

# 2007 ANNUAL GENERAL & DELEGATE'S MEETING

## 1.0 ROLL CALL:

The following people registered for the meeting:

### National Executive:

Len Knapp	National President	19 Clematis Ave, HAMILTON	07.849.7549
Jim Perry	National Secretary	1 Burndale Terrace, MANUREWA	09.266.0289
Russell Byme	National Treasurer	56B Hynds Road, Greerton, TAURANGA	07.578.4855
Red Hooper	'Q' Master General	33 Mt Roskill Road, Mt Roskill, AK	09.620.5092
George Smith	National Executive	7 Walnut Avenue, ASHBURTON	03.308.4055

### Branch Representatives:

Ross Sleeman	Kaitaia - Far North	4 Peninsula Parade, Hihi Beach, MANGONUI 25	09.406.0452
Bill Mayor	Northland Mid-North, Kaikohe	High Street, WHANGAREI	09.438.0431
No Representative	North Shore	2/576 Beach Rd, Rothersey Bay, AK (Red Hooper did report for this branch) 2/278	09.476.7677
John Murray	Westem Districts.	Shirley Rd, PAPATOETOE	09.277.8310
No Representative:	Manurewa	55 Rogers Rd, MANU REWA	09.268.8986
Theo Brunt	Manurewa	2 Priscilla Crescent, HAMILTON 6/277	07.843.7627
Victor Aubrey	Waikato	Williams Street, Te Awamutu 9A	07.870.2262
Brian Sherborne	Waikato	Russell Avenue, NGARUAWAHIA 356	07.824.7462
Ray Morrissey	Waikato	Maungatapu Road, Tauranga.	07.544.2224
Paul Reddish	Tauranga	15 Mahanga Road, Fairy Springs, ROTORUA	07.347.7273
Dick Frew	Rotorua	198 Clayton Road, ROTORUA	07.348.9359
Aiden Donner	Rotorua	63B Polson Street, Wanganui	06.344.4303
Peter Gallacher	Wanganui	21 Dickson Cres, Hornby, CHRISTCHURCH	03.349.5988
Brian Frost Muka	Canterbury	4/54 Pages Road, CHRISTCHURCH	03.981.3227
Mayes Fred	Christchurch	18 Eton Street, ASH BURTON	03.307.8199
Watts Bruce	Ashburton		
Wesley			

### Observers:

Claire Wesley	Ashburton	18 Eton Street, ASH BURTON	03.307.8199
Trevor Dean	Life Member	39 Christmas Road, MANUREWA 5	09.2666511
Peter Pexton	Life Member	Tobruk Road, WELLSFORD 2/80	09.423.9505
Fred Clarke	Life Member	Gosford Drive, HOWICK	09.534.2665

## 2.0

### WELCOME:

National President, Len Knapp welcomed all of the above to the meeting at 1117hrs .. Later, Graeme Dolan, President Manurewa RSA, extended a warm welcome to members.

## 3.0 KARAKIA:

Secretary Jim Perry delivered a Karakia, in both languages, seeking divine guidance and assistance for the positive outcome to the meeting.

## 4.0 ODE:

Russell Byrne delivered the Ode For The Fallen.

## 5.0 APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from the following persons:

- \* Jim Keremete (Waikato)
- \* Malcolm Harvey- Williams (Western Districts)
- \* Dave Hobman
- \* Brian Milton

Motion: That the apologies as presented, be received and accepted.  
Moved: M. Mayes Seconded: B. Sherbom  
Areed.

6.0 2006 MINUTES:

Motion: That the minutes as circulated and distributed and promulgated be adopted as a true and accurate record.  
Moved: Bill Mayor Seconded: Bruce Wesley  
AQreed.

Business Arising:

- 1.0 Theo Brunt asked about the fate of Remit #1 - the name change. He was told that the result was listed on page 5 & 6 of the 2006 minutes.
- 2.0 It was agreed on the voices that the Minutes be signed off.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE:

The following list of letters constituted part of the Inward Correspondence:

- a. the newsletter from Queensland
- b. application for membership - Malayan Police Field Force - Gerry O'Connor
- c. answer to "Army News" article 1 RNZIR 50 years Merdeka celebration - Laurie Collier.
- d. letter to acknowledge receipt of a letter sent to Helen Clarke re-welcome home parades
- e. letter from Ministry of Economic Development ref: lack of presentation of Financial Statements and the possible de registration of the Association.

