



**Brig Brett Chaloner CSC – Patron**

**Minutes of the Harbord RSL sub-Branch 68<sup>th</sup> AGM  
Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March 29, 2022 – at 1130hrs  
Face to Face and Zoom (Z).**

**1. Meeting opened:** At 1130am by President Sean Rout and advised the meeting was also via “Zoom” (Z) and that the meeting is now **being recorded**.

**1.1 Quorum:** achieved.

**2. Declare any Conflict of Interest.** None declared.

**3. Welcome guests to AGM; Bob Lunnon interim President of NB RSL District Council and President of Forestville sub-Branch who was warmly welcomed by members.**

**3.1 Attendees:** Sean Rout, Pam Hansen, Wendy Machon (Z), Christine Frith(Z), Don Williams, Scott West, Ken Covey, Peter Erickson, Merri Mack, Robert Low, Denis Lynch, Robert Dodds, Karl Delaney, Barry Artup (Z), Cameron Thomas, Jordan Thornicroft, Peter Rawling, and Lloyd Keen.

**3.2 Apologies:** – BRIG Brett Chaloner CSC, John Platt CSC, John Oliver, Joan Tucker, Anne Trimble, Alex Trimcevski, Lt Col Nick Misko, Lt Col Jacqueline Costello, Lt Col Geoff Costello, Tom Gleeson, Victoria Felsman, Brodie Felsman, Paul Jacks, John Wackett.

**3.3** Sean asked Hon Sect., if there were any new members present. None.

**4. Stand in Memory of Fallen Members** – one minute silence.

**4.1 Pledge Allegiance** was given to the Commonwealth of Australia and to the constitution of RSL Australia

**5. Minutes of the previous meeting: Hon Secretary – Pam Hansen**

Hon. Secretary advised that she had circulated the minutes to the membership.

**5.1 Business arising:** Nil.

**Adoption of the Minutes**

**Moved by: Ken Covey Seconded: Peter Rawling.**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the 67<sup>th</sup> AGM as circulated, be accepted, and signed as a true and accurate record.

**6. Correspondence: Hon Secretary.**

**6.1 Correspondence Inwards & out:** Was tabled and read by Hon Secretary – Note: all correspondence will be posted on the website and RSL NOTICES are on the RSL NSW website.

**6.2 Business arising:** Nil

**6.3 Adoption of the Correspondence**

**Moved by: Merri Mack and Seconded: Denis Lynch**

**7. President’s AGM Report was given by Sean as circulated. Sean also played a message from our, Patron Brig Brett Chaloner CSC, which was well received.**

**Miam points as follows:**

**2021 - Anzac Sportsman’s of War” luncheon, honouring Wallaby and WW1 Anzac, Lieutenant Tom Richards MC, was a sell-out.**

This year’s lunch is **on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**, at which we will be paying tribute to **Cecil Healey**, and was **sold out by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March.**

**Our 2021 Anzac Day service** was well attended, the guest speaker was our sub-Branch member Flight Lieutenant Tom Gleeson, who was a highlight. This year’s parade will form up at 0740hrs and the service will start at 0800hrs, followed by a “gunfire breakfast” for veterans.

**Our Objectives.** We continue to work towards achieving our main objective, of increasing our “Service membership” by 30% over 3 years. We started in late 2019, and of February this year, our sub-Branch has over 47% of new service members.

**Our Meetings.** To attract younger members, we change the number of meetings from 9 to 6. We now start them at 6pm instead of at 5.30pm and they are also on Zoom. Having winter and summer breaks, of two months each, also helps. This helps younger veterans attend meetings.

**Our Veterans’ Health Week.** This has become a significant part of our yearly calendar and again was staged last year. A big thanks to Harbord Diggers in supporting our veterans. **DVA was moved to send a congratulatory letter to our sub-Branch, praising our efforts.**

**Jacka Park Memorial – Refurbishment.** After receiving an NSW government grant of \$25,000, this long overdue project is well underway, with outstanding support from Council. We are confident to have it finished in time for Armistice Day, this year.

**RSL NSW.** Good news is that NSW at last have agreed NOT to levy any “capitation fees” on sub-Branches. This will result in “NIL” membership fees for our members in 2022. They have suggested that all sub-Branches invite their members to support their sub-Branch with a voluntary **administration fee** of not more than \$15. **We will start an aggressive marketing drive** to recruit new service members before Anzac Day 2022.

**Our Patron:** Brigadier Brett Chaloner CSC, assumed command of the 13<sup>th</sup> Brigade based in Western Australia in late 2020. In late 2021, Brett re-raised the famous 10<sup>th</sup> Light Horse Regiment, as part of his command and it was granted the “Keys to the City of Perth”. Brigadier Chaloner continues to build the 13<sup>th</sup> Brigade. Our sub-Branch is proud to have Brigadier Brett Chaloner CSC, as the first patron of our sub-Branch, in forty-two years. Thank you, Sir.

To the **Diggers management and the Mounties Club, Directors, thank you** for your ongoing support of the veteran’s community here at the Diggers.

**Thanks to my Team.** To our Vice President John Platt CSC, treasurer John Oliver, a special mention to our hard-working, Hon Secretary Pam Hansen. Thanks also to our many active affiliate members who are the life blood of our sub-Branch. District Council President Bill Hardman OAM, thank you for your ongoing support. Lastly, to our new members, thank you.

## 7.1 Adoption

7.2 Mover by: **Ken Covey**. Seconded By: **Cameron Thomas**

## 8. Treasurer’s Report – Balance Sheet presented for acceptance, as circulated

8.1 Business arising: Nil

8.2 Adoption. Moved by: **Don Williams**. Seconded by: **Denis Lynch**.

## 9. Other reports – Norther Beaches RSL District Council (NBDC) by interim President Bob Lunnon.

Bob spoke about Bill Hardman OAM, stepping down from the role of president of NBDC, due to ill health, and committed to continue the outstanding work that Bill has done over many years. Bob also thanks Harbord sub-Branch president for his work and support of the NBDC. Bob talk was warmly received by the members.

**10. General Business: Peter Erickson** addressed the meeting and thank the sub-Branch committee regarding the new upgrade project for Jacka Park. Peter also made the point regarding the issue around attending the official Anzac Day service in the city.

**11. No meeting in April next meeting is 24<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm**

**Being no further general business.**

**The President recited the ODE.**

**Meeting closed at 1223hrs, which was followed by refreshments.**