

# **RNZN COMMUNICATOR'S ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**1 October 2018**

Time: 1100

Date: Saturday 1 October 2018

Venue: Birkenhead RSA

## **Welcome:**

The Association's President Rod Berry opened the meeting welcomed all attending members.

**Present:** Rod Berry, John Titmus, Dave Carroll, Frank Lewis, Sandy Watson, Jim Blackburn, Brian Henman, Red Mathews, Colin Burgess, Gary Houghton, Frank Rands, John Titmus, Barry King, Leigh Staples, Greg Hanson, Vicki Reti, Dale Leggett, Dearne Berry, Barry Jordan, Mike Dinwiddie

**Apologies:** Chris Farrow, Chuck and Ali Berry, Paddy Long, Jim and Vicki Dell, Jim Cassin, John Bullock, Jan Luttrell, Denis Powell, Neal Catley, Colin Newport, Peter Smith

## **Minutes of the previous AGM 30 September 2017**

Matters arising:

### **Presidents Report**

The President Rod Berry presented his report

Proposed by Gary Houghton

Seconded by Sandy Watson

## **Financial Report**

The Treasurers Report was received

Proposed by Barry Jordan

Seconded by Dave Carroll

On completion of the Treasurer's Report Sandy Watson resigned as Treasurer.

A unanimous vote of thanks to Sandy from the membership

## **Correspondence**

Summary of the in/out correspondence of the Association

Letters to/from Minister of Defence – SEA Medallic Recognition

Letters to/from Minister of Veterans Affairs – SEA Qualifying Operational Service, Veterans Advisory Board and Recommendations from the Paterson Report

## **Election of the Executive and Committee**

The following nominations were received for the Executive

President                Gary Houghton

Vice President        Jim Cassin

Secretary             John Titmus

Treasurer             Dearne Berry

The following nominations were received for the committee

Frank Rands, Brian Henman, Dave Carroll, Dale Leggett, Jim Blackburn

Greg Hanson, James Cassin, Vicki Reti, Rod Berry, Barry Jordan

No other nominations were received so voting was not required.

The membership unanimously agreed to the new executive and committee.

A special vote of thanks to the outgoing President Rod Berry

Proposed by Jim Blackburn

Seconded by Frank Lewis

### **2018 RNZNCA Reunion Taupo 16 – 18 March 2018**

This event went off very well and a great attendance.

Special thanks to the organising committee who did an outstanding job

### **South East Asia Medallic Recognition**

An update was provided.

Further correspondence has been exchanged between the Minister of Defence, Chief of Defence and the Association

Progress is slow but continuing to keep the pressure up

Action: JT RB FR

### **Veterans Support Act**

Engagement continues with VANZ on the following matters

Naval Membership on the Veterans Advisory Board

Review of Qualifying Operational Service pre 1974

Action: JT RB FR

### **HMNZS Irirangi Heritage Status**

Frank Lewis provided the membership with a briefing on progress to establishing a permanent memorial on a site near the old Irirangi.

### **Communicator of the Year 2018**

The Communicator of the Year 2018, Ruth Slight and Jim Dell Trophies will be presented sometime in November 2018. Process is well underway to select the appropriate participants

### **RNZNCA Reunion 26 – 28 March 2021**

Arrangements are well underway for our next Reunion in New Plymouth.

The Novotel Hotel has been booked for the Reunion

The meeting closed at 1200