



Brig Brett Chaloner CSC – Patron

**Minutes of the Harbord RSL sub-Branch general meeting.
Wednesday 20th November, 2024 (6pm for 6:30 start)**

Meeting opened: The President COL John Platt, CSC (Retd) opened the Meeting at 6:32 pm and thanked all present

Attendees: COL John Platt CSC (Retd), Karl Delaney, John Oliver, Pam Hansen, Arohoa Taylor, Don Williams, Chris Frith, Wendy Machon, Robert Low, Ken Covey, Robert Dobbs, Sean Rout, Denis Lynch, Ian Lynch, Peter Rawlings, Merri Mack.

Guests: Mark Rickard (new member pending), Tony Bonner (Actor)

Quorum: Achieved.

Apologies: BRIG Brett Chaloner CSC, COL Jacqueline Costello, COL Ian Lynch, LTCOL Geoff Costello, Anne Trimble, Joan Tucker, Tom Gleeson, Jordan Thorncroft, Alex Trima, Mick Covey, Scott West, Peter Erickson, Nick Misko, Frances Chaloner, Kieran Toohey, John Wackett.

- There was one (1) new members present, Arohoa Taylor who gave a very inspirational talk on her Service Record.

Declare any Conflict of Interest. None declared.

Minutes of the previous meeting: President for Hon. Secretary

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

Business arising: Nil.

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

Resolved: That the Minutes of the 25th September, 2024 Meeting as circulated, be accepted, and signed as a true and accurate record.

Correspondence: Hon Secretary

Correspondence Inwards: Was tabled and read. Note: all correspondence & Circulars are from RSL NSW and are on the RSL NSW website. There was no outgoing correspondence.

Day CLUB will be having its XMAS function on WED 11th DEC.

President COL John Platt introduced our Special Guest Tony Bonner, OAM

Tony Bonner is a very well-known Australian actor. He became famous in the 1960s children's television series Skippy the Bush Kangaroo, later moving on to lead roles in film, television and stage. He has portrayed military characters in film and television including:

- Lieutenant Colonel Murray Bouchier in 'The Light Horsemen' - 1987
- 'Anzacs' mini Series - 1985

- Lieutenant W.G. Carey in 'The Highest Honour' - 1982
- Mr. Kelly in 'William Kelly's War' – 2014

Tony spoke to the members about his experience portraying Military characters in Film and Television.



President: COL John Platt, CSC (Retd) (includes Goal 3 Commemorate and Pay Respect)

Harbord Sub-Br Executive Meeting Summary: Discussed the agreed vision, mission, and values; along with the goals which were reviewed at the Executive Meeting held on the 5th September, 2024.

The sub-Branch goals are:

- Strategic Plan 2023-24
- Discuss & Review
- Budget 2024-2025 (Reviewed & Accepted)
- RSL Northern Beaches Council Updated (Ongoing)
- Review of Anzac Day Service & Rugby Game (Reviewed & complete)
- Vietnam Veterans' Service – Sunday 18th August (Complete)
- Veterans' Health Week – Saturday 12th October (Complete)
- Local Legends' Luncheon – Friday 18th October (Complete)
- NSW State Congress – Sunday 27th Oct – Tues 29th Oct (Complete)
- Remembrance Day – Monday 11th Nov & Poppy Sales (Complete)
- Christmas Function – Wednesday 4th December (Planning)

President COL John Platt spoke on the Veteran's Health Week which was run by Col Jacqueline Costello and assisted by Kieran Toohey. He stated it was one of the best if not, the BEST event of its kind he has experienced which was echoed by those who attended and stated that we should have 10 times more people in attendance. We need to promote the event more strongly next year!

Both President COL John Platt and Vice President Karl Delaney attended the NSW State Congress in Newcastle on Sun 27th Oct through to Tuesday 29th Oct which was a very informative event and both were very impressed with the direction that RSL NSW is taking going forward.

GROW MEMBERSHIP - (Lead VP Karl Delaney)

Karl spoke about the Poppy selling at Manly Wharf for Remembrance Day which was very successful given it was only he and Peter Rawling on the day with the assistance of Merri Mack. Given more Volunteers on the lead up to Anzac Day would certainly increase the takings substantially. Need to encourage more Volunteers to assist.



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Goal 4: Good Governance & Accountability (John Oliver)

Treasurers Report:

1. 2024 Budget Approved 22 Nov 23
2. Financials asat 14 November 2024:

Assets (Bendigo Bank)		Liabilities	Net Assets
Savings Account	\$19319.31		
Term Deposit	\$55,000.00		
Total Cash at Bank	\$74,319.31	Nil	\$74,319.31

Savings Account (Income, Expenses & Balance)		
Deposits & Credits – 1 Jan to 14 November 24		\$40926.93
Withdrawals & Debits – 1 Jan to 14 November 24		\$21607.62
Closing Balance – 10 Sept 24		\$9827.03

Moved by: Wendy Machon and Seconded by Chris Frith that the Treasurers Report be adopted.

GENERAL BUSINESS

COL John Platt reminded Members of the Christmas function to be held on WED 4th DEC at 6pm in the Poppies Room @ Harbord Diggers please RSVP to Pam if you are attending.

Meeting Dates for 2025 will be advised once the Executive team meets to confirm same.

No other business was presented for discussion.

Next meeting Wednesday, 26th FEBRUARY, 2025 (6:00 FOR 6.30 PM)

The President recited the ODE. Meeting closed at 1940 hrs.