



DRYSDALE RSL SUB BRANCH

Monthly Meeting
11 April 2024

Open

The President Denis Hyland opened the meeting at 1400 hrs on 11 April 2024. The Ode was recited by all in attendance. He welcomed new members Tony East and Terry Bridges. Also guests Darcy Dunston and Rod Davis.

Attendance

Roger Atkinson, Lance Barley, Terry Bridges, Tony Bright, John Brown, Ross Brown, George Browney, David Clark, Des Connor, Kevin Davis, Pam Davis, Maurice Dean, Tony East, Geoff Fifer, Derek Haayema, Gary Holt, Tony Holton, Denis Hyland, Greg Irwin, Colleen Lincoln, Mick O'Brien, Robert Partridge, Harry Paterson, John Poole, Neil Remeus, Bruce Richards, Frances Rowell, Richard Safstrom, Neil Shaw, Tony and Maria Toll, Laurie and Kaye Ward, Les Watts, Peter Wood, Geoff Zanker.

Apologies

Darren Davis, Greg Davis, Narawee and Peter Elton, Sally Haayema, Shane Hurley, Ronald Kingsbury, Greg Moore, Janis Taylor, Keith Thompson.

Previous Meeting Minutes

The March minutes were circulated on-line or posted out to all members. Tony Bright moved, seconded Des Connor that the March minutes be accepted. **Carried unanimously**

Business Arising from Previous Meeting Minutes

Harry said there was a committee meeting last Thursday (4 April) and his comments cover both that meeting and the previous monthly meeting.

- Toilet refurbishment - pans and hand basins have been replaced in both men's and women's toilets, tiling of men's urinal is complete, new gates to be fitted (hopefully by Anzac Day).
- An offer from Bellarine Police to attend one of our meetings to talk about on-line scamming has been accepted. We expect an officer to talk at our 9 May meeting.
- Harry attended a meeting of the Geelong region RSL sub-branches. Main topic was the acceptance of the business case for a Veterans and Families Hub by the federal government. The new facility will be attached to the Geelong RSL building but will have separate access. Outposts are planned for Torquay and Queenscliff. Of the original \$5m offered by the Department of Veteran Affairs, \$3.8m will be for capital works and \$1.2 for operating services. Greg Irwin asked if there were any press releases that could explain the intent (see Annex A), also you can copy and follow this link for more DVA information about these hubs:

<https://www.dva.gov.au/get-support/health-support/work-and-social-life-programs/work-and-social-support/veterans-and-families-hubs>

Correspondence

Harry circulated a list of inwards correspondence for March/April 2024 to date (see Annex A).

- Anzac Day posters and information from Dept of Vet Affairs and RSL Victoria branch.

Outwards correspondence

- Invitation sent to about 40 local community groups to lay a wreath at our Anzac Day activity.
- Quote accepted for new gates for toilet block.

Moved Harry Paterson, seconded John Brown that the correspondence be accepted.

Carried unanimously

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report is at Annex B.

Moved George Browney, seconded Gary Holt that the Treasurer's report be accepted.

Carried unanimously

Welfare and Visits Report

Pam Davis reported.

Moved Pam Davis, seconded Colleen Lincoln that the Welfare and Visits report be accepted.

Carried unanimously

Cricket and Golf Address. Geoff Fifer addressed the meeting as a long serving member and tour guide of the MCG. He recounted famous cricket tales of Ashes, hat tricks, Spofforth and Warnie. Regarding the Golf Day, it is now scheduled for Monday 18 November. It will be a 4-ball Stableford event, and he is hoping for about 100 starters. He is also hoping for a number of volunteers to help out on the day.

General Business

Anzac Day plans are on track. We have the council permit and traffic management. Derek Haayema will be the MC and Denis Hyland will give the speech. Gary Holt has arranged a five piece brass band for the march past, Last Post, Rouse and the Australian National Anthem. Number 100 Squadron RAAF hopes to provide a Winjeel aircraft for an 11:27 flypast.

Defibrillator: Our defibrillator is out of battery and out of date. After discussion, the members agreed that we need to have one on hand. Pam Davis moved, seconded Colleen Lincoln, that the Women's Auxiliary fund the cost of a new machine (about \$2,000). This was agreed and a warm round of applause was given.

Raffle

A raffle organised by Kevin Davis was won by Derek Haayema and Fran Rowell.

Close

There being no further business, the President closed the meeting at 2:55pm.

The next monthly meeting will be held in the clubrooms on 9 May 2024 starting at 2pm.

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 Denis Hyland
 President

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 Harry Paterson
 Secretary

Incoming Correspondence March/April 2024

24	Email	13 Mar 2024	Vasey House	Newsletter	
25	Email	13 Mar 2024	Dept Vet Affairs	Anzac Portal	
26	Email	13 Mar 2024	Anzac House	Newsletter	
27	Email	15 Mar 2024	Anzac House	Premier's Lunch	
28	Post	19 Mar 2024	Dept Vet Affairs	Anzac posters	
29	Email	21 Mar 2024	Barwon Water	Water bill	Treasurer
30	Email	28 Mar 2024	Libby Coker	Grants get-together	
31	Email	5 Apr 2024	Vic Government	Premier's Anzac prize	
32	Email	8 Apr 2024	Greater City Fencing	Quote for toilet gates	Treasurer

Libby Coker Press Release 21 February 2024

RSL Vic to Establish Veterans and Families Hub in Geelong and the Surf Coast

Services and supports for veterans and their families in the Surf Coast and Geelong region will soon be enhanced, with the Labor Government today awarding RSL Victoria a \$5.445 million grant to establish a new Veterans' and Families' Hub with satellite services across the region.

This is great news for more than 6,600 veterans in the region, who will now be able to access the support they need and deserve, closer to home.

The Hub will be centrally located in Geelong and will have major satellite sites at the Torquay and Queenscliff RSLs, servicing both the Bellarine and the Surf Coast. Surf Coast Shire facilities will also play an important role in hosting social and recreational programs for local veterans.

These facilities will be easily accessible to veterans and will offer much-needed outreach services.

The expansion of the Veterans' and Families' Hubs network in the Surf Coast, Bellarine and Geelong region is part of the Government's \$46.7 million commitment to deliver ten Veterans' and Families' Hubs across the country.

Treasurer's Report

DRYSDALE RSL	10/04/2024	
Assets	2024	\$
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts		
General Account		7,099.18
Welfare Account		4,071.21
Building Account		1,151.68
Term Deposit 1		60,254.09
Term Deposit 2		25,741.29
Total Accounts		98,317.45
Petty Cash Bar		200.00
Total Current Assets		98,517.45
Non Current Assets		
Furniture at Costs		5,000.00
Building		650,000.00
Total Non Current Assets		655,000.00
Total Assets		753,517.45

Wellbeing Officer Report

We have two very reliable Home and aged care visitors in Carol Browney and Maurie Dean.

The Sub- Branch will be conducting a Anzac Service at Drysdale Grove on 24th April. It will be a very busy week for the club.

Rosters are filling, we still have some vacancies if you can spare a couple of hours.

Birthday Greetings for this month are

Tony Bright 24th April

Des Connor Yesterday 10th April

Sally Haayema 4th April

John Milton 4th April

To those who are not feeling well our thoughts are with you.