



Brig Brett Chaloner CSC – Patron

**Minutes of the Harbord RSL sub-Branch general meeting.
Tuesday 22nd Feb - 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**.
Attendees: Sean Rout, John Platt CSC, John Oliver, Pam Hansen, Wendy Machon, Christine Frith, Ken Covey, Greg Kennelly, Frances Chaloner, Peter Erickson, Merri Mack, Alex Trimcevski, Denis Lynch, Randall Jones, Peter Harley, Robert Dodds, Lt Col Jacqueline Costello, Karl Delaney, Barry Artup (Z), and Don Williams (Z).
Quorum: achieved.
- 2. Apologies:** – BRIG Brett Chaloner CSC, Anne Trimble, Tim Mooney, Lt Col Nick Misko, Tom Gleeson, Victoria Felsman, Brodie Felsman, Paul Jacks, Robert Low, Lt Col Geoff Costello, and Michael Covey.
2.1.1 Sean asked Hon Sect., if there were any new members present. New service members, Lt Col Jacqueline Costello and Karl Delaney were present, both addressed the meeting, and they were warmly welcomed. Also new service members Lt Col Geoff Costello and Michael Covey gave their apologies.
- 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: Peter Harley
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: Denis Lynch
- 6. Treasurers Report – John Oliver,** tabled his report.
6.1 Main Points:
Income received from 20 Nov 2021 to 31 Dec 2021... \$66
Expenditure for this period ... \$1,249 (1,183)
Total cash at bank ...\$48,940.
- 6.2 Business arising:** Nil
6.3 Adoption of Treasurers Report: Peter Harley Seconded: Ken Covey
- 7. Day Care Club – Pam Hansen**
Pam advised the Day Care will restart on Wednesday 9th March

8. Northern Beaches RSL District Council Meeting (NBDC) report: Sean advised NBDC met on 17th January, via Zoom. The main issues:

8.1 Merchant Navy sub-Branch (Chatswood) was approved to become a chapter of Forestville.

8.2 NBDC AGM to be held on Tues 15 March at Forestville.

8.3 Meeting and function dates were set for 2022

9. Presidents Report:

9.1 Sean advised on the meeting of the recent RSL NSW AGM & Congress, & that both he and our Vice President attended by Zoom, over two days. Main outcomes: – Free membership for service members, with no capitation fees payable by the sub-Branchers for 2022.

❖ Assets \$93m. Liabilities \$4.7m.

❖ Retained Earnings/Reserves \$85.5m – revaluation of HPI & 262 Castlereagh St.

Note: Sean had a long phone call with **RSL NSW CEO Jon Black** and has invited Jon to our annual ‘Anzac Sportsman’s of War Luncheon’ to be held on Friday 22nd April at the Club.

9.2 Jacka Park - NSW grant has been approved. The grant of \$25,000 will be used to refurbish Jacka Park memorial site. Discussions ensued: regarding the famous words of the Turkish General Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, which are proposed to be attached to a large bronze plaque on the wall.

Also, that the marble obelisk with the words “Lest We Forget” be moved forward to highlight this special feature of Jacka Park. Sean and Ken Covey met with Council senior engineer, regarding Council offer of FREE spare granite pavers. Also, to plant a direct descendant of the original “Gallipoli Lone Pine” that Sean has secured from Warrnambool Botanic Gardens.

Resolved: That the Jacka Park project to proceed, with the proviso that “Ataturk” words be further considered and seek advice from AWM.

9.3 Veterans Health Week - The 4-day program was well received. DVA wrote, congratulating our sub-Branch.

9.4 The president presented a PowerPoint presentation of the sub-Branch new “motto” and our organisation chart. Motto being: **Working Together – Delivering Locally - Built on Community.** The chart showed all volunteer positions with 3 vacancies being a) **Grants manager** b) **Wellbeing Program** Coordinator and c) **Social Media – Trainee/intern.** The sub-Branch will launch a 3-month PR campaign to attract new service members. This will start after our AGM and will need a temporary social media person.

9.5 Two upcoming major events: Anzac Sportsman’s of War Luncheon to be held on Friday 22nd April at the Club. This year we will honour **Cecil Healy WW1 Anzac who is the only Gold Medallist killed in battle. Special guest speaker is **Tom Keneally AO**, Booker Prize winner for Schindler Ark’s, which the Academy award winning movie – Schindler’s List was based on.**

Anzac Day service will be staged at the Club – parade to form up at 0740hrs. Service starts at 0800hrs – special guest speaker our new service member **Lt Col Jacqueline Costello.** **A gunfire breakfast will follow the service for veterans.**

10. Veterans Wellbeing Program: Sean advised he is in discussion with G-Fitness gym on a staging one day a week gym session for sub-Branch veterans. (TBC).

11. Membership – Hon Secretary - Pam Hansen. Pam updated the meeting on the membership with 4 new member as per 2.1.1

11.1 Website Analysis was advised by Pam

12. General Business.

Membership drive was spoken about at length and will be discuss at the AGM.

Lunch Invitations will be emailed out soon.

**Next meeting is the AGM to be held on
SUNDAY 27TH MARCH AT 1130hrs followed by a light lunch and drinks.**

Being no further general business.

The President recited the ODE.

Meeting closed at 1925hrs.