



**W3 RNZIR AGM held Rangiora RSA  
Thursday 28 November 2024**



**82 Victoria Street, Rangiora Canterbury 7400.  
Venue for 2025 Reunion - 26 and 27 November 2025**

### **Minutes of W3 RNZIR AGM held at Rangiora RSA Thursday 28 November 2024:**

**Present:** Evan Torrance, Bill Blair (chair), Doug Mackintosh, Jim Oliver, Bill Compton, Frank Ryan, Dick Bennett, Lewis Pagan, Andy Anderson, Bill Hansen, Neil Ure (treasurer), Pat Barrott, George Preston, Dave Gunderson, John Nicolle, Trevor Phillip, Roy Whatarangi, Nigel Clifford, Ian Caldwell (secretary).

**Apologies:** Denny King, John Leatham, Bruce Young, Ron Lichtwark, Jim Cutler, Craig Cocker, Walter Goodman, Fred King, Mark Binning, Ngatoko Kupe, Grahame Edwards. Tony Panirau. (RIP)

Moved: Andy Anderson, seconded Bill Hansen. **APPROVED**

REFLECTION ON OUR THREE KIA AND SIXTEEN WIA MEMBERS PLUS THOSE WHO HAD PASSED SINCE OUR RETURN HOME. A moment's silence and the ODE was recited.

### **Minutes of 2023 AGM at Papanui RSA November 2023.**

Accepted as true and accurate statement as shown on Whiskey 3 RNZIR Website.

Accepted: Moved Pat Barrott, seconded John Nicolle. **APPROVED**

**Matters arising from those minutes:** Nil

**Correspondence: Inward and Outward:** Nil

**Finance:** Report by Neil Ure:

- **Income:** \$4128.55 (Bank Deposit), \$1500.00 (Vietnam Families Trust)
- **Expenditure:** \$1033.00 (Papanui RSA)

**BALANCE:** \$4595.65

Moved: Neil Ure, seconded Ian Caldwell. Finance report is **APPROVED**

### **General Business:**

**Future care of the W3 RNZIR website:** [www.w3vietnam.org.nz](http://www.w3vietnam.org.nz). Bruce had researched the future possibilities of this website including funding and maintenance.

Background – MCH regards the W3 Coy website as a significant asset for researching New Zealand's contribution to the Vietnam war. If accepted, MCH would be asked, (By Bruce) to host and pay for all costs. They would also be required to manage updates, and Bruce would continue as editor for the foreseeable future.

After discussion it was agreed that the action put forward by Bruce Young, via Ian Caldwell, that the website be placed in the care of the Ministry of Culture and Heritage, (MCH) for future hosting was supported.

Moved: Bruce Young and seconded by Ian Caldwell. **APPROVED**

## **Reunions:**

### **The question was asked, do we continue having reunions as we are at present?**

If we do so, what is to be the regularity and structure suggested? How do we spread the venues around to be fair and even out the costs for travelling members?

What could we get for the ladies to do while the AGM is on?

There was discussion around where and how often reunions should be held.

Evan Torrance commented that as long as we were able to extract funds from either Veterans Affairs, through the travel fund, commemoration and remembrance for those entitled to it we should continue with instructions for those entitled. Initially there was \$2500 for veterans to attend reunions and or travel to their battlefield. Get Bruce to place on the website.

Discussion on venues and timings concluded that as there were no really favourable venues among the North Island RSA's at this time and the Defence Force venues were now not suitable, we would return to the Rangiora RSA on the 26 and 27 November 2025.

Moved: Bill Blair and seconded by Ian Caldwell. **APPROVED**

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 1000 hours on Thursday 28 November 2024.

Chairman: Bill Blair - Secretary: Ian Caldwell