The following list of letters were presented as part of the Outward Correspondence verbally and inside the folders each branch was issued:

- e. to Helen Clarke asking for Welcome home parades.
- f. to Gerald A' Connor to explain eligibility for membership
- g. to Brian Simmons, Wanganui - thanks for perseverance & loyalty to continue the branch
- h. the Remit being presented by MVA on behalf of the Malayan Police Field Force members.
- i. Brian Towgood following a meeting with the National President and the National Secretary. The issue was settled and was now a historical relic.

Business Arisina:

1.0 The Christchurch contingent were concerned at the removal of John Suttie from the position of Treasurer. The National Secretary asked how any other reaction could result when only two letters had been read out by John of the several written. If they had have heard the lot of the letters - and the background to the letters - they may have formed a different opinion. The Secretary undertook to send the full file of letters to the Branch. In spite of many promises and urgings from the Executive, the audited statements were not in the offing.

The Ministry of Economic Development had threatened to remove the Association from the Register of Incorporated Societies because of the lack of audited statements of accounts. This would then open the Association to investigation and scrutiny by the Inland Revenue Department and could cost the Association thousands of dollars as we could become responsible for paying taxes on monies collected over many years back - and the IRD are not restricted by the Statute of Limitations.



## 9.0 REPORTS:

### From The Executive Committee:

1.0 Association National President Report:  
questions.

Len circulated his report. No discussion or

Motion: That the President's Report be received and adopted.

Moved: Len Knapp

Seconded: Theo Brunt.  
Agreed

2.  
0 Association National Secretary Report:

Circulated in folders titled: A Momentous Year.

3.0 Association Merchandising Report:

Red Hooper reported \$1953 value sold. More  
Lapel pins, Pockets, and other bits 'n pieces need to be ordered.

Motion: That the Merchandising Report be received and adopted.

Moved: Red Hooper

Seconded: John Murray  
Agreed

### From Affiliated Branch Reports:

4.0	Manurewa:	Presented by Theo Brunt.	(Attached)
5.0	Waikato:	Presented by Brian Shergood.	(Attached)
6.0	Rotorua:	Presented by Aiden Donner	(Attached)
7.0	Wanganui:	Presented by Brian Frost.	(Attached)
8.0	Ashburton:	Presented by Bruce Wesley	(Attached)
9.0	Christchurch:	Presented by Muka Mayes	(Attached)
10.0	Northland:	Presented by Bill Mayor	Verbal
11.0	W~stem Districts:	Presented by Red Hooper	(Attached)
12.0	Tauranga:	Presented by Dick Frew	(Attached)
13.0	Far North Kaitaia:	Presented by Ross Sleeman	(Attached)
14.0	North Shore:	Presented by John Murray	Verbal

### From The Reunion 2007 Committee:

Muka Mayes reported.

- a. Enrolments disappointing at the moment.
- b. The branch has enough power to raise the necessary money to run a successful Reunion.
- c. Funds have been made available from various agencies, and continuing raffles will fill gaps.
- d. Thanks to the un-named branch and the individual for the funding support.
- e. Burnham trip on. Lunch at the camp, after tour.
- f. The Reunion Dinner will be held at a Chinese establishment. Only those who pay fees ahead will be catered for. Latecomers will pay for their own meal.
- g. Saturday morning - Biennial General Meeting.
- h. Programme for ladies organised for Saturday morning.
- i. Saturday afternoon free for men.
- j. Sunday night dinner in the RSA.
- k. A good time is in the offing, so come along.

The National Secretary proposed a vote of thanks to Christchurch for accepting the challenge of conducting the Reunion given that they had run the 2003 event, and the that Taupo offer had fallen over. Acclamation.

Waikato delegates made it known that they were in the wings, and prepared to help Taupo had they asked for it, but no-one came forward to help the sole Taupo person.

President, Len Knapp thanked all for their reports.

Announcement Of New Branches:

The National Secretary mentioned that there were two new branches:

- 1.0 Evan Black, Porirua, had started one on the western coast above Wellington.
- 2.0 Marlborough - Blenheim had been resurrected by Peter Callahan.

No news of the Wairoa branch had been heard.

Bona Fide / Non Bona Fide Membership:

Bill Mayor asked for a decision on the status of people who are non-Association members but qualify because they served in the Malaysian region and who choose to attend the Reunion. Do they have the right to do so?

An attempt to move this issue to General Business failed.

The debacle from Tauranga was recalled.

It was resolved that: The Branch sponsoring the Reunion may decide who is allowed to attend the Reunion, but the decision on those permitted to attend the Biennial General Meeting and to speak and vote, is covered in the Constitution. If they are not Financial Members to the National Association, they do not attend the Biennial General Meeting and speak and vote.

