

**National Executive Meeting Minutes of the NZ Malayan Veterans Association  
Incorporated, held at the Manurewa RSA at 11am 11<sup>th</sup> June 2011**

Present: National Vice President: Mr Terry Bennett  
National Secretary Mr Hiro Hamilton  
National Treasurer Mrs Barbara Allison  
National Communications  
National Q Store, and  
National Selamat Editor Mr Barry Allison  
National Executive Members Mr Mike Cooney  
Mr Ray King-Turner

Branch Representatives: Mr Bill Mayor Whangarei  
Mr G (Joe) Bregman North Shore  
Mr Joe Panoho North Shore  
Mr Trevor Dean Manurewa  
Mr Sam Carroll Papakura  
Mr Paul Anderson Tauranga  
Mr Colin Moana Gisborne

Observers: Mr Russell Byrne  
Mrs Nada Byrne

Apologies: National President Mr Len Knapp  
National Executive Member (Received by Email) Mr Howard Wilson

Welcome: National Vice President: Mr Terry Bennett

Last Post: List of 22 names read out by Mr Paul Anderson

Including: Major Bill Pike  
WO 1 Doc Schwass  
DCM TH (Tom) Tuhiwai  
Jim Perry Ex National Secretary NZMVA

Ode: Said by Mr Barry Allison

Confirmation National Executive Minutes dated 5<sup>th</sup> March 2011 held at the Hamilton Services Club (RSA) Hamilton

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

Barbara Allison / Mike Cooney  
Carried

Matters arising from those minutes: Nil

**National Presidents Report:** Nil received

**National Secretary:** Administration Report tabled (41 items)

Matters arising from that report:

- Barry Allison re - 22 March website contact Peter Fitzgerald
- National Secretary, Mr Archie Dawson Complaint. This matter dealt with, NE Minutes sent to complainant. No further need for discussion.
- Paul Anderson Tauranga Branch Secretary addressing his letter to the NE Dated 16<sup>th</sup> May 2011. This is a Constitution matter, resolved that the NE Vice President will further identify the issues and report back to the next NE Meeting.  
Summary: From Paul the BGM is a NZMVA membership meeting.

Barry Allison / Mike Cooney  
Carried

**National Treasurer Financial Report tabled:**

Operating cheque account No 12 3063 0201225 00 as at 9/06/2011 credit balance \$8118:55

Term Deposits: Two investment accounts 72 \$22,550:00 3.50% matures 14/08/11  
86 \$6573:98 4.90% matures 08/07/11

Combined Balances: **\$37,242:53**

Q store: Sales: March / May 2011 **\$705:00**  
Purchases: March / May 2011 **\$1142:89**

Christchurch Earth Quake Appeal:	Tauranga Branch	<b>\$1000:00</b>
	UK Branch	<b>\$100:00</b>
	NZMVA	<b>\$500:00</b>
	Manurewa Branch	?

It was further approved that the NZMVA contributes another **\$1000:00** to this appeal

Discussion by Russell Byrne and Paul Anderson:

The Tauranga Branch have made it clear that their donation be made available to individuals rather than buildings

Report tabled and Accounts for payment (\$3272:35)

Barry Allison / Mike Cooney  
Carried

### **National Q Store Report Barry Allison**

The Quarter Masters Report itemises stock on hand and available for purchase. These are berets, ties, block polo shirts, green polo shirts, lapel badges, blazer pockets, one jersey, two obsolete windbreaker pockets, and two embroidered monograms.

NZMVA Marching Flags with Poles, three flag belts and three pair's bearer gloves embroidered with the NZMVA Logo. These resources are available for branch and individual use, but will be required to pay for transportation and returned after use.

Contact for the Q Store orders: Barry Allison 6 Coldstream Road Kaiti Gisborne 4010  
Telephone (06) 867 7248 Email: [bazbarbzingizzie@xtra.co.nz](mailto:bazbarbzingizzie@xtra.co.nz)

Barry Allison / Ray King-Turner  
Carried

### **Selamat Newsletter Report by Editor:**

- 569 individuals and organizations have access to the Selamat News Letter either by mail or Internet.
- Overseas distribution 50 addresses 21 mailings (for those members having paid from one to 12 years) 9 life members and 5 complimentary
- NZ distribution 329 mailings, 138 life members, 20 widow complimentary, 18 x 12 year members, 6 x complimentary and legal requirements, 3 Co-Patrons, 5 x merit life members, one x WW11 veteran complimentary. Remainder annual members.
- Contributions and information including photo's to the News Letter Is being encouraged by the editor, specifically photographs of any description can be used. Anzac Day Parade photographs 2011, only received one such copy. Branch Social events, old veteran stories are **all news letter items. Remember to provide the following information. WHO, WHY, WHAT, WHERE & WHEN.**

Barry Allison / Mike Cooney  
Carried

**Website Report tabled by Barry Allison on behalf of the Webmaster Mr Bob Kingsley:**

- Website: [www.malayavets.co.nz](http://www.malayavets.co.nz) continues to be well patronised
- 1,139,680 hits on the site over the last yearly period, 50,000 of these numbers have browsed the site.
- Contacts made for various reasons, people searching for relatives, friends, etc, has also been made on this website.
- 180 registered members use this website; all are current financial members of the association. Two members are registered on the website; but are not financial of the NZMVA and therefore some restrictions apply.
- Colin Heke provides a good pricing deal regarding this website; such as domain name registration fee and website hosting fee.
- On the negative side information, articles, photographs etc remain a barrier to the efficient use of this website. Email the web master for any advice or guidance if you have any doubts, veteran stories, and photographs maketh this website.
- If you want to look at the usage statistics email the web master for a copy.

