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# RAILWAY CRAFTSMEN NEWS

Newsletter of the Railway Craftsmen's Association  
of New Zealand

## 2013 PICTON MEETING REPORT

A very successful event was held in Picton to conduct a 2nd Degree on a railway candidate, Brother Scott Pickering, who works at the Blenheim Freight Centre. VWBro Phil Wagener acted as Master for the ceremonial and several RCA brethren assisted throughout the ceremony. A General Meeting was also held and the minutes appear later in this issue. Several brethren travelled over by ferry from the North Island and there was also strong support from South Island brethren for this event. The meeting was conducted at The Waitohi Lodge No.111 in Devon Street, Picton. An officers list and more details are on Page 2.

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## 2013 PICTON MEETING REPORT (CONT)

Master	VWBro Phil Wagener
Senior Warden	WBro John Lockyer
Junior Warden	VWBro George Stables
DC	WBro Allan Beck
Chaplin	WBro Rodney Mayo
Senior Deacon	WBro Rowdy Robertson
Junior Deacon	WBro Neville Gibbs
Inner Guard	RWBro Warren Workman

Test Questions	WBro Tony Bascand
P.G& PW	WBro Allan Beck
Obligation	WBro Tony Rich
Secrets	VWBro John Crouch
Charge after Invest	WBro Jack Robertson
Charge in the S/E	WBro Chris Hobbs
Working Tools	
Square	WBro Noel Mangin
Level	WBro John Lockyer
Plumb Rule	WBro Ron Mail
Tracing Board	VWBro Malcolm Stone
Final Charge	VWBro Dick Williams

The working was followed by toasts in the lodge room, then a dinner with ladies was held at the Picton RSA. Brunch was held at Sue and Allan Becks house on Sunday morning before the North Island brethren caught the ferry back to Wellington. Thanks go to WBro Rowdy Robertson for organising the logistics, Bro Jonathan Brunton for looking after us on the ferry. WBro Allan Beck and his wife Sue for hosting the brethren at the Sunday brunch, all the brethren who participated in the working, the Master and Officers of The Waitohi lodge No.111 for hosting us, WBro Kerry Spinks for the photos and (last but not least) Bro Scott - who checked himself out of hospital just in time to attend the ceremony!



Bro Scott Pickering being congratulated by VVBro Phil Wagener



Sunday Brunch



Left - The Railway Craftsmen Officers line up L-R VVBro Wagener, WBro Lockyer, WBro Mail, WBro Mayo, WBro Beck, WBro Robertson, WBro Gibbs, RWBro Workman. VVBro Wagener issued each warden with Gavels and also note the Deacons wands which are crafted in the shape of whale harpoon tips.

## 50 YEAR SERVICE AWARD

### Right Worshipful Brother David Marshall - Past Deputy Grand Master

RWBro. Marshall was presented his 50 Year service award by VVBro. Mike Kendrick PDistGM at Lodge Awatea No. 258 in Palmerston North on the evening of Thursday 2nd May 2013. The lodge room was packed with brethren and ladies for the ceremony which was testimony this very popular Brother. Many Railway Craftsmen were in attendance and greetings were given in open lodge from the Railway Craftsmen's Association.



These photographs originate from, and are with the compliments of "Timbro productions"

# Railway Craftsmen's Association of New Zealand

## General Meeting Minutes

(draft until confirmed)

Minutes of the Ad Hoc General Meeting of the Railway Craftsmen's Association of New Zealand held at The Waitohi Lodge No.111, Picton at 1430hrs on Saturday 16 March 2013.

Present: Some 19 members were in attendance

### Chairman's Welcome

The chairman (WBro Tony Rich) welcomed all members to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance and thanked all those doing charges in the upcoming 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree working. He commented that he would be standing down at the 2013 AGM Meeting.

### Apologies

WBro Nicholson, WBro McRoberts, RWBro Polkinghorne, WBro Smith, RWBro Marshall, WBro Fox, all Lodge Waitohi RCA members (who were inside the lodge room opening the lodge).

