



**Brig Brett Chaloner CSC – Patron**

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

**Tuesday 23<sup>Rd</sup> February 2021**

- 1. Meeting opened:** At 5.00pm by President Sean Rout who advised this is also a meeting via “Zoom” (Z), and that the meeting is now being recorded. He also asked Zoom members to mute themselves at their end.

**Attendees:** Sean Rout, Pam Hansen, Peter Erickson, Wendy Machon, Meri Mack, Peter Rawlings (Z), Christine Frith (Z), Denis Lynch, Mick King(Z), Ken Covey, Greg Kennelly, Mike Allport, Peter Harley, Francis Chaloner, John Wackett, Selwyn King Joh Oliver, Scott West, Alex Trimcevski, Tim Mooney (part time).

**NEW MEMBERS:** Tom Gleeson, Sophie Gleeson, Merri Mack, Steven Dunn, and Col John Platt (Ret.)

**Quorum** achieved which is a minimum of 5 and at least 3 service members.

- 2. Apologies:** – Keith and Joan Tucker, Wal Edwards, BRIG Brett Chaloner, Lt Col Nick Misko, Lee Chaloner, Anne Trimble, Lloyd Keen, William Louder, Alan Stewart, Daniel Culbert. Selwyn King.
- 2.1** Sean asked Hon Sect., if there were any new members present? Pam advised that in attendance were: Meri Mack, Tom Gleeson, Sophie Gleeson, Steven Dunn, and Col John Platt. The president presented each with their new card and asked each to address the meeting. The membership warmly welcomed all.
- 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

**4.2 Adoption of the Minutes**

**Moved by:** Ken Covey. **Seconded:** Greg Kennelly

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the November 2020, 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:**

Nil

**5.3 Adoption of the Correspondence**

**Moved by:** Peter Harley **Seconded:** Merri Mack

**6. Treasurers Report – John Oliver** Hon Sect. tabled his report and **is attached.**

**6.1 Main Points:**

Income received for this month ...\$912.62.

Expenditure for this month ... 0

Total cash at bank ... \$39,638.44

**6.2 Business arising:** Nil.

**6.3 Adoption of Treasurers Report: Moved by:** Tom Gleeson **Seconded:** Denis Lynch

## 7. Day Club – Pam Hansen

Pam advised the meeting that the sub-Branch was to be able to hold our first function of 2021, a few weeks ago in the club house. With a good turnout. The luncheon is sponsored by the Diggers Club, who we thank for their ongoing support, especially in providing the club buses to pick up the elderly. President Rout advised that we are only one of now two sub-Branches on beaches that continues to support this important program after Dee Why RSL withdrew their support. Our Day Club is now in its 36-years YOUNG.

## 8. Northern Beaches RSL District Council Meeting (NBDC) report:

President advised he attended the meeting held at Forestville RSL Club on Tuesday 19 January.

### Main Points:

- RSL NSW – Congress was held on-line on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December.
- Members Fees set at \$35 – with NO subsidizing allowed.
- President suggested that these fees are far too costly he further advised that the capitation fees are \$20 to NSW RSL of which \$5 goes to RSL National.
- The northern beaches Presidents – Discuss the sub-Branches moving on with Incorporation – it's been over a year, since our members voted to move to an Incorporated Association. Harbord will go first.
- Northern Beaches District Council will hold its AGM on 16<sup>th</sup> March at 1930hrs.

## 9. Presidents Report:

- a) President advised that a new agenda item has been added – Veterans Wellbeing:** Sean asked for two volunteers one a veteran and one affiliate to champion this program. It will focus on community connection... with day trips, coffee club or gym groups. Including forming a relationship with a new Mounties Club, being Wyong RSL, based on the Central Coast.
- b) Anzac Sportsman at War Lunch: As a fund-raising measure to support the sub-Branch Veterans wellbeing program and other issues, the sub-Branch will hold its first annual Anzac luncheon.**

This lunch will focus on Manly Rugby's, **Tom Richards MC** who played for Australia at the London Olympics, winning "Gold" in 1908. Tom also played for the touring British Lions of South Africa in 1910, the only man to play for Australia and the British Lions. Tom also played for Manly in 1911 and was selected from Manly for the Wallabies tour of the US and Canada later that year. Tom married a Manly girl. When the British and Irish Lions play Australia, they play for the Tom Richards Cup. Tom served at Gallipoli and on the Western Front and was awarded the Military Cross, Tom is buried in Manly Cemetery, which the Wallabies team visited in 2013 in the leadup to the first test V the Lions in 2013.

Lunch details are: **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021.**

**Time: Taylors wine tasting from 1230hrs. Seated at 1pm.**

**Venue: Harbord Diggers community rooms – 80 guests only, tables of 10.**

**Cost: \$80pp - 3 courses of fine food with wines.**

### c) **Anzac Day service 2021.**

Sean and Pam have had several leadup meeting for this years' Anzac Day service.

Harbord Diggers will give us their full support as usual.

Details:

As at the time of this meeting, COVID restrictions allow us to have 500 ticket guests, which will be booking via Diggers club website - at this stage.

**Service starts at 0800hrs** ... all guests will need to be seated.

**Points of interest:**

- ✓ Westpac care flight helicopter to attend at 0800hrs.
- ✓ Australian Army to supply the "Catafalque Party."
- ✓ Australian Air Force Cadets – No 305 Squadron to supply "Flag bearers and Honor Guard."
- ✓ RAAF – to supply Air Force Flyover at 0900hrs.

- ✓ Veterans form up at 0730hrs on the Ocean Terrace Harbord Diggers; All veterans to wear medals.
  - ✓ The service will be followed by a “Gunfire Breakfast” Veterans only no partners due room capacity.
- As COVID restrictions ease other Anzac Day “initiatives” in planning will be announced as such our “Poppies Display.”

#### **10. Membership – Hon Secretary - Pam Hansen.**

Pam advised that we are waiting for 1 new member to be confirmed. We have 58 service members and 39 affiliate members. Note: affiliate members (in our sub-Branch) is capped at 40 which will be reviewed ongoing. Also note – all sub-Branches have the right limit (the number) or not to accepted Affiliate members.

A general discussion occurred regarding RSL membership and why younger veterans are not joining sub-Branches.

- 10.1** Website Analytics (new report – focusing on our new website visitor’s activity). Tabled by Pam.  
Main points: 137 general and 54 mobile visitors. Main pages looked at: Mounties Support followed by Gym, who are we, and the history pages.

#### **11. General Business.**

Wendy Machon (sub-Branch Historian) spoke about her work and the history of a number of local WW1 Veterans including local Australian nurse Alice Le Messurier, whose statue and plaque of her history can be found in Jacka Park. Wendy also mentioned that Norther Beaches Council historian Michelle Richmond was keen to support Wendy in any way.

John Platt thanked Wendy for all her hard work. John also talked about the history work been done by the Australia Remembers Northern Beaches and North Shore Committee, that John chairs. All local war histories completed will be posted on the sub-Branch webpage.

Peter Erickson Vice President, spoke about the need to raise more money for the sub-Branch, Pam pointed out that a fundraising lunch has been scheduled for the **16th of April this year.**

- 12.** Next Meeting is our AGM TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH - at 1130hrs via face to face and zoom.

Being no further general business.

**The President invited new member Col John Platt CSC (Ret.), to recite the ODE.**

Meeting closed at 5.51pm.