



Brig Brett Chaloner CSC – Patron

**Minutes of the Harbord RSL sub-Branch general meeting.
Tuesday 27th September at 6pm - 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 Oliver, Pam Hansen, Ken Covey, Scott West, Peter Rawlings, Frances Chaloner(Z), Karl Delaney, Wendy Machon, Don Williams, Lloyd Keen, Robert Low, Barry Artup (Z), and Denis Lynch, Chris Strang, Chris Frith.
Quorum: achieved.
2. **Apologies:** – BRIG Brett Chaloner CSC, Lt. Col. Jacqueline Costello, Lt. Col. Geoff Costello, Anne Trimble, Lt Col Nick Misko, John Platt CSC, Michael Covey Peter Erickson, Greg Kennelly, Victoria Felsman, Brodie Felsman, Michael Covey, and Merri Mack.
 - 2.1.1 Sean asked Hon Sect., if there were any new members present. Nil.
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 Rawling
Resolved: That the minutes of the May 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:** The President sent Jacka Park Remembrance Day invite letters to all NB sub-Branch presidents, The Mayor and both local state and federal MP, St Johns Primary School, Harbord Public School, Watermark Residence, Northern Beaches Council’s, NBC - Principal Engineer, NBC - Snr Project and NBC - Park managers, Mounties Board and Diggers Club Site Manager. Pam sent “Letter of Support” for cleaning of plaques in Soldiers Ave to Peter Harley (Chair) of Soldiers Ave Stakeholders Group. Also, a well-being support package including gift & movie vouchers sent to Mrs Tanya Misko to assist the Family while Lt Col Nick Misko is on deployment.
 - 5.2.1 **Adoption of the Correspondence. Moved by: Peter Rawling and Seconded: Wendy Machon.**
 - 6 **Treasurers Report – John Oliver, tabled his report.**
 - 6.2 **Main Points:**

Income received from 24 June to 24 Sept 2022	... \$8
Expenditure for this period	... \$10,320
Total cash at bank as of 24 Sept	...\$75,527

Note: \$9,892 costs on Jacka Park Project from grant funds of \$25k as at 24 Sept.
 - 6.2.1 **Business arising:** Nil. Adoption of Treasurers Report: Moved by: Ken Covey Seconded: Don Williams.
 - 7.**Day Care Club – Pam** advised that she had taken the Day Care Group out to the Mounties Club in August for a tour of the Club, finishing with a lunch at their acclaimed Jumbo’s Chinese restaurant. The group thoroughly enjoyed the outing.

8. Northern Beaches RSL District Council Meeting (NBDC) report: Sean advised he attended the NBDC meeting, held on 20th of September at Pittwater. Main points:

- **NSW RSL Congress 30th Oct & 1st Nov at Newcastle – 29 motions to vote on – President asked the meeting for approval for our delegates (the President & Vice President) to vote on each item in the best interest of Harbord RSL sub-Branch members. Meeting agreed by a show of hands.**
- Dee Why Veterans Centre is moving to Warriewood 30 Sept.
- RSL Cert. of Merit for Pam Hansen – It did not make the yearly cut-off date of 31 July 2022 – due the covid issues & will re-applied and forwarded to NBDC – RSL NSW – RSL National boards by end of year.
- SOP1 – Incorporation – Company Limited by Guarantee - final draft completed.
- **RSL Qld Lottery** – negotiations between NSW & Qld RSL are ongoing, & a deal is close to being reached. **MAYBE** of about \$2.3m funds to go to NSW RSL & the possibility of local sub-Branches to retained 20% of tickets sales sold locally by sub-Branches. To be confirmed.
- President Rout updated the meeting on our s/b membership success with the high number of younger snr/officers joining us, many are still serving in the ADF (9 at the time of the meeting).

9. President's Report:

9.1 Jacka Park Project - Sean advised the meeting of the progress of the project, which is near completion. The pavers and the pathway are down, and new turf has been laid by Council. The two special benches have arrived today. Ken Covey, John Oliver, and Sean had a cleanup of the "Wall" and surrounds yesterday. Scott West (project team member) was in the process of removing and cleaning all individual plaques on the Wall of Remembrance. Ken Covey (Jacka Park Custodian) and Sean had their final meeting with Council on site. They agreed on the NEW position of the Lone Pine tree (as advised by Council's Arborist) and were undecided of the new position of the Surf Club bench. **Pictures were shown to members of the above on the big screen.**

9.2 Remembrance Day service on 11/11/22. Sean also advised that the Jacka Park project team are planning a major event on Remembrance Day and all members invited to the unveiling of the project.

Main points: Starts at 1015am:

- Diggers bus leaves club at 10am – numbers limited.
 - 1015am – Harbord Public School band plays in Jacka Park
 - Service begins at 1025am
 - Plaques and memorials benches unveiled
 - A visit and story told by WW1 local (actor).
 - Catafalque Party from 2ND 17TH RNSW Battalion mounts.
 - VIP's - Hon James Griffin MP and Mayor Regan – address
 - Wreath laying and Last post – service ends at 1110am
 - Reception at the Diggers for VIP's & **members who attended the service only** – Medals to be worn.
- **Please note: The Soldiers Ave of Honour Committee**, will hold a special service in Soldiers Ave from 9.30am on 11/11/22 at which a new plaque will be unveiled for life member & WW2 veteran, Wal Edwards OAM. The group will then move from Soldiers Ave to Jacka Park at about 1000am – all welcome to attend. Details to be advised. **Meet at the cnr of Soldiers Ave and Oliver St from 9.30am.**

10. Veterans Wellbeing Program: Sean advised Veterans weekly gym session continues each Thursday.

11. Membership – Hon Secretary - Pam Hansen. 2 New service members approved, waiting badges – making a total of 96 of which 50 are service members, 9 members are currently serving in the ADF.

12. General Business. Nil

12.1 The president advised a Christmas get-together, will be held on Thursday 15th Dec from 6pm at the Diggers and is free to all members who have attend one (1) or more meetings. Details to be advised.

Any other general business – none.

No meeting in October
Next meeting 22nd November

The President recited the ODE. Meeting closed at 1858hrs.