



Brig Brett Chaloner CSC – Patron

**Minutes of the Harbord RSL sub-Branch general meeting.
Wednesday 26th February (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), Pam Hansen, Cameron Wise, Chris Frith, Wendy Machon, Ken Covey, Sean Rout

Guests: Brigadier Neil Sweeney, AM (Ret'd), Bob Lunnon, NBDC President

Quorum: Achieved.

Apologies: BRIG Brett Chaloner CSC, COL Jacqueline Costello, COL Ian Lynch, LTCOL Geoff Costello, Anne Trimble, Joan Tucker, Alex Trima, Mick Covey, Denis Lynch, Nick Misko.

- There was one (1) new member present Mark Rickard who gave an update on his Service.

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 20th November, 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.

President COL John Platt introduced our Special Guest Brigadier Neil Sweeney, AM (Ret'd)

Neil presented an insightful and thought provoking presentation on 'An observation of challenges across law enforcement and emergency services'. Data from the 'Scanlon-Monash Index of Social Cohesion' was most interesting. The trend over the last two decades indicating that Australia, including our law enforcement agencies and ADF, have challenges at a number of levels in the future.

Special Thanks for Brigadier Neil Sweeney, AM for his attendance and presentation.

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!

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 and require at least 3 more Volunteers for this Anzac Day 2025.

TREASURERS REPORT - John Oliver



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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) | |
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| 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

Bob Lunnon NBDC President gave an update to the Membership and advised the following:-

15th MAR ANZAC VILLAGE will hold the 'Veterans Expo' from 9.30am to 2.30pm

RSL Lifecare to look after Veterans not Members of RSL NSW.

10th August Middle East Memorials will be held.

15th August Avalon RSL will hold VP Day

No other business was presented for discussion.

Next meeting Wednesday, 21st MAY 2025 6:00 FOR 6.30 PM)

The President recited the ODE. Meeting closed at 1935 hrs.