### General Business

#### Upcoming Meetings

There was the possibility of an installation and AGM in early November. This would be conformed and advised to all members.

WBro Rich would be installed in to the chair of Hawkes Bay Daylight lodge in February 2014. Details to be advised.

#### Station Bell

WBro Lockyer commented regarding the Paekakariki Station Bell. Ho had met with the family of one of the brother associated with this bell and it was their wish that the bell be returned to the Station Museum. A case would be made for the bell and a plaque attached. This would be paid for by arrangement between the family and the Railway Craftsmen's Association. WBro Douglas would liaise with the museum, WBro Lockyer would liaise with the family and VWBro Wagener would liaise with the NZ Army to see if they wanted any involvement. This was Moved WBro Lockyer, Seconded WBro Wolfsbauer and **Carried**.

#### Tablet Donation

WBro Lockyer donated an Ohau - Bluff tablet to the Association to be given to all RCA Masters being installed. This was gratefully received.

Meeting Closed 1447hrs

## **KEEP IN TOUCH!**

Brethren - please keep in touch with the Secretary/Treasurer regarding any workings or bereavements of Railway Craftsmen. Please also bear in mind that RCA members can be presented an Installed Master's apron on being installed in to the chair of King Solomon for the first time. Advice to the Secretary/Treasurer means that details can be distributed amongst the membership. We rely on YOU to be our eyes and ears out there! Your assistance would be appreciated. Important - please send photos of any event you attend to the Secretary/Treasurer for inclusion in this magazine!

# KiwiRail EXPRESS MAGAZINE

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## RAILWAY CRAFTSMEN APRONS

Aprons are available for Railway Craftsmen's Association members who are being installed in to the chair of King Solomon. Please advise the Secretary/Treasurer if you know if any members who are to be installed. This will allow the presentation plaque and presentation of the apron to be arranged. It will also allow for wide distribution of the installation date amongst our members. Your assistance with this is appreciated.

## RAILWAY CRAFTSMAN MERCHANDISE



Merchandise is now available for purchase from the Secretary/Treasurer. There are only a few left - so be in quick to secure your order using the order form below. We will order more merchandise from the supplier if necessary. An order form appears below.



### RCA MERCHANDISE ORDER FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

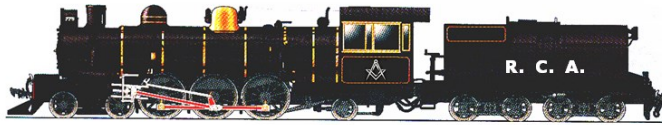
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Item	No.	Price	Total
Railway Craftsmen Tie	—	\$21.00	_____
Railway Craftsmen Cap	—	\$13	_____
Railway Craftsmen Lapel Badge	—	\$15.00	_____
Postage		\$5.50	
		<b>Total</b>	_____

Send (with payment) to: Adrian Douglas, Secretary/Treasurer, Railway Craftsmen's Association. C/- 57 Meadowcroft Grove, Johnsonville, WELLINGTON 6037. Please make cheques out to the Railway Craftsmen's Association.

**Internet Banking** - payment can be made in to the following Account:  
**01-0527-0007014-00** ANZ Bank Marlborough Branch - Railway Craftsmen's Association.  
 Please include surname and AGM as reference and advise Secretary/Treasurer when payment made.



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## MEMBERSHIP FEES - 2012 / 13

Please note membership fees for 2012/13 are now due. If you have paid at the 2012 AGM or since you are up to date. Please contact the Secretary/Treasurer if you are unsure of your financial status with the Association.

## Railway Craftsmen's Association of New Zealand.

Membership application & renewal form.

NAME:

Date:

ADDRESS:

LODGE NAME & NUMBER:

Receipt Required: Yes\* / No

MASONIC RANK:

PHONE NUMBER:

E-MAIL:

Subscription to October 2013

**\$ 10.00**

Donation to Apron Fund (optional)

\$.....

Donation to the Association (optional)

\$.....

\$15.00 for the Railway Craftsmen's lapel badge (optional)

\$.....

TOTAL ENCLOSED

\$.....

Please return to: Adrian Douglas  
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