



**Brig Brett Chaloner CSC – Patron**

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

**Wednesday 21 February, 2024 @ 6.30 pm.**

**Meeting opened:** The President COL John Platt, CSC (Retd) opened the Meeting at 6:30 pm and thanked all present with a special welcome to new members.

**Attendees:** COL John Platt CSC (Retd), COL Jacqueline Costello, LTCOL Nick Misko, Pam Hansen Sean Rout, Kieran Toohey, Peter Rawling, Don Williams, Peter Erickson, Cameron Wise, Ken Covey, Jamie Janes, Brad Trower, Karl Delaney, Tom Gleeson.

Guest: Julie MacColl (DVA)

**Quorum:** Achieved.

**Apologies:** BRIG Brett Chaloner CSC, Frances Chaloner, Anne Trimble, Joan Tucker, John Wackett, Peter Harley, Lloyd Keen, David Guthrie, Alex Trima, Geoff Costello, Ian Lynch, John Oliver, Wendy Machon, Chris Frith, Scott West, Michael Covey, Greg Robertson, Merri Mack, Denis Lynch. Ben Pride

- **WE HAD SEVEN NEW MEMBERS SINCE THE LAST MEETING AND THEY ARE AS FOLLOWS:-**
- Glen Little
- Luke Nelson
- Ciatlin Burghall
- Brad Trower (in attendance)
- Jamie Janes (in attendance)
- Ben Pride
- Ian Lynch (transfer from DY)

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

**Minutes of the previous meeting:**

The President advised that the Hon. Secretary had circulated the minutes to the membership.

**Business arising:** Nil.

**Adoption of the Minutes. Moved by: Ken Covey Seconded: Sean Rout**

**Resolved:** That the Minutes of the 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2023 Meeting as circulated, be accepted, and signed as a true and accurate record.

## Executive Reports

### 1. President COL John Platt, CSC (Retired)

#### Opening Notes

1. **Australia Day Honours** – Congratulations to Lt Col Nick Misko -DSM on his award.
2. **70<sup>th</sup> AGM Date** – Moved from Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March to Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March
3. **2024 sub-Branch Meetings (Align with NBDC Meetings)** – 15<sup>th</sup> May to Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> May
4. **Anzac Day & Marlins vs Rats Rugby Game** - Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April
5. **Veterans Health Week** - TBA (October)
6. **Local Legends Luncheon – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November**
7. **Remembrance Day** – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Nov
8. **Christmas Function** – TBA
9. **Life Membership** – Sean Rout (in progress)
10. **Kieran Toohey** – Community Support Advisor (NSW/ACT) Mental & Social Health programs Branch DVA.
11. **Capt Cameron Wise** appointed Hon ADC to the Gov of NSW on 19 Feb 2024.
12. **LT COL Nick Misko** – Winner of the RSL NSW Sport & Rec program prize draw.

#### COL John Platt's Overview

Executive Meeting held on 22 November, 2023 discussed and reviewed the 2023-24 Strategic Plan with the following action items being completed.

1. Vietnam Veterans Service (18 August)
2. Private Joseph Saunders Med Ceremony (14<sup>th</sup> September)
3. Veterans Health Week (Mon 16<sup>th</sup> October)
4. NSW State Congress (22- 24<sup>th</sup> October)
5. Remembrance Day (Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Nov) with Surf Club Poppy Sales by David Guthrie
6. RSL NSW Northern Beaches Council Updae (21<sup>st</sup> Nov)
7. Budget completed and approved
8. Christmas Function (Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec)

#### The Strategic Plan 2023-2024 is unchanged:-

<b>Vision</b>	Local Veterans know what Harbord RSL sub Branch stands for, what it does and wants to be Involved as a member.
<b>Mission</b>	Supportive and co-ordinated programs and activities for veterans and families
<b>Our Motto</b>	Working together, delivering locally
<b>Our Values</b>	Remembrance, Compassion, Patriotism, Mateship

## **2. COL Jacqueline Costello - Veterans Health Week – ‘Mental Health Matters’**

### **GOAL 1: SUPPORT VETERANS & FAMILIES – Jacquie Costello**

Overarching theme is connection and self care.