Barry Allison / Ray King-Turner  
Carried

#### Reports National Executive Members:

Mike Cooney	Nil to report
Ray King-Turner	Christchurch Branch

The Canterbury branch maintains its morale and enthusiasm in spite of two major earthquakes and thousands of after-shocks. A brave Anzac Day Ceremony was held in North Hagley Park clear of the city. Numbers were down but the spirit of the occasion was business as usual. The Governor General was in attendance. One supporter was the Very Right Reverend Peter Beck Dean of Christchurch Cathedral, even though his Church was destroyed. He remains a good friend of all Malayan Veterans. The branch now meets in the Papanui RSA due to the damage in the Armagh Street RSA, the Sumner and New Brighton RSA buildings that are also closed. Many amongst the Malayan Veterans of Christchurch have sustained damage to their private homes. We may be shaken but we remain a close family alongside other veteran members in Christchurch. We are grateful and

thankful for the donations to the Christchurch Earthquake appeal.

NZ Malaysia Veterans Dibutylphthalate Exposure Project: Tabled:

Summary:

1. Studies show a statistically significant increase in cases of hypospadias and breast cancer, and an increase in hypospadias incidence in DBP exposed veterans compared to the general population.
2. This work was made available to the Scientific Journal "Human Reproduction" for Publication in December 2010 but was rejected. *"They did not accept that DBP binds to the estrogen receptor because its action has been attributed to inhibition of the synthesis of testosterone. They did not accept that general population data should be used for the studies. They wanted specific data for the incidence of disorders in NZ"*
3. Refusal by a Journal does not mean that the conclusions are wrong, but rather that there might be flaws in the argument.
4. A decision from the Journal is expected in 6 months time.
5. An invited Public lecture in the Auckland University "Seasons of Life" Series in November 2010 included a section on the NZ Malaysian Veterans Study, which was received very well and led to many searching questions.

Professor Ian Shaw will be attending the NZMVA National Reunion in Hamilton Labour Weekend 2011 and will speak for 30 minutes during the Reunion Dinner. He will be accompanied by Mr Ray King-Turner during this time.

Barbara Allison: National Executive Name Tags.

This matter has been on-going over a number of years. Trevor Dean Manurewa Branch provided an example of his personalised name tag. Mr Russell Byrne also gave his view point on this matter along with Barry Allison. Resolved that this matter be further looked at and costs identified.

Mr Russell Byrne: In the previous NE Meeting the issue of Veteran Membership (Bosnia, East Timor, Solomon Islands) was raised, and I was asked to look into the feasibility of including these veterans as members to our association. Russell brought to the attention of the meeting that we are "Malayan Veterans"

Mr Barry Allison: Barry thought that opening our ranks to include these veterans was a positive outcome, and that sooner or later the Association would "die" if we did not do this.

There was a variety of opinions expressed around the meeting, but no positive outcome was achieved.

#### Branch Reports:

Trevor Dean	Manurewa Branch There are about 70 – 80 members that recently we held a dinner that included Vietnam veterans. Mr Theo Brunt is not well and is in and out of hospital on a regular basis.
Bill Mayor	We are the Far North Branch, I probably got my dates mixed up thinking this was a delegates meeting.
Paul Anderson	Tauranga Branch. We hold our meetings monthly during the day as we are all retired. We have \$14000 on term deposit and make donations to Secondary Schools.
Joe Bregman	We meet every two months. We are not sure how many veterans are in our area. We are not very financial.
Colin Moana	Written Report tabled. Turanganui Eastlands Branch that takes in Wairoa Gisborne and the East Coast. We are thankful that we have three NE Members in our Region. Our Branch Fees are \$5 dollars per member; we have 31 paid up members and 10 NZMVA financial members. All financial members are deemed committee members. There are approximately 56 known veterans in our area. Welfare: Recently we have made application to NZ Veteran Affairs in particular a WRAC that served in Singapore. Unbeknown to her she did think she was eligible for help from NZ Veteran Affairs. A matter that we look for guidance on is the issue of the 2013 Reunion that we will host in Gisborne. Labour Weekend in Gisborne during this time is hosting an International Wine Festival. We would like to move our Reunion to another date if the NE could look at this for us and during the National Delegates Meeting in July we hope to have resolved this matter. Self sufficiency is the current aim and goal for the branch.
Terry Bennett	Eastern Bay of Plenty Branch. The Doug Belsham Merit

Award previously brought to the attention of the NE to support the Eastern Bay of Plenty recommendation to the RNZRSA. This matter has now been officially recognised. The Eastern Bay of Plenty Branch Committee still remains the same, with a Bank Balance of \$3000 dollars. NZMVA to write to the Committee in support of this Merit Award

General Business:

1. NZMVA Annual Snooker Tournament 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2011 at the Hastings RSA
2. Prof Ian Shaw Presentation at the BGM in Labour Weekend 2011 will be 30 minute Power Point Presentation. Costs to be paid for by the NZMVA such as travel and accommodation.
3. An Invitation to be sent to Mark Stewart. Hamilton Branch Organising Committee to action.
4. National Executive Committee Members:

Mr Ray King-Turner	Christchurch
Mr Hiro Hamilton	Wairoa
Mr Terry Bennett	Whakatane

Have given notice that they will not be seeking election to the National Executive Committee at the BGM 2011

5. Next Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> July 2011 at the Hamilton RSA (National NZMVA Branch Delegates Meeting)
6. Next National Executive meeting 10<sup>th</sup> September 2011 at the Manurewa RSA

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 2:30 pm with a closing Prayer by the National Secretary

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Mr Terry Bennett  
National Vice President

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