



DRYSDALE SUB BRANCH RSL

Annual General Meeting
Minutes
8th February 2024

Open

The 2024 Annual General meeting of the Drysdale Sub Branch RSL was called to order at 1425 hrs on 8 February 2023 by President Geoff Zanker.

Attendance

Roger Atkinson, Lance Barley, Tony Bright, John Brown, Ross Brown, George Browney, David Clark, Des Connor, Kevin Davis, Pam Davis, Maurice Dean, Margaret Everett, Derek Haayema, Gary Holt, Tony Holton, Shane Hurley, Denis Hyland, Greg Irwin, Colleen Lincoln, Ross McRae, Peter Nicholls, Andrea Nisbet, Harry Paterson, Bruce Richards, Richard Safstrom, Kevin Sedgmen, Robert Selby, Neil Shaw, Paul Taylor, Tony and Maria Toll, Laurie Ward, Les Watts, Peter Wood, Geoff Zanker.

Apologies

Darren Davis, Gregory Davis, Narawee and Peter Elton, Geoff Fifer, Bernice Goodwin, Sally Haayema, Trevor Joseph, Ronald Kingsbury, Greg Moore, Robert Partridge, John Poole, Frances Rowell, Janis Taylor, Keith Thompson, Kaye Ward.

President's Report

The President announced that he will stand down at the end of this meeting. He reflected on the progress the sub-branch has made in the last ten years, especially with building improvements. He particularly thanked the secretary and treasurer for their work on behalf of the sub-branch. He said that a lot of visits to the aged care home and welfare visits didn't just happen - there was a lot of organising done behind the scenes, and were not really recognised by our members. Even during Covid, the work in this area was terrific.

Our fundraising achievements during the Anzac and Poppy Appeals continue to be fantastic. He acknowledged the Women's Auxiliary for their continuing help and also the "D Team" - Pam and Kev Davis, their children and grandchildren all helping to make the President's job easier. Lastly he thanked his wife Lynn for her untiring support.

Correspondence

The Secretary reported that 122 items of interest were received and dealt during 2023. All items are in hard copy and available for perusal.

From the previous AGM there was only one item to raise. The membership voted an annual \$200 honorarium for the main office bearers to recognise the hours spent for the club. He thanked the members, and for comparison noted the State Branch President receives an honorarium of \$10,000.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report is at Annex A to these minutes. It shows the Assets, Receipts and Expenditures for 2023.

George Browney said we had out-of-ordinary expenditures of about \$9,300 on the Honour Boards, \$4,000 on guttering and \$1640 on the new flagpole, meaning we made a loss of about \$7,000 for the year. Insurance has almost doubled - we use the RSL's broker Marsh for our insurance rather than

shopping around for a better deal (we would have to itemise everything in the building, and it's not worthwhile doing that).

Our term deposits are now attracting about 4% interest, and Term Deposit #1 of about \$64,400 is to mature in 17 days time. It will be rolled over.

The Poppy Appeal of November 2023 raised \$11,830 of which our club retained half that amount, as well as the \$1400 received in donations.

The Golf Day was down in numbers of entrants, but still raised \$3,400 for the club, thanks in the main to a donation from our major sponsor Mortimer's petroleum. Since 2014, our annual golf day has raised over \$35,000 - a tremendous effort.

Moved George Browney, seconded Des Connor, that the Treasurer's report be accepted.

Carried unanimously

Wellbeing Officer

Pam Davis said that she has been the Wellbeing Officer organising age care visits since 2010.

Although she is happy to continue in the role of Wellbeing Officer, she would like the members to create a new post of Visits Officer to reduce her workload. She thanked those who have helped along the way, especially Carol Browney and Maurie Dean.

The work of the volunteers who make the Anzac and Poppy Appeals such a success every year were much appreciated.

Pam's full report is at Annex B to these Minutes.

Moved Pam Davis, seconded Tony Bright the Wellbeing Officer's report be accepted.

Carried unanimously

Spill of Committee

The President invited Bruce Richards to dismiss the current committee and continue the meeting with the election of new office bearers. The results are shown in the following table.

Election of Office Bearers

Position	Nominations	Nominated	Seconded
President	Denis Hyland	Harry Paterson	Geoff Zanker
Immediate Past President	Geoff Zanker		
V/President	Derek Haayema	Harry Paterson	Geoff Zanker
Secretary	Harry Paterson	Geoff Zanker	George Browney
Treasurer	George Browney	Harry Paterson	Geoff Zanker
Assist Treasurer	Gary Holt	Harry Paterson	Geoff Zanker
Welfare Officer	Pam Davis	Harry Paterson	Geoff Zanker
Visits Officer	Maurie Dean	Harry Paterson	Geoff Zanker
Appeals Officer	Geoff Zanker	Harry Paterson	Geoff Zanker
Pensions	Geelong RSL		
Membership Officer	Harry Paterson	Geoff Zanker	George Browney
Committee 1 (Bar)	Kevin Davis	Harry Paterson	Geoff Zanker

Position	Nominations	Nominated	Seconded
Committee 2	Colleen Lincoln	Harry Paterson	Geoff Zanker
Committee 3	John Brown	Harry Paterson	Geoff Zanker
Committee 4 (Memorabilia)	David Clark	Harry Paterson	Geoff Zanker
Committee 5 (Golf)	Geoff Fifer	Harry Paterson	Geoff Zanker

Denis Hyland assumed his seat as President and thanked Bruce for conducting the election. He then spoke to the membership and also thanked Geoff in his role as President for several years. He said he would always be open and approachable for whatever the need may be.

