



**HMNZS OTAGO ASSOCIATION**  
**Minutes of the Meeting**  
**For Meeting to be Held Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2008**  
**8 Awatea Road, Parnell**

1. **Present:** Jim, Richard, Bruce, Maurice, Humphrey, Fred and Noel
2. **Guests:** Banjo Patterson, John Butcher and Mike Kirk.
3. **Apologies:** Max and Murray.
4. **Minutes of the Last Meeting:**

The minutes of the last meeting were taken as being a true reflection of the meeting.

**Moved:** Noel

**Seconded:** Humphrey

Carried.

5. **Matters Arising:**

Medals – Jim advised that Dr Aaron Fox had resigned from committee which was undertaking the review of medals, hence no further action has been taken and matters have come to a halt.

6. **Correspondence:**

- Noel advised that he had received advice from Naval Staff that the association's application for its annual grant would not be considered until August. Noel had asked for the decision to be reconsidered however nothing has been heard to date.
- It was advised that Jeff Brown has paid \$5 Aust towards his annual subscription. The Committee asked that Secretary to have another go at seeking the balance from Jeff.

7. **Financial Report**

The Treasurer advised that the association was financially sound and had the following monies in its bank accounts of as at Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2008:

00	<u>Society Cheque</u>	\$3,153.42
72	<u>Retail Term Investment</u>	\$15,157.30
75	<u>Retail Term Investment</u>	\$6,461.92
76	<u>Retail Term Investment</u>	\$5,419.72
<b>Total of Bank Balances</b>		<b>\$30,192.36</b>

**Moved:** Richard

**Seconded:** Mike

Carried

8. **Membership**

Noel advised the memberships comprised the following types of members:

- 171 Life Subscriptions
- 45 Current memberships (2009 to 2012)
- 7 Special Memberships
- 54 Members who had not paid their 2009 subscription (Unfinancial)

**277 Total**

A reminder notice had been sent with the latest edition of the Claymore to all whose membership had lapsed.

**Moved:** Noel

**Seconded:** Humphrey

Carried

9. **Board Position**

Jim moved that Banjo Patterson be co-opted onto the Board.

**Seconded:** Noel

Carried

## 10. Adding Value

After discussion about what we offer members, it was agreed that Banjo would become the Functions Organiser and would arrange a casual luncheon once a month for members based in Auckland. It was also mentioned that it was hoped that the Regional representatives would organise something similar in their areas.

**Action:** Banjo and Area Representatives.

## 11. Slops Report

Jim advised that John Bass had taken over the Slops Role from Mike. Mike was thanked for all his efforts in the past. Jim advised that a sub committee comprising himself, John and Noel would be established to review the slops being offered to the membership.

**Action:** Jim

## 12. Claymore

The latest edition of the Claymore has just been mailed out. Members should receive it early next week. Jim advised that Murray was now living in Australia but that this did not impact on compiling the news letter. Jim said that it had been difficult filling the newsletter and he asked the Board to send in Ditties and photographs.

It was agreed that we should profile at least one member in each Magazine. Fred agreed to take on this task.

**Action:** Fred

## 13. 2008 Reunion

Jim advised that the reunion in Bribie Island was a huge success. There were a few hiccups with the RSL but these were resolved. The AGM went well and there were no issues raised by members.

Jim offered a special of thanks to those in Australia who helped to make the event such a success. These were Evan Jones, Mac McKenzie and Des Otto. Jim said this team were very helpful and special mention was made of Mac's contribution, especially the hosting of the Sunday BBQ. Padre Colin Boxer's involvement was also much appreciated.

The team were also involved in ANZAC day.

## 14. 2009 Reunion

It was agreed that the 2009 reunion would be held in Auckland. A sub committee comprising Richard, Maurice and Bruce would be responsible for organising the event. They are to report back to Jim by the end of August outlining what is proposed.

**Action:** Richard, Maurice and Bruce.

## 15. 50th Anniversary Reunion

2010 is drawing closer and it was agreed that Noel and Jim were to remind Naval Staff of the Otago's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The following was a list of actions that need to be actioned:

Item	Whom
Date set for 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2010	In Dunedin
Send Reminder letter to the Chief of Navy	Noel
Contact the PR Officer for Navy	Noel
Establish a local committee	Gary Mowat
Contact Mayor	Gary Mowat
Advise Regional Council	Gary Mowat
Ask for New Otago to Be present	Noel
Ask for Band	Noel
Recommend recruitment drive at same time.	Noel
Invite Sea Cadets	Gary Mowat
Invite Naval man's Association	Gary Mowat
Invite RNO	Gary Mowatt
Put on Website	Frank
Advise Navy News and RSA Today	Noel

Some of the above actions can not be taken until the Navy's involvement can be confirmed.

### **16. HMNZS Otago Update**

John gave the meeting a brief update on what was happening with the new ship. There are a number of issues which need to be resolved before the ship will be received into the Navy. The ship's crew are currently in New Zealand waiting advice from the contractor that the ship is ready to hand over.

### **17. Welfare**

Jim advised that John Stables had received about 13 responses following his presentation in Bribie Island.

### **General Business**

18. **Website** – Frank Rands was doing a great job of maintaining the association's website. Noel asked members for photographs so they could be scanned and put in the website gallery. John Butcher was going to provide some new photos including some on the layout of the ship.
19. HMNZS Waikato reunion - Labour weekend 2008 (24-27 October)
20. RNZN Communicators reunion 2009 will be held in Nelson, 20-22 March 2009
21. Sydney - All sailors from all RNZN ships Easter 2009

### **22. Crossed The Bar**

Graham Cahill

### **Next Meeting**

14<sup>th</sup> September and Pinesong Village, 66 Avonleigh Road, Green Bay with Humphrey and Marjorie.