



**BRIG Brett Chaloner CSC – Patron**

**Minutes of the Harbord RSL sub-Branch general meeting.**

**Tuesday 27 October 2020**

- 1. Meeting opened:** At 5.00pm by President Sean Rout who advised this is the first face to face meeting of the sub-Branch since February and was also meeting via “Zoom” (Z). President expressed his delight at the large number of face to face attendees present. The president asks all speakers to move to the Hon. Sect., laptop and to speak to the microphone for our Zoom members and the recording of the minutes of the meeting.

**Attendees:** Sean Rout, Pam Hansen, Peter Erickson, Wendy Machon (Z), Alan Stewart, Christine Frith (Z), Denis Lynch, Mick King(Z), John Oliver, Don Williams(Z), Robert Low, Ken Covey, Greg Kennelly, Mike Allport, Nick Misko(Z), Peter Harley, Francis Chaloner, Lee Chaloner, Les Lidbury, Val Lidbury. Lloyd Keen and new service member Alex Trimcevski.

**1.1 Quorum** achieved which is a minimum of 5 and at least 3 service members.

- 2. Apologies:** – Peter Rawlings, John Wackett, Keith and Joan Tucker, Wal Edwards, BRIG Brett Chaloner, Scott West, William Lounder and Anne Trimble.

**2.1** Sean asked Hon Sect., if there were any new members present: Pam advised that Alex Trimcevski was now a service member of the sub-Branch and was in attendance. The president warmly welcomed Alex.

- 3. Declare any Conflict of Interest.** None declared.

- 4. Minutes of the previous meeting: Hon Secretary**

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

**4.1 Business arising:** Nil

**4.2 Adoption of the Minutes**

**Moved by:** Mike King **Seconded:** Peter Erickson

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting of the 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2020, 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 on the RSL NSW website.

**5.1.1 Business arising:** Nil

**5.2 Outgoing Correspondence:**

Nil

**5.3 Adoption of the Correspondence**

**Moved by:** Peter Erickson **Seconded:** Chris Frith

## 6. Treasurers Report – John Oliver.

Hon Treasurer tabled and read his report and **is attached.**

### 6.1 Main Points:

**Income received for this month ... \$956.05**

**Expenditure for this month ... \$480.89**

**Total cash at bank ... \$39,677.91**

### 6.2 Business arising: Nil

### 6.3 Adoption of Treasurers Report:

**Moved by:** Peter Harley    **Seconded:** Denis Lynch

## 7. Day Club – Pam Hansen

Due to COVID-19, day care club will not resume until January 2021.

## 8. Northern Beaches District Council Meeting (NBDC) report:

President advised no meeting was held this month; the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 17 November at which he will attend.

**General discussion followed:** Sean advised that the President of NB District Council, Bill Harman OAM underwent major stomach and oesophagus surgery, over 8 weeks ago and is now recovering. The membership wished him well.

## 9. Presidents Report:

### 9.1 Armistice day, three (3) events are scheduled:

**a) Jacka Park at 1000hrs:** Plaque Placement Ceremony will be held for the family of long-term member and WW2 veteran Lt. Stewart E. Mansfield NX 23971. Attended by Jacka Park Custodian Mr. Ken Covey, Hon Sect Pam Hansen, and the President. All welcome with “social distancing in place”

**b) Armistice Day service at the Diggers.** All welcome, service starts at **1045hrs** with guest speaker Mr. Dale Hunt CEO of Mounties Group. Medals to be worn, you should arrive at about 1030hrs as all need to sign in to the “Ocean Terrace” and must all be seated with a limit of **100 guests**, due to COVID-19 requirements.

**c) A film called “Saluting Their Service – Veterans of the Northern Beaches”.**

This film will be launched by the Mayor on Armistice Day at 1300hrs and is partly funded by DVA. This function is limited to 30 people and only for the 10 Veterans their interviewers plus VIP’s.