He moved, seconded Harry Paterson, that the four signatories on the Bendigo Bank accounts for the Drysdale RSL Sub-branch are to be:

Denis Hyland
David Paterson
George Browney
Gary Holt

Carried Unanimously

Denis then thanked the members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 14:55 hours.



Harry Paterson
Secretary

Treasurer's Report 2023

DRYSDALE RSL

As at 31/12/23

General Trading

	2023	\$
Assets		
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts		
General Account	6,659.41	
Term Deposit 1	64,404.50	
Term Deposit 2	25,741.29	
Total Accounts	96,805.20	
Petty Cash Bar	200.00	
Total Current Assets	97,005.20	

Non Current Assets

Furniture at Costs	5,000.00	
Total Non Current Assets	5,000.00	
Total Assets	102,005.20	

Patriotic Funds

Current Assets

Bank Accounts		
Welfare Account (Appeals B86)	6,503.01	
Building Account (Patriotic Building 2662)	1,151.68	
Total Accounts	7,654.69	
Total Current Assets	7,654.69	

Non Current Assets

Building (Patriotic Building 2662)	650,000.00	
Total Non Current Assets	650,000.00	
Total Assets	650,000.00	

Total Assets	759,659.89	
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General Receipts

Subscriptions	1,740.00
Raffles	1,562.32
Bar Takings	2,211.99
Senior Citizens	150.00
CWA Raffle	400.00
Donations	4,662.05
Polo Shirts	175.00
Caps	30.00
TOPS	450.00
RSL Victoria	2,500.00
Golf Day	3,165.00

Sub Total	17,046.36
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Welfare Receipts

Poppy Sales	11,834.10
Poppy Returns RSL	5,917.00
Anzac Badge Sales	13,786.65
Anzac Returns	6,893.00

Sub Total	38,430.75
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Building Receipts

Clifton Springs Bowls	1,000.00
Golf Day	3,000.00

Sub Total	4,000.00
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Total Receipts	59,477.11
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General Expenditure

Rotary Dinner	100.00
Electricity	414.04
Gas	299.30
Bar Purchases	1008.32
Aust Post Box Rental	153.00
Water Rates	107.52
Maintenance	2794.00
Honorariums	800.00
Liquor Licence	0.00
Affiliation Fee	100.00
Insurance	-
Web internet	195.35
Polo Tops/Fleecy Sweat	47.30
Honor Boards	9,328.00
Stormwater Works	3,985.30
Eftpos Terminals	420.00
Christmas Raffle	-
Christmas Breakup	210.00
Flag Pole	1,694.00
WIFI	149.00
Golf Day	3,100.00

Sub Total	24,905.13
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Welfare Expenditure

Postage	120.00
Stationary	106.80
Office Cartridges	499.20
Veterans Volunteer Week	400.00
Veterans Badges	98.00
Veterans Afternoon Tea	2,910.00
Anzac Day Wreaths	160.00
Anzac Day Reimbursements	650.70
Printing Costs Anzac Day	200.00
Welfare Office WIFI	264.00
Veterans Maintenance	100.00
Veterans Petrol Vouchers	1,500.00
Police Checks	-
Gifts to RSL visits Nurs Home	98.00
Obituries	514.00
Wreaths	-
Veterans Food Hampers	223.14
Poppy to RSL	11,834.10
Christmas Breakup	2,850.00
Veterans Gift Cards	300.00
Returned to RSL	248.90
Anzac Badges Returned	13,786.65
Armistice Day	532.50

Sub Total	37,395.99
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Building Expenditure

Maintenance	1,088.20
CFA Fire Equipment	71.20
Water Rates	246.65
Gas & Electricity	455.92
Insurance	1,507.24
Rates	291.05

Sub Total	3,660.26
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Total Expenditure	65,961.38
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Wellbeing Officer Report 2023

My aged care home and hospital journey commenced in December 2010, I have enjoyed the past years but I feel it's time for a change. I want to thank the many wonderful volunteers who have given their time to help me during those years. My thanks also to Carol Browney and Maurie Dean for giving their time to visit the Veterans and Widows in Drysdale Grove. This Christmas we gave those on our list Roses Chocolates and Shortbread Biscuits

Appeals. The Funds we raised from the Anzac and Poppy Appeals during that time was amazing. I really appreciate the many hours of work our wonderful volunteers have given over this time. A huge thanks to the Sub-Branch for providing a lunch for members and their partners as a thank you for all their help throughout the year.

The 2023 Poppy Appeal saw us venture into the electronic world using an EFTPOS Machine. I know some of our volunteers weren't too keen, but we have changed the program to make it easier to operate. I am hoping to have a couple of sessions early in the year to show how easy it can be. It was interesting to see how many customers used their phones and watches to tap the SQUARE.

General Wellbeing. During 2023 a total of 60 Mortimer fuel vouchers, and 15 Coles and Woolworths vouchers were purchased by the Sub-Branch.

Our thoughts are with those who have been unwell. We hope that 2024 is a healthy one for all members and their families.

I would like to remind members we still have Polo tops and winter tops available I have ordered more caps they should be here next month.

Special mention to Tony Holton and Des Connor who visited Trevor Joseph who is one of our members during his stay in hospital and also on his return home. Sadly Trevor is now in palliative care our thoughts and prayers are with him and his wife Heather and their family.

Birthdays for this month Happy Birthday John Brown, Gary Dean, Robert Partridge, Neil Shaw, Neville Stevenson, Keith Thompson and Luke Wiffen.