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ That the Reports be received and adopted.

Moved: \_\_\_\_\_ Russell Byrne. Seconded: \_\_\_\_\_ Theo Brunt.  
AQreed

10.0 REMITS:

The Meeting considered FIVE particular REMITS as listed below. The results and some reasons are also listed. The REMITS agreed by the meeting will appear on the Agenda of the Biennial General Meeting 2007 and be considered by the membership and adopted if so wished.

REMIT 1.0

"That the following clause be added to the section of the CONSTITUTION. 2.

OBJECTS:

(E) To form a Widows, Wives and Families Section as a support group for the with reciprocal Association support for Widows, wives and families.

The National Secretary presented the REMIT on behalf of the National Executive.

Discussion ranged from the ability of widows and wives to become Associate members if they were offered the position, and likening the group to the 28 Maori Battalion support group which had become "bloody dangerous in the Whangarei area" according to Bill Mayor!

On the show of hands, REMIT One was LOST.

REMIT 2.0

"That the following clause be added to the section of the CONSTITUTION

(F) To care for the health and welfare of the members of the Association.

The National Secretary presented the REMIT on behalf of the National Executive. Discussion ranged from the definition of what welfare meant and how it could be applied .. The members found difficulty in divorcing themselves and their thinking from what the RSA does, even though they were urged to apply the principle of the

health and welfare being the state of how healthy the Association is, and how that transposes to its membership. The members were urged to think of health of the membership in terms of upgrading personal skills and knowledge ..

Motion: That the REMIT be amended to read:

*To care for the health and wellbeing of the members of the Association.*

Moved: Rotorua Branch Seconded: Tauranga Branch

The amendment was put and became the MOTION.

The amendment became the substantive motion and was then put. It was a~reed.

Bill Mayor reminded the meeting that the REMIT would be renumbered as (E) prior to presentation at the Biennial General Meeting.

REMIT 3.0 "That the Association change its name to:

MALAYA, BORNEO & SINGAPORE VETERANS ASSOCIATION (Inc) New Zealand.

The National Secretary presented on behalf of the National Executive. Discussion ranged widely.

Motion: That REMIT 3.0 be withdrawn.

Manurewa Branch  
AQreed.

REMIT 4.0

That the following alteration and amendment be effected to the section of the CONSTITUTION, being:

Moved: Whangarei Branch Seconded:

7 NATIONAL EXECUTIVE:

. (A) The National Executive shall consist of a President, two Vice Presidents, up to eight National Executive Officers - all of whom will have portfolios - a National Secretary, and

The National secretary presented on behalf of the National Executive. Discussion centred on the SWOT Exercise the Delegates had entered into at the 2006 meeting. The results had led to a Business Plan and the Diagram Of Responsibilities. The National Secretary attempted to explain what the Responsibilities involved and the need for those coming on Board to accept they will be given portfolios and the chance to create a small locally based support group.

It was resolved that sub - paragraphs 6 & 7 A would be rewritten.

Motion:

That REMIT number 4, with corrected reference to paragraphs 6 & 7 A, be taken to the Biennial General Meeting.

Moved:

a Treasurer, or a combination of the latter two.

Rotorua Branch Seconded: Waikato Branch  
A~reed.

REMIT 5.0 That the Paid Life Member category of membership be rescinded and be replaced by a Twelve Year Decade Member category.

The National Secretary opened discussion citing himself as an example of having had ten years without paying any subscription fee, but enjoying the rights and privileges of membership since the time when his Annual Membership equivalent ended. In fact the Association was left to operate on the lessening subscriptions of Annual Members. Over 1500 members had paid the Paid Life Member subscription, after which no funding could be expected from this group.

The Twelve Year Decade Member would still pay the lump sum, which would be equivalent to a ten year subscription. However, as a bonus, the Twelve Year Decade Member would be granted two years free membership. Thereafter, the member could revert to Annual Membership, or take up another Twelve Year Decade subscription. The new charge would not apply until after the Biennial General Election of 2007, should it be accepted by members.

Motion: That the Twelve Year Decade Member category be taken to the Biennial General Meeting for decision.  
Moved: Whangarei' Seconded: Manurewa  
A~reed.

11.0 SPECIAL BUSINESS

THE SELAMAT:

Barry Allison presented a series of requests, as Editor of Selamat.

