



Brig Brett Chaloner CSC – Patron

Minutes of the Harbord RSL sub-Branch general meeting.

Tuesday 22nd June 2021

1. **Meeting opened:** At 6pm by President Sean Rout who advised this is also a meeting via “Zoom” (Z), and that the meeting is now **being recorded**.

Attendees: Sean Rout, John Platt, Pam Hansen, John Oliver, Wendy Machon, Merri Mack, Christine Frith, Denis Lynch, Ken Covey, Peter Harley, Robert Low, Scott West, Robert Dobbs, Tom Gleeson, Barry Artup (Z), Don Williams (Z), Lloyd Keen, Alex Trimcevski, Greg Kennelly, and Victoria Marci (New service member).

Quorum: achieved.

2. **Apologies:** – Peter Erickson, Mike Allport, Keith and Joan Tucker, Wal Edwards, BRIG Brett Chaloner, Lt Col Nick Misko, Anne Trimble, John Wackett, Selwyn King, Peter Rawlings, Francis Chaloner, Tim Mooney,
 - 2.1 Sean asked Hon Sect., if there were no new members present?
New service member, Victoria Marci was presented with her membership card and badge who then addressed the membership and Victoria was warmly welcomed.
3. **Declare any Conflict of Interest.** None declared.
4. **Minutes of the previous meeting: Hon Secretary – Pam Hansen**

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

4.1 **Business arising:** Nil.

Adoption of the Minutes

Moved by: Ken Covey. **Seconded:** Greg Kennelly.

Resolved: That the minutes of the March meeting as circulated, be accepted and signed as a true and accurate record.

5. **Correspondence: Hon Secretary.**

5.1 **Correspondence Inwards:**

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.

5.1.1 **Business arising:** Nil

5.2 **Outgoing Correspondence:**

Nil

5.3 **Adoption of the Correspondence**

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

6. **Treasurers Report – John Oliver**, tabled his report.

6.1 **Main Points:**

Income received for 1 Jan 2021 to 21 June 2021... \$11,413.

Expenditure for this month ...\$2,347

Total cash at bank ...\$47,769

6.2 **Business arising:** Christine Frith asked if the sub-Branch has “public liability” insurance cover? The answer from John was yes.

6.3 **Adoption of Treasurers Report: Moved by:** John Platt **Seconded:** Ken Covey.

7 Day Care Club – Pam Hansen

Pam advised the events are well attended and that they will be holding a Xmas in July lunch for our elder members on the 14 July at which all will received a Xmas gift.

8 Northern Beaches RSL District Council Meeting (NBDC) report:

Sean advised no meeting for June.

9 Presidents Report:

a) President advised that our sub-Branch executive team held a workshop and went through line by line the new Draft “**Company Limited by Guarantee**” (CLG) constitution and its SOP. The team found that the documents conflicted with each other on a few issues, mainly the status and role of the RSL NSW proposed “**Corporate Member**”, of each sub-Branch. The President wrote to Bill **Hardman** President of NB District Council on the teams’ findings, Bill agreed on some points raised and will re-draft both documents. Note: **Vice President John Platt CSC** asked if the draft constitution reflected the relevant government “acts”, the president advised that they do, in his opinion.

“Incorporated Association: Sean quoted a section of the minutes of the RSL NSW Board meeting held on the 28 May as follows: *“The Board agreed to consider feedback from the DPC (District President’s Council) that incorporation as an association could be achieved while maintaining the integrity of the RSL NSW Constitution”.*

b) Due to no clear direction given by RSL NSW to small sub-Branches (under \$2m in assets) on which “incorporation model” to implement... as shown in their board minutes above, our executive advised the membership that we should wait until after RSL NSW Congress, which will be held in Newcastle on the 25 and 26 October this year at which we will be represented.

c) Sean advised the membership that service member **Peter Harley OAM** has agreed to fill the vacant “Trustee” position held by life member **Keith Tucker**, due to Keith’s ill health. The president thanked both members.

10 **Veterans Wellbeing:** Sean asked for two volunteers one a veteran (Maybe new member Vitoria Marci) and one affiliate (Merri Mack has volunteered) to champion this program. It will focus on community connection... with day trips, like a visit to Garden Island, plus a coffee club and walking group, etc. We also maybe join forces with a proposed ‘Wellbeing program’ soon to be offered by the Veterans Centre at Dee Why.

***Sean, Merri, and Victoria will meet over the next few months when all are available.**

Service member Tom Gleeson commented that the special deal that our sub-Branch has with G-Fitness is a “massive draw card” for new members for the sub-Branch and supported the president stance in not allowing other sub-Branch on the beaches to be offered the same deal. The president also stated that at our sub-Branch 2019 May meeting a motion was passed that G-Fitness generous deal is for Harbord Diggers sub-Branch members only.

Note: Peter Harley, OAM asked the question on what other sub-Branches are doing with all their money? A conversation ensued.

11 Membership – Hon Secretary - Pam Hansen.

Pam updated the meeting on the membership with 3 new members awaiting approval.

11.3 **Website Analytics.** Tabled by Pam. Main points: there were over 101 new general views and 88 mobile visitors. Main points of enquires was a) Our Patron b) services c) History. Sean spoke about the QR placed on plaques in Soldiers Ave of Honor, Jacka Park and Australia Remember Northern Beaches and North Shore (committee) which takes all visitors to our website.

12 **General Business. Vice President John Platt CSC** asked members to visit Sydney Harbour Trust website to register support to preserve the “Military History” of North Fort and the School of Artillery at North Head. **Tom Gleeson** advised the meeting of the 21st Polly Pedal to be held in Canberra from 5th to 12th September. This year’s event will support “Soldiers On” and Tom will be one the Veteran riders on this 1000km ride. **Ken Covey** also advised the meeting of the Warriors Ride (motorcycle) also to be held on 11th September. For more detail on how to support both events email Pam.

Ken Covey advised the meeting that he can arrange for 12 positions to be trained in “first Aid” at no cost. Email Pam for information.

13 No meeting in July and August (winter break)

Next Meeting is on **Tuesday 28th September** at the **NEW TIME of 1800hrs (6PM)** via face to face and zoom.

Being no further general business.

The President recited the ODE.

Meeting closed at 1847hrs.