#### **Key Initiatives for 2024:-**

- Veterans Hub at Shute Shield match on Anzac Day
- Veterans Health Week – Oct to focus on Mental Health & Suicide Prevention training
- Veterans Wellbeing Centre – Dee Why. Engagement to facilitate online learning tools and programs that enhance MH & WB.
- Sub-Branch fundraising support to a Veterans MH Charity eg: Veterans COPE program or Young Veterans.

#### **Welfare Support Team**

- Availability to support funeral and bereavement duties as required.
- Sponsors for welfare support guest speakers to meetings – eg: lived experience.

### **GOAL 2: GROW MEMBERSHIPS – Lt Col Nick Misko**

- There has been a strong growth in Membership over the last 12 mths and we will continue to expand this in 2024.
- We will progress the Sport & Recreation Program and will engage with both the younger and older veterans into activities that suit I will be meeting with the S & R Program Lead at RSL NSW Jen Reynolds in the coming weeks to scope out the program.

### **• GOAL 3: COMMEMORATE AND PAY RESPECT – Col John Platt (Rtnd)**

#### **FOCUS FOR 2024:**

- Anzac Day at Harbord Diggers & Marlins vs Rats Rugby Game Manly Oval (Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April)
- Veterans Health Week (OCT -TBA)
- NSW State Congress (TBA OCT-NOV)
- Local Legends Luncheon – SQNLDR John Williams, DFC (Friday 1s November)
- Remembrance Day (Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November)

#### **Notes for 2024:-**

24 February – National Service Animals Day (Purple Poppy Day)

6<sup>th</sup> June – 80 years since D-Day Landing

11<sup>th</sup> July – Inaugural Middle East Area of Operations Commemoration

27<sup>th</sup> July – Korean Veterans Day

28<sup>th</sup> July - 110 years since start WW1

18h Aug – Vietnam Veterans Day

### 3. Correspondence - Hon Secretary Pam Hansen

Circulars from RSL NSW which are also available on line for members to view.

Member Portal is on the RSL NSW Website and is now available to ALL Members. Just go on line and put in your Member Name and Member Number.

RSL DAY CLUB - DAY CLUB returned on the 8<sup>th</sup> FEB and Members were very excited to return and catch up with their friends once again.

#### TREASURERS REPORT - JOHN OLIVER

##### AUDITED 2023 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Financial Statements for the Year ended 31 December are currently being audited and will be provided to Members prior to the Annual General meeting to be held on 17 March 2024.

##### 2024 BUDGET

The 2024 Budget was approved by Members at the General meeting held on 22 Nov 2023:

- Budgeted Income \$25,200
- Budgeted Expenses (\$28,400)
- Budgeted Defecit (\$3,200)

The Budget forecast is heavily reliant on future fundraising to finance the planned charitable activities of the Sub Branch.

It would be prudent to ensure that fundraising activiies are implemented to avoid eroding cash reserves.

**SUB BRANCH Assets at 15 January total \$ 60708 comprising cash on deposit with banks.**

#### GENERAL BUSINESS

##### 2024 DIARY DATES:-

- 70<sup>TH</sup> AGM DATE - SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 11.30 AM
- ANZAC DAY & RUGBY GAME – THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL
- VETERANS HEALTH WEEK (OCT-TBA)
- LOCAL LEGENDS LUNCHEON – SQNLDR JOHN WILLIAMS, DFC (FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER)
- CHRISTMAS FUNCTION – DEC (TBA)

**No other business was presented for discussion.**

**Next meeting:- AGM SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH @ 11.30 AM.**

The President recited the ODE. Meeting closed at 1922 hrs.