- a. Feedback: He would welcome feedback. Give it direct to him, and not behind his back.
- b. Changes of Address: Please notify Barry directly so Selamat can be re-directed.
- c. Widows: If they wish to receive Selamat, pay the fee.
- d. Tourists: If taking photos, remember the 5 W's - Who  
 What  
 Why  
 Where  
 When.

celebration of 50 years since first military service in Malaya - Palmerston North. If going, don't forget the 5 W's.  
 Bob Kingsley - Tauranga - will take on the task. The developer of the website - Mr Sheldon - has not yet charged

- e. 1RNZIR: anything.  
 able to be delivered by email, but Barry has to have current email addresses (The National
- f. Website: Secretary and the National Treasurer would like a list too!).  
 available by entering it on Google NZ.
- g. Selamat: it is easy to do. Barry attended the John Collins tangi and recruited six or so people, took their money and sent their names to the National Treasurer. (National Secretary
- h. RNZAC: note: Carry a couple of membership forms with you to public meetings, funerals and such like BUT
- i. Recruiting: get their contact details - addresses, phone numbers, etc)

The National Secretary proposed a vote of thanks to Barry for the continued good work he provides to the Association by being the Editor of Selamat. Carried with acclamation.

12.0 GENERAL BUSINESS:

The President asked each person around the table for any General Business:

(Northland) Bill was concerned at talk about "our branch" instead of "OUR ASSOCIATION".  
 He was also concerned to see members wearing KEV badges, as we never fought for it.

Bill Mayor: Victor Aubrey: (Manurewa) Asked how many present members served after 1965. He expressed a point of view that all those who were present except for two, were "old". He was concerned at the age. Victor maintained that present members had only old ideas, and couldn't relate to the younger members. What the Association needed was younger members to bring new ideas to the meetings. The National Secretary stated he felt offended by the statement as it inferred that he and others had no brains. Victor went on to say he would have been the youngest there if Paul Reddish (Waikato - Ngaruawahia) had not been there.

*(Footnote: The member was not in possession of the new system Diagram of Responsibilities to make the statement about no new ideas coming in. Nor was the member aware that many of the people present were part of the historical makeup of the Association, and indeed were responsible for many - if not all - of the items members currently enjoy. In that respect the National Secretary was offended by Victor's statements and the insensitive nature and lack of background knowledge inherent in the comments tabled.)*

Brian Frost: (Wanganui) To safeguard the name and integrity of the Association, Wanganui was suggesting the Association TRADEMARK the name. It would cost \$250 initially, but could save the Association lots if it found itself in a similar situation to that when the Wanganui and Wnangarei chapters broke away.  
Recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_ That the National Executive investigate the possibility and present a recommendation to the BGM.

Aiden Donner: (Rotorua) He was pleased that he had been able to refer to an article printed by the National Secretary in a copy of Selamat which answered the age old questions - why should I join the Association? What's in it for me? He thanked the National Secretary for the article.

Ray Morrissey: (Waikato) Related having spoken to the President of the Taradale RSA who was curious about a display sign left at Taradale RSA following a National Reunion. It was explained that the Reunion was advertised for Napier, but was held at Taradale. (Secretary note: Napier RSA was rebuilding at the time) The Napier Branch presented the display sign to Taradale Branch, so it is the property of Taradale RSA.

Theo Brunt: (Manu rewa) "Invites all members to the 2009 National Reunion to be held at Manurewa RSA.

Russell Byrne: (National Executive) Nominated Walter Netto, a Malaysian Citizen with permanent residency in New Zealand, as an HONORARY MEMBER of the ASSOCIATION in accordance with Paragraph 3D of the CONSTITUTION. (Full Nomination text attached.)  
Manurewa Branch seconded the nomination.  
The meeting agreed.

National Secretary: 1.0 Notified the members of the awarding of a Hamilton City Councillor with a OSM medal for visiting Timor as a Councillor. Russell Byrne has written a letter of protest to RNZRSA..

2.0 Suggested that there were enough members in the Wellsford / Warkworth region to form a small branch. Peter J:>exton begged to differ. Names will be forwarded later.

There being no more business, the President asked the National Secretary to close with a Karakia. Closed at 1625 hours.

#### CERTIFICATION OF CONFIRMATION:

Moved: \_\_\_\_\_ Branch: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Member: \_\_\_\_\_

That the minutes above are a true and accurate record of the business that was transacted at the meeting of the Delegate's at the Annual General Meeting of the Association on 21 July 2007.

Seconded: \_\_\_\_\_ Branch: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ President

Date: \_\_\_\_\_