

**National Executive Meeting of the NZ Malayan Veterans Association (Inc) and
Representative Branch Delegates held at the Hamilton Combined (RSA) Services Club 50
Rostrevor Street Hamilton at 11:15 am 16th July 2011.**

Present:	National President	Mr Len Knapp
	National Vice President	Mr Terry Bennett
	National Secretary	Mr Hiro Hamilton
	National Treasurer	Mrs Barbara Allison
	National Executive Member	Mr Mike Cooney
Representative Delegates	Mr Colin Moana	Turanganui a Kiwa Eastlands (Secretary)
	Ms Ripeka Moana	Turanganui a Kiwa Eastlands
	Mr Pat Kupenga	Turanganui a Kiwa Eastlands
	Mr Bill Mayor	Whangarei
	Mr Matt Cropp	Tauranga (President)
	Mr Paul Anderson	Tauranga (Secretary)
	Mr Peter Gallacher	Rotorua (President)
	Mr Henry Knapp	Waikato (President)
	Mr Brian Sherbourne	Waikato
	Mr Tom Te Apatu	Waikato
	Mr Graham Hall	Eastern Bay of Plenty (Secretary)
	Mr Russell Byrne	Tauranga (Advisor NZMVA)
Observer	Mrs Nada Byrne	Tauranga

Welcome: National President Mr Len Knapp

Karakia: Mr Tom Te Apatu

Last Post: National Secretary: 30688 Col Thomas Arthur Aldridge
40890 Francis Gerald (Gerry) Brunell
39367 Messines Milton (Joe) George
39367 Blackie Mangu Graham
475244 Richard (Dick) Gwynne
584865 Francis Tuhoe Lambert
43749 Mark George McWinnie
37708 Raymond Arthur Penny
647593 Kerehi Grace (Kerry) Royal

Ode: Mr Bill Mayor Whangarei

Apologies: National Executive Member Mr Barry Allison (Editor Communications
Q Store)
Mr Ray King-Turner(Advisor/Researcher)
Mr Howard Wilson
Far North Mr Ross Sleeman (President)

North Shore	Mrs Lillian Wells (Secretary) Mr G (Joe) Bregman Mr Joe Panaho
Manurewa	Mr Trevor Dean (Delegate) Mr Theo Brunt (President)
Rotorua	Mr Aidan Donner (Secretary) Mr Henry (Teach) MacCowan (Delegate)
Turanganui a Kiwa Eastlands	Mr Ratu Reedy (President)
Taupo (Pending Branch)	Mr Ray Dunbar
Wanganui	Mr Brian Simmons (Secretary) Mr Brian Frost
Wainuiomata	Mr Barry Renshaw (Secretary) Mr Bill Russell
Christchurch	Mr Muka Mayes
Southland	Mrs Linda Duncan (Secretary) Mr Bill South (President)
Apologies sustained:	Mike Cooney / Terry Bennett Carried

Minutes of the Previous National Executive of the NZMVA (Inc) and Representative Branch Delegates held at the Manurewa RSA on the 17th July 2010.

“It was resolved and seconded that the above minutes of that meeting, having previously been recorded and matters discussed, be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting”

Mr Mike Cooney / Mr Peter Gallacher
Carried

Matters arising from those Minutes: Trade marking matters to be discussed in GB

Reports:

National President: Written report sighted but not received

National Vice President: Responsible for “Constitution matters”

National Secretary:

1. Correspondence received from Mr Bill Russell Wellington Proposal for a “Malayan Veterans Day” celebration.
2. Correspondence received from Mr Brian Simmons re Mr Brian Frost be granted Life Membership of the NZMVA (Inc)

3. Correspondence received from Neville Harris Registrar of Incorporated Societies The Required Registry Key is 8708036

Summary:

1. That the “Malayan Veterans Day” celebrations are held together with the “Merdeka Day” celebrations held on the 31st August every year. A number of NZMVA Branches celebrated Malayan Veterans day during this date. The Malaysian High Commission in Wellington celebrates “Merdeka Day” at its residence and has an open invitation for any NZMVA member to attend providing the National Secretary is contacted so that numbers attending can be notified to the Malaysian High Commission for catering purposes. In 2011 the National Secretary attended along with 10 members of the NZMVA together with 400 others.
2. Brian Frost Life membership of the NZMVA (Inc) on the recommendation of the Wanganui Branch Secretary Brian Simmons and his covering letter, Brian Frost has been granted Life Membership of the NZMVA effective from this date. Further to this Mr Len Knapp recommended that Life Membership be also considered for Mr John Millar. The National Secretary will be required to provide a profile for Mr John Millar to further progress this recommendation.
3. Registry Key: Information for the National Treasurer Mrs Barbara Allison

Further National Secretary Report:

Your National Executive Members have the interest of all those that served in Malaya Borneo, Singapore and other world conflicts at the forefront in serving the best interest of these veterans when issues of welfare and other benefits are brought to the attention of our National Meetings.

