



Patron

Brigadier Brett Chaloner CSC, Commander 13<sup>th</sup> Brigade WA.

**Minutes of the Harbord RSL sub-Branch general meeting.  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 6pm.**

1. **Meeting opened:** At 6pm by President Sean Rout and advised the members that tonight meeting was unable to be on "Zoom" due to technical issues and the meeting was not **recorded**.  
**Attendees:** Sean Rout, Pam Hansen, Robert Low, John Wackett, Greg Kennelly, Scott West, Karl Delaney, Peter Watson, Wendy Machon, Peter Erickson, Christine Frith, Lt. Col. Nick Misko, Lt. Col. Jacqueline Costello, Jordan Thorncroft, Merri Mack, Camron Thomas, Don Williams, and Tom Gleeson.  
**Quorum:** achieved.
2. **Apologies:** – BRIG. Brett Chaloner CSC, Lt. Col. Geoff Costello, Anne Trimble, John Platt CSC, John Oliver, Denis Lynch, Victoria & Brodie Felsman, Ken Covey, Robert Dobbs, Alex Trimcevski, Peter Rawling, Francis Chaloner, Chris Strang, Joan Tucker.
  - 2.1 Sean asked Hon Sect., if there were any new members present, none were present.
  - 2.2 The president advised of the death of **Bill Hardman OAM** and that he attended his memorial service. All stood in his memory. RIP.
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 Wendy Machon: Seconded: Peter Watson.  
**Resolved:** That the minutes of the September meeting as circulated, be accepted, and signed as a true and accurate record.
5. **Correspondence: Hon Secretary. Correspondence:** Was tabled and read by Hon Secretary, and are on postered on the website
  - 5.1 Note: All correspondence is posted on the website, and RSL NOTICES are on the RSL NSW website.
    - 5.1.1 Business arising: Nil
    - 5.2 **Outgoing/Inwards Correspondence:**  
**Adoption of the Correspondence.** Moved by: Greg Kennelly Seconded: Don Williams.
6. **Treasurers Report** – in John Oliver absence, his report was tabled by the President Rout.  
Main Points:

Income received from 22 Nov 2022 and 10 Feb 2023 ...	\$279.
Expenditure for this period	... \$789
Total cash at bank as of 24 Sept	...\$62,924

**Note:** The audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 will be presented at the AGM

  - 6.1 **Business arising:** Peter Watson asked a question on auditing of sub-Branch accounts. A general discussion on auditing ensued, to all members satisfaction. Moved: by Peter Watson Seconded: Merri Mack.
- 6 **Day Care (which is for very senior locals) Club** – Pam Hansen  
The Day Care (in its 39 year) has a few more senior members along with a new entertainer who plays all the tunes the older members like, including Elvis, Abba etc., and some get up and dance. Note: The Diggers Club bus picks up and takes home all the attendees which is driven by our volunteers. They also enjoy a hot lunch given by the club.

- **8. Northern Beaches RSL District Council Meeting (NBDC) report:** Sean advised that he attended the Northern Beaches RSL District Council on Tues 17 JAN at Balgowlah RSL at 7.30pm
  - Main points:
  - Bill Hardman OAM – memorial service details were discussed.
  - No affiliation fees for sub-Branches to NBDC – for 2023
  - RSL Lifecare Presentation – Note, a small new Veterans Centre office at the Dee Why RSL Club will be run by RSL Lifecare and was open at the end of January.
  - 50 Anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War. Sean reminded the meeting that this year was a significant one for Vietnam Veterans Day and that grants were available for commemoration activities. Also, ABC TV, will have live coverage from a national service to be held in the ACT on Fri 18<sup>th</sup> August.
  - NBDC - Succession Planning of the committee was discussed.
  - All sub-Branches AGM's dates are set – NBDC AGM to be held Tuesday 21st March @ Forestville RSL.
  - Harbord is set Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 1130am @ the Diggers – followed by a light lunch & drinks.

## 9. President's Report:

### 9.1 G-Fitness gym fees discounts, for Harbord sub-Branch members ONLY.

Sean advised at a meeting in 2019 he negotiated a discounted Gym fees with G-Fitness owner, for both service and affiliate sub-Branch members. The G-Fitness 'Lifestyle membership' per year is now \$1,558 for their normal members and is still only \$499 for our service members and \$649 for affiliates members, paid upfront yearly. That's a Saving of **\$1,059** for service members and **\$909** for affiliates.

G-Fitness Platinum membership, which includes pool access, is now \$2,077 per yr. Service members add an extra \$150 @ \$649 per yr., a saving of **\$1,428 per yr.**, and Affiliates members also add \$150 per yr., which is a saving of **\$1,278 per yr.** This is only for our sub-Branch members. Sean also advised that at a recent meeting with G-Fitness management, that the fees will not increase for 2023.

9.2 **Our Patron** – Sean met with our patron BRIG. Brett Chaloner CSC, on Saturday 25 Feb for a few hours at the Diggers Club. Our patron was on a quick 3-day visit to Sydney from WA and passed on his best wishes to all.

### 9.3 Annual Anzac Sportsman's of War luncheon – Friday 14 April from 1145am for 12pm

- This year lunch will honour local **Sir Roden Cutler VC – NSW Governor for 15yrs.**
- **Special guest: Her Excellency Margaret Beazley AS KC the Governor of NSW is attending.**
- 90 guests only @ \$100pp. 3 course lunch includes fine wines, premium beers, and non-alcoholic drinks.
- Beforehand – **The Governor will unveil the Queens Jubilee Tree plaque at 1130hrs in Jacka Park** before the Luncheon – all welcome at Jacka Park. If attending both we will have a Diggers bus as follows:
- Diggers bus to Jacka Park, leaving the **Diggers club main foyer** at 11:10am back at 11:50am – more details to come.

9.10 **Anzac DAY Service** – Sean advised that a number of planning meetings have been held with Harbord Diggers management regarding our Anzac DAY service this year. Timings: Arrive at the club by 07:30hrs – PARADE FORMS UP at 07:45hrs. Service starts at 08:00hrs with the arrival of Mounties Careflight helicopter and ends with an RAAF Flyover. A 'Gunfire Breakfast' will follow after the service for members, VIP's and all veterans wearing medals.

10. **Veterans Wellbeing Program:** Veteran's yearlong group G-Fitness gym classes re-started on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb. About 10 vets attend this weekly class, which is free, run by Rebound Health and sponsored by G-Fitness. Veterans are from several NB sub-Branches. This course is DVA approved.

10. **Membership** - No new members this month but a few in the process.

## 11. General Business. Nil

12.1 **RSL NSW Strategic Plan briefing** was presented by our sub-Branch member, Commander Peter Watson RAN (Retd). Peter is also a member of the RSL NSW Strategic Planning Committee. Due to time restraints Peter presented only half of the full briefing, which was well received. The second part may be presented at a general meeting.

**Note:** President Sean Rout advised the members that he would be stepping down at this year's AGM, after 4 years in the role.

No other general business.

**Next meeting is the AGM is an election year (every 3 years).  
And to be held on SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2023 AT 1130hrs**

The President recited the ODE. Meeting closed at 1909 hrs.