



**Brig Brett Chaloner CSC – Patron**

**Minutes of the Harbord RSL sub-Branch general meeting.  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May - Face to Face and Zoom (Z).**

- 1. Meeting opened:** At 6pm by President Sean Rout and advised the meeting was via “Zoom” (Z) and that the meeting is now **being recorded**. Sean apologies re the late movement of meeting from Tuesday to Wednesday.  
**Attendees:** Sean Rout, John Platt CSC, John Oliver, Pam Hansen, Ken Covey, Peter Erickson, Merri Mack, Scott West, Peter Rawlings, Lt Col Jacqueline Costello (z), Victoria Felsman, Karl Delaney, and Don Williams (Z). Christopher Strang, John Wackett  
**Quorum:** achieved.
- 2. Apologies:** – BRIG Brett Chaloner CSC, Anne Trimble, Denis Lynch, Lt Col Nick Misko, Tom Gleeson, Lt Col Geoff Costello, and Michael Covey. Greg Kennelly, Brodie Felsman, Alex Trimescki, Wendy Machon, Chris Frith, Frances Chaloner  
**2.1.1** Sean asked Hon Sect., if there were any new members present. President presented our new service member, Lt Commander Chris Strang with his badge. Chris addressed the meeting, and 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 Minute:** Moved by: Ken Covey. Seconded: Peter Erickson  
**Resolved:** That the minutes of the November 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 and Seconded: Peter Rawlings
- 6. Treasurers Report – John Oliver,** tabled his report.  
**6.1 Main Points:**  
Income received from 201 to 9 May 2022 ... \$30,603.  
Expenditure for this period ... \$498  
Total cash at bank as of 9 May ... **\$78,745**  
Note: Jacka Park Grant **received \$25,000** & Anzac lunch profit of \$5,598.
- 6.2 Business arising:** Nil  
**6.3 Adoption of Treasurers Report:** Moved by: John Platt Seconded: Ken Covey
- 7. Day Care Club – Pam Hansen**  
Pam advised that the second Day Care lunch for this year was held today Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May. With several newcomers attending, which was a happy and successful event.

**8. Northern Beaches RSL District Council Meeting (NBDC) report:** Sean advised NBDC met on 17<sup>th</sup> May at Dee Why, Sean was an apology with Pam Hansen attended and Pam spoke of the main issues:

**8.1** Draft of a Code of Conduct for sub-Branch committee members - was debated.

**8.2** RSL NSW - Chartable Purposes Discussion Paper – draft was debated.

**8.3** RSL Tribute Training at Forestville on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August from 2pm to 4pm – Peter Rawling volunteered. Pam will email information to see if other sub-Branch members would like to attend.

**8.4** RSL final draft of CLG incorporation SOP were presented - Sean suggested that other smaller sub-Branch have requested that RSL NSW re-consider that smaller sub-Branches should have an option of “incorporation association”.

## **9. Presidents Report:**

**9.1 Jacka Park - NSW grant of \$25k, has been received.** Sean advised the meeting of the progress of the project and commented on the outstanding support from NB Council. Ken Covey (Jacka Park Custodian) and Sean has met with senior council staff on 3 occasions and will again meet tomorrow (Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>) on site.

Ken Covey advised the members of the origin of the “obelisks”. Discussions ensued: Sean and the members thanked Ken on his outstanding detective work. Sean also advised that Council have now agreed to allow the planting of the “**Warrnambool Lone Pine**” in Jacka Park. Ken then addressed the meeting and suggested that Sean, have the honour of planting the Lone Pine instead of the mayor due to his passion of the story behind the tree and for securing the “**Warrnambool Lone Pine**” from Warrnambool Botanic Gardens in Victoria. Which was agreed to.

**Note: Member Scott West,** addressed the meeting and volunteered his services, to join the Jacka Park project working group, which was warmly accepted by the president. **Resolved:** Scott West to join the Jacka Park Project team.

**9.2 The president advised of the outcome of the successful Anzac Sportsman’s of War Luncheon** held on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at the Club. The president thanked all involved in the luncheon including Pam Hansen, Selwyn King, Dennis Lynch, John Oliver, Wendy Machon, Karren Potts and the Diggers staff.

**9.3 Anzac Day service** was well attended with sub-Branch member Lt Col Jacqueline Costello giving the main address which was warmly received. A highlight was the official RAAF fly over of a FA35 Lightning, as flown by our new sub-Branch member Squadron Leader Phill Eldridge. A gunfire breakfast followed the service for veterans.

**9.4 Sean called on anyone who could take on the role of the sub-Branch media manager. Victoria Felsman to consider the role.**

**10. Veterans Wellbeing Program:** Sean advised he had discussions with G-Fitness gym and Rebound Health who have now agreed to stage an ongoing (free) Veterans weekly gym session for sub-Branch service members. This new program will be held every Thursday at 1115hrs in G-Fitness gym and run by a Rebound Health instructor following a set program. Sean will write to all service members with the details. Which he hopes will start in the first week of July.

**11. Membership – Hon Secretary - Pam Hansen.** Pam updated the meeting on the membership with 2 new members approved and waiting on the RSL NSW badges to arrive.

**11.1 Website Analysis was advised by Pam**

**12. General Business.**

**The president moved the following motion:**

*“That the sub-Branch formally applies to RSL NSW to award Harbord RSL sub-Branch secretary Mrs. Pam Hansen, the RSL Certificate of Merit & Gold Medal”.*

**Moved by Sean Rout Seconded by: Ken Covey**

**Sean spoke to motion and stated.** *‘Pam Hansen has demonstrated outstanding service to all members of Harbord RSL sub-Branch, and Pam’s has continued her ongoing stewardship of the Harbord RSL Day Care Club, for over 13 years, and she is a most worthy applicant’.*

**Vice President John Platt CSC** also spoke in support of the motion and stated that Pam also works on several other community committees including the Australia Remembers – Northern Beaches and North Shore Committee. **Resolved:** motion carried unanimously.

**Any other general business** – Scott West suggested that we design up a ‘Certificate of Appreciation’ and forward to Jay McPhee for his generous donation. All agreed. Victoria Felsman to look at a ‘Certificate’.

**Next meeting is to be held on  
28<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm.**

**Being no further general business.  
The President recited the ODE.**

**Meeting closed at 1912hrs.**