Proactive Branch Reports:

I am therefore asking all NZMVA branches to be more proactive in providing branch reports that identifies the welfare of veterans in your branch areas. There are a number of veterans that have excelled in your communities; there are others who have been content to just quietly get on and do some good things without all the fuss and lime light. There are others who are now “in old age” These veterans are worthy of a mention in your branch reports. Branch social gatherings is another form of being a “health provider” These gatherings can take many forms; at the end of the day building good branch activities bring back many memories of those service days. Every one of us that are veterans have a responsibility to contribute to your local area war history archives, I am asking you all to find a way in how this history can be preserved. Old photo’s, old uniforms, are treasures (taonga) make sure these do not disappear, if you have stories, have someone record these, then make sure they are kept safe somewhere.

Branch Report guidelines.

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| 1. The welfare of veterans | 2. Your branch activities |
| 2. Inter branch activities | 4. Any veteran visitors |
| 3. National Executive visit | 6. A worthy project |
| 4. Branch Reunion options | 8. Branch National Executive Minutes are you receiving these |
9. NZ Malayan veteran's website is this helpful
 10. Selamat News letter we need branch input, veteran input
 11. NZMVA Q Store clothing, sales, we need ideas
 12. 2011 BGM Reunion and NZMVA Elections 2011 for New Members

Summary:

All Branch reports including those from National Executive Members are included in folders prepared 14 days prior to the meetings. (Ideally these folders should be in the hands of all National Executive Members prior to the meetings)

Further National Secretary Administration Report:

Administration is the process pertaining to correspondence, telephone calls and emails received and answered. For a three months period this has involved 3 x A4 pages of transactions and correspondence (such as minutes and or other) sent out.

A Wanganui Branch matter of concern:

On or about the 23rd June 2011 Mr Brian Simmons the Secretary for the Wanganui Branch sent me a number of emails and correspondence regarding two issues within the Wanganui Branch.

1. Mrs Lorraine Bell who over a number of years had a small group of (Malayan veterans?) members supporting her not recognised by the NZMVA. On the other hand Brian Simmons recognised by the NZMVA (Inc) also had a small group of Malayan Veterans supporting this Wanganui Branch and Brian as Secretary.
2. The second issue is related to Trade Marking of the "WORDS" Malayan Veterans proposed by Brian Simmons for and on behalf of the branch for which he is Secretary.

Recommendation:

The Wanganui Branch issue regarding the two groups remains an internal matter that only members within the Wanganui area can resolve. The current National Executive Members and Representative Branch Delegates are adamant that they remain neutral and encourage all concerned in Wanganui to be embracing in the near future.

Trade marking of the words Malayan Veterans. To be discussed in General Business.

"That the National Secretaries Report received"

Hiro Hamilton / Barbara Allison
Carried

Nil matters arising from National Secretaries report:

National Treasurers Report: 4 x Pages tabled

Summary: Current Bank Balances

ASB Operating Cheque Account No 123063020122500 Credit Balance **\$7791:53**

Term Deposits:

1. 72 term deposit \$22,550:00 3.50% matures 14.08/11 reinvested on maturity 5 monthly. Total interest for this financial year \$657:35 and is paid into our working chq account on maturity.
2. 86 term deposit \$6573:98 3.75% matures 08/07/11 interest compounds and is automatically reinvested on maturity 5 monthly

Total Balance: **\$36915:51**

“That the National Treasurers Report be received and Accounts approved for payment”
National Secretary Re-imburement total \$269:00 (Photocopy ink, travel, and letter head disc)

Mike Cooney / Terry Bennett
Carried

Acknowledgement: Mr Bill Mayor thanked the treasurer for her financial report

Representative Delegate Reports:

1. Mr Colin Moana Secretary Turanganui a Kiwa Eastlands: Written report tabled.
Introduction Hosting the 2013 National Reunion
History RSA, 2NZE, KSEAF and NZMVA members
Membership Meetings at Ruatoria, Gisborne, next Wairoa
Remit Change of date International Wine & Food Fest
Financial Colin Tester Treasurer of Branch.

Remit proposal outcome: Change of date approved.

“That the NZMVA Constitution 9(A) Biennial General Meeting words ‘**in October**’ to be deleted”

Mr Colin Moana / Paul Anderson
Carried

2. Mr Peter Gallacher President Rotorua. Written report tabled
Membership 2 Life, 1 complementary, 2 Co Patron NZMVA,
6 associate, 11 members total 22
Recruitment 2 new members a possibility

Welfare 2 member's hospitalised, no serious ill health
 A Malayan veteran who lives alone in Putaruru
 has severe cataract in one eye. Doctors will not
 operate until he goes blind. This is a funding
 issue that the RSA needs to attend to.

