



Brig Brett Chaloner CSC – Patron

**Minutes of the Harbord RSL sub-Branch general meeting.
Tuesday 22nd November at 6pm - Face to Face and Zoom (Z).**

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

Attendees: Sean Rout, John Platt CSC, John Oliver, Pam Hansen, Ken Covey, Greg Kennelly, Scott West, Peter Rawlings, Karl Delaney, Peter Watson, Wendy Machon, Robert Dobbs, Peter Erickson, Leah Mooney, Tom Mooney, Barry Artup, Christine Frith, Lt. Col. Nick Misko, Lt. Col. Jacqueline Costello (Z), Jordan Thorncroft (Z) & Alan Stewart (Z)

Quorum: achieved.

2. **Apologies:** – BRIG. Brett Chaloner CSC, Lt. Col. Geoff Costello, Anne Trimble, Michael Covey, Denis Lynch, Lloyd Keen, Victoria Felsman, Brodie Felsman, Michael Covey, and Merri Mack, Peter Harley OAM, Alex Trimcevski, Lt. Cameron Wise & Capt. Elizabeth Lambert.
- 2.1 Sean asked Hon Sect., if there were any new members present. **Peter Watson** was welcomed by Sean; Peter then addressed the members and was warmly welcome by all.

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: Wendy Machon

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

5. **Correspondence: Hon Secretary.**

Correspondence Inwards: Was tabled and read by Hon Secretary. The president read to the members an Armistice Day message from our patron, **Brig Brett Chaloner CSC – CO 13th Brigade WA.**

- 5.1 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: Armistice Day thank you letters** were send by the President and Hon. Sect., to St Johns Primary School, Harbord Public School, Kennards Hire and Joel Davies-Sparks (actor) and the management and staff of the Diggers for their support on this special day.

5.2.1 **Adoption of the Correspondence.** Moved by: Peter Rawling and Seconded: Ken Covey

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

Main Points:

Income received from 25 Sept to 22 Nov 2022 ... \$24

Expenditure for this period ... \$15,932

Total cash at bank as of 24 Sept ... **\$63,427**

Note: \$15,188 costs on Jacka Park Project from grant funds of \$25k and is on budget.

- 6.1 **Business arising:** Nil. Adoption of Treasurers Report: Moved by: Ken Covey Seconded: Chris Frith.

7. **Day Care Club** – Pam advised that Tom Barnsley from RSL NSW Director of Day Clubs NSW Visited in Nov and gave a glowing report on how well Harbord Day Club was run and how happy the group were! Day Club will hold its Xmas party on the 7th of Dec.

8. Northern Beaches RSL District Council Meeting (NBDC) report: Sean advised Northern Beaches RSL District Council was:

- Held Tues 15 Nov at Avalon RSL.
- Wash up of Congress (main points below).
- RSL LifeCare presentation.

8.1. RSL NSW Congress & AGM – 30th Oct & 1st Nov at Newcastle.

The president advised that approval was given at Sept meeting... that our delegate(s) are to vote in the best interest of the sub-Branch members. Main points were:

- 35 motions to vote on, mainly relating to changes to the constitution. Sub-Branch vote 13 – no & 22 yes.
- Annual sub- Branches accounts – moved back to May from March.
- 25,000 RSL members – 320 sub-Branches, 29 RSL District Councils, suggested to be cut back to 23 by Jan 24, consultation to continue.

Note: About 150k Vets are in NSW. About 50% of all DVA claims are current serving ADF members.

- Sub-Branches assets- \$718m, \$298m in trusts \$116m in property, \$37m in cash and rest investments.
- NSW RSL - \$109m Assets – Liabilities \$16m – Reserves \$93m.
- Cash \$10.3m – Vets support fund \$700k (from s/B).
- HPI – Revaluation – from \$60.3m to \$63.1m (DA soon to be approved).
- 262 Castlereagh St - \$21.9m to \$22.9m Total \$86m.
- Donation to RSL LifeCare \$3.15m.
- Qld RSL Art union has been going over 50yrs. Revenue last year was about \$110m - Sales from NSW made up about 35% of all national sales. Qld RSL Art Union gave to RSL NSW this year - \$2.6m – talks are ongoing.

9. President's Report:

9.1 Jacka Park Armistice Day service - Sean briefed the members of the success of our Armistice Day service which was well attended by about 150 members and guests. At this special service the Wall of Remembrance upgrade was unveiled with both the Mayor Michael Regan and Hon James Griffin MP officiating. The president sincerely thanked his project team individually, being Pam Hansen, John Oliver, Ken Covey, Wendy Machon and Scott West who spent many hours (days) removing and polishing all the wall plaques.

Sean also thanked other members for help in cleaning being Greg Kennelly, Peter Rawling. And thanked, bus driver Denis Lynch, and our flag bearer Alex Trimcevski. A special thanks was given to Lt. Col. Karl Delaney (Retd.) for his gurney cleaning of the memorial and his outstanding master of ceremonies work on the day.

Peter Rawlings filmed the day, and then presented his 6min video to all present, which was well received, and will be posted on our website after improving the sound.

The president thanked the Soldiers Ave of Honor committee in staging the official unveiling of **Wal Edwards OAM** footpath plaque at 60 Soldiers Ave (WW2 end), on the day just before the Jacka Park service.

10. Veterans Wellbeing Program: The Veterans weekly gym sessions continues each Thursday, which will break after 15th December and restart on 19th Jan 2023.

11. Membership – 1 New member approved. Note: Ten members are currently serving in the ADF. **The website report** was also given.

12. General Business. Nil

12.1 Christmas get-together will be held on Thursday 15th Dec from 6pm to 8pm at the Diggers.

The meeting agreed - **NO cost for members who have attend one (1) or more meetings, and \$15 for members partners and others.**

NOTE: Please email your RSVP for our Christmas function to Pam Hanson by Friday 9th December.

No other general business.

Summer break - NO meetings in December or January

Next meeting 28th February 2023.

The President recited the ODE. Meeting closed at 1843hrs.