 Commando Memorial Garden – proposal that we donate the proceeds from the Corps Birthday raffle to this Memorial Garden; Peter to write personal cheque and Treasurer reimburse.

Proposal that the balance of the raffle money gets donated to the memorial gardens.

**Proposed**

Rob Morrice

**Seconded**

Ticker Ayling

All in favour

### **General Business**

Gordon Moore is available for the Battle of the River Plate parade on 12 December.

James Roots gave Peter Collins the publication 'Remember'.

Max Beare, received a medal from the Malaysian Government; this is for anyone serving between 1957 to 1966. A few members have sent away for theirs previously.

Request to send an email to the Secretary of the Poole Branch for our thoughts to 'Flames' for his upcoming surgery.

Johnny Bull passed away recently.

Does anyone know of a bandsman called Nooland? See if they would like to join us at the Corps Birthday.

Proposal from Phil Ayling that we hold a mid-winter social, we could join with other groups like the BAFA etc.

Peter Collins agreed to discuss this with our Entertainments Officer, Brendon Johnson.

Max Beare sent a cutting from a recent edition of the Rodney newspaper with Brendon Johnson in it.

Next meeting 11 December at the Pt Chevalier RSA.

Meeting closed at 3.20pm.