**Two (2) public showing** of the film are scheduled at the Diggers club for 2pm and 6pm both sessions are limited to 40 guest, due to COVID-19 and are FREE, but tickets are required. Click on this link to book:

<https://www.eventopia.co/event/Saluting-Their-Service-Film-at-Harbord-Diggers/415467>

### 9.2 Nominations for “Life membership of RSL NSW”.

The president recommended that the membership support his nomination of two (2) long standing members of the sub-Branch for Life Membership of RSL NSW, those being: -

A) **Wal Edwards OAM** – Wal is a World War Two Veteran who has given outstanding service to the sub-Branch for over 26 years as the Welfare Office of the sub-Branch and Harbord Diggers Club. Wal will be 104 years old this November.

B) **Keith Tucker** – Keith is a World War Two Veteran and is the longest serving member of the sub-Branch. Keith is in his mid 90’s and has held many positions in the sub-Branch over a period of 40 years, including the office of Vice President for more than 10 years up till 2019.

The president stated that these nominations at this October meeting serves, as notice given of one (1) month, to the membership as required by RSL NSW. He also stated that a secret ballot is required and will take place at the November meeting. He pointed out that 75% of the membership needs to approve the nominations, before applying to RSL NSW. The ballot process will be advised before next meeting.

### 9.3 Special announcement:

The President invited Mrs. Frances Chaloner to address the membership.

*Frances (mother of our patron) addressed the membership and proudly announced that Col Brett Chaloner CSC has been promoted to the rank of Brigadier General and he has now taken command of the 13<sup>th</sup> Brigade based in Western Australia.*

A round of applause followed.

*The president thanked Frances and called on the membership to give 3 cheers for our patron **Brigadier Brett Chaloner CSC.***

**\*See attached** a message from our patron to the members and community of the 13<sup>th</sup> Brigade.

### 10. Membership – Hon Secretary - Pam Hansen.

Pam advised that we are waiting for 5 new members to be confirmed. We have 35 affiliates and one new service member taking that to 52 service members.

### 12. General Business.

12.1 President advised that the new Website is up and running (some small adjustments are in progress), with its formal launched by the Mayor on Armistice Day. Good news is that NB Council Library website will direct visitors to our history collection via their website's History Hub. Details to be forthcoming soon. Our new website address is: [www.harbordrsesubbranch.org](http://www.harbordrsesubbranch.org)

12.2 Peter Harley (service member) chair of the Soldiers Ave of Honor Committee... advised the meeting.

**A) A grant of \$10k** was given to the group to continue its great work in placing "Footpaths Memorial Plaques" in Soldiers Ave. This funding may be used to place plaques for Mal (Jock) McPhee and Steve Raffo.

**B)** The developer of a property in **Soldiers Ave** which has directly in front of the development a memorial tree and the original plinth of Joe "Iodine" Saunders, has offered to pay all costs for the refurbishment of the plinth including the costs of a new footpath memorial plaque. Joe was killed at the near end of WW1 on the front line. His story can be found on our new website. [www.harbordrsesubbranch.org/history](http://www.harbordrsesubbranch.org/history)

This developer has also offered to support the Soldiers Ave Committee's efforts in planting additional Queensland Brush Box trees.

**C)** The owners of a house with a large shed at the cnr of Soldiers Ave and Oliver St., has given support to having painted on the wall of the shed, which faces Soldiers Ave, an "art mural". This art mural will bookend the Avenue. Also the Patron of Soldiers Ave., Committee, Mr. John Thorpe OAM has donated \$2k to be use at the committees discretion for Soldiers Ave., projects.

12.3 Vice President Peter Erickson (service member) advised the meeting of his concerns relating to a Federal Government report, which if adopted will devalue the veterans TPI pension rate, ongoing. Peter will make a personal representation to our local Federal Member on behalf of local TPI veterans.

**13. Next Meeting: Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 5pm** via face to face and zoom. **This meeting will be the last for the year.**

Being no further general business, the president invited our new service member Alex Trimcevski to **recite the Ode.**

Meeting closed at 5.44pm.