Funerals attended 3 funerals T Mataira, Bill Pike, Jim P

Financial \$1000-00 1RNZIR Reunion, \$500 EQ Appeal

Anzac Parade Australian visitors 4 arrived out of 22
 Branch Maori Members are also members of
 the Te Arawa Maori Returned Services League
 All Parade activities well supported

Royal Gift Altar Cloth to Haane Manahi (28th Maori Battalion)

Memorial now held at the RSA, displayed in a glass frame.

Annual Snooker Tournament well supported

Annual Christmas Dinner: The Chinatown Restaurant. A big turnout.

Rotorua RSA Elections: Peter Gallacher re-elected as President, John
 Treanor Vice President, Peter Seymour Executive Member

Known Rotorua INZRegt members 8. 2NZRegt members 13

3. Mr Bill Mayor Whangarei Written report tabled
 There are several veterans in the Whangarei / Lower
 Northland Region that are either NZMVA members or
 Whangarei Malayan Veterans Association (Inc) members.
 (Summary two individual groups) Content with what is
 happening NZMVA wise. Possibly Whangarei RSA will isolate
 itself from the RNZRSA. NZMVA Website helps to keep in
 touch with all that is happening. Not likely to attend the 2011
 National Reunion in Hamilton.

4. Mrs Claire Wesley Ashburton Written report tabled
 Branch monthly meetings held on a Sunday well attended.
 Social hour dinner followed by the meeting. Levels Golf Club
 Food seems to be a good reason for going back there every
 alternative month. Anzac Day 2011 was cold and wet. Jim
 Leak and Devon Wells layed the wreath for Malaya and
 Vietnam Veterans. Last Post lost two foundation members
 Hudson Harris and Bruce Wesley. Jim Tate now a resident in
 Rosebank rest home. Two new members have joined the
 Ashburton branch with the membership now at 31. October
 2010 met up with the National Secretary and those travelling
 South where we joined together for dinner. This group called
 in again on their return to Christchurch, by this time Bruce was
 at home and able to meet Hiro and his friends. All regards to

the National Reunion 2011.

5. Paul Anderson Tauranga Verbal report

6. Henry Knapp Waikato Written report tabled
Last Post: Blackie Mangu Graham died just 3 months prior to the National Reunion 2011 in Hamilton. Blackie carved Mauri o Nga Toa and donated this to the NZMVA in 1983 for use and display during the NZMVA National Reunions. Unfortunately the fragility of the carving has meant that its retirement is now at Te Hopa Hopa the Sir Bob Mahuta University. Reunion 2011 planning is progressing well with registrations sooner rather than later. Monthly meetings are shared between 3 RSA's Ngaruawahia, Hamilton and Te Awamutu. This allows veterans to attend 1 meeting in 3 as driving for a number of veterans is an old age problem. Branch Patron is Nania Mahuta

7. Mr Graham Hall Secretary Eastern Bay of Plenty
The NZMVA Selamat News Letter has been a useful tool for a number of veterans within the branch. There are a number of Navy veterans within the EBOP area.

8. Mr Brian Simmons Secretary Wanganui Email report received.
Membership: 5 NZMVA members and 9 wives, widows and associate members. There has been an attempt by Mrs Loraine Bell and her associates to stop our raffle night in the Wanganui RSA. There is a number of other Malayan Veterans in Wanganui but they do not want to become involved any further. The NZMVA needs to progress the Trade Marking issue so that Mrs Loraine Bell can be removed. This can be done "On Line" cost about \$100 dollars. Welfare: Brian Frost is at home after having had a triple bypass. Both Brian and I will not be available for the delegates meeting.

9. Mr Russ Byrne Report regarding the Snooker Tournament 2011 held in Hastings. 16 NZMVA members took part in this tournament. Next tournament to be held in Gisborne.

"That all NZMVA representative delegate reports be received"

Mr Peter Gallacher / Mr Colin Moana
Carried

General Business:

1. Medallion Recognition Submission. Recommendation: No further action to be taken.
2. Trade Marking. Mrs Barbara Allison Reporting:

Overview:

Trade Marking is not as straight forward as one would think, but involves a careful understanding of what is required, not only of the “words” or the “logo” or the “colours” patented for example on shirts, caps, blazer pockets, size, etc across all NZMVA Q Store items, but that there is a particular financial cost factor required for each item. The question therefore, is it worth spending a considerable amount of money on these items for what gain?

Motion:

“That, trade marking of the “M” lapel pin should be considered, as the only item for trade marking registration”

Mr Graham Hall / Mr Mike Cooney
Carried

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 2:10 pm with a Karakia by Mr Colin Moana Turanganui a Kiwa Eastlands Branch Secretary. Next National Executive Meeting to be held at 11 am at the Manurewa RSA on Saturday the 10th September 2011.

President: _____

Date: _____