



## DRYSDALE RSL SUB BRANCH

Monthly Meeting  
11 August 2022

### Open

The President opened the meeting at 1400 hours and recited the Ode. He welcomed a new member transferring from Watsonia RSL - Ross Mcrae.

### Attendance

Roger Atkinson, John Brown, Ross Brown, Geoff Casey, David Clark, Kevin Davis, Pam Davis, Maurice Dean, Narawee Elton, Peter Elton, Margaret Everett, Geoff Fifer, Gary Holt, Denis Hyland, Trevor Joseph, Colleen Lincoln, Ross Mcrae, John Milton, Greg Moore, Andrea Nisbet, Harry Paterson, John Poole, Len Reed, Neil Remeus, Fran Rowell, Graham Sewart, Geoff Strachan, Janis and Paul Taylor, Tony Toll, Peter Wood, Geoff Zanker.

### Apologies

Lance Barley, George Browney, Des Connor, Gregory Davis, Bernice Goodwin, Tony Holton, Ron Kingsbury, Robert Partridge, Bruce Richards, Maria Tol, Brett Wilson.

### June Meeting Minutes

The June meeting was presided over by the assistant Secretary in the absence of the President and Secretary. The minutes were circulated at today's meeting.

Moved Graham Sewart, seconded Paul Taylor that the previous minutes be accepted.

**Carried unanimously**

### Business Arising from June Meeting Minutes

The Secretary questioned why he was listed as attending as well as being absent. The assistant Secretary managed to dodge the blame.

### Correspondence

The Secretary presented the Incoming Correspondence report (Annex A). Items of interest had been emailed to committee members. He provided some details as follows:

- Items 55 and 56 - we collected \$11,600 in the Anzac Appeal and the money was forwarded to Anzac House. They then remitted half of those funds (\$5,800) back to our Welfare account.
- Item 61 - electricity charges are going up, the feed-in tariff from our solar panels is going down, but we did save about \$40 because of the solar panels.
- Item 64 - RSL Victoria State Branch has appointed Sue Cattermole as the new CEO. Sue has previously been the CEO of St Vincent de Paul.
- Item 66 - we have been made aware of the numbers of ex-service members residing in postcode 3222 (Drysdale, Clifton Springs and Curlewis). There are 28 under 50 years of age, 20 between 50 and 60 and 43 over the age of 60. We are hoping to make contact with some of those who might be interested joining the RSL, or who might need some assistance.
- Item 69 - RSL Victoria State Branch has published their annual report. Of interest, there are 180,000 Victorian members (20,000 ex-service, 40,000 affiliates and the bulk of the rest being social members of the larger RSL clubs that provide gaming machines and hospitality).

- Item 72 - *Everyman's* newsletter is published monthly and sent to RSL clubs. The President polled the members to see if we should continue a subscription. No interest.
- Item 79 - A proposal to light the Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne with rainbow colours to recognise the service of LBTQI members met with some opposition. The State Branch of the RSL has now issued an apology (read out by the Secretary) reiterating that the RSL is focused on support of Serving and ex-Service individuals.

There was no outwards correspondence.

All items are available in hard copy for perusal.

Moved Harry Paterson, seconded Paul Taylor, the correspondence be accepted.

**Carried unanimously**

### **Treasurer's Report**

George Browney was absent and his report is held over until the September meeting.

### **Welfare and Appeals Report**

Pam Davis presented her report:

- Firstly welcome back to those who have been lucky enough to have a holiday away from our cold winter. I hope you have been able to escape the dreaded Covid. We have had some members unlucky enough to get it, hoping they are on the mend now.
- On behalf of those who were at our Christmas in July "Thank You" lunch, I would like to say a huge thank you to the Sub-Branch for subsidising part of the cost. It was a most enjoyable get together. Thanks also to Mother Claus (Heather Joseph) for the Christmas stockings she had so kindly knitted, and to Lorryne Winter for the lovely crochet rug we raffled. The lucky winner was Ross Brown.
- Have those who are entitled to the \$250 Power Saving Bonus applied? If not, Springdale Neighbourhood Centre can help. All you need is a copy of your latest power bill and bank details for the money to be credited to your bank account, or you can choose to receive the payment by cheque. It only takes about five minutes to apply.

Moved Pam Davis, seconded Len Reed that the Welfare report be accepted.

**Carried unanimously**

### **General Business**

- Geoff Zanker explained that our local CWA requested the use of our hall for their monthly meeting. That was approved by committee as a trial. The trial has now finished and the CWA wish to continue using the hall. Moved Geoff Zanker, seconded John Milton that this meeting approve such a continuation until the CWA can locate a permanent home.

**Carried unanimously**

- Geoff Fifer asked for volunteers to remain behind after the meeting to being organising the duties for the Golf Day.
- Harry Paterson tabled some posters from DVA to commemorate the 30th anniversary of Australian military involvement in Somalia, Women in WWII and Anzac Day.
- The Future of Bellarine RSL Clubs. Harry Paterson and Denis Hyland attended a meeting of the four Bellarine RSL clubs at Queenscliff on 27 May 2022. Denis talked about the outcomes of this meeting at the June meeting. There are two topics under discussion. The most immediate one is the funding and location of a new greenfield site for Veterans and Families Hub (formerly a Wellness Centre). Libby Coker's election promise of \$5 million at Torquay was for a hub to be

loaded there, but we believe it would be better suited on the Bellarine. The group is trying to open discussions with Libby Coker's office on this issue.

- Since then, the group has spoken to Wodonga (recently opened Veterans Hub) and Libby Coker's office to ensure we have a contribution to discussion on the location of the hub.
- The second issue being discussed is the future of the RSL generally and the four clubs on the Bellarine specifically. The group is in very early stages of considering this issue.
- Remembrance Day is on Friday this year. It is likely to take the form of a simple wreath laying ceremony at outside our clubrooms. Pam Davis undertook to talk to the local schools to ascertain what level of participation they would prefer. The annual Poppy Appeal will take place in the week leading up to Remembrance Day. Collection volunteers will be sought at the next monthly meeting. There was some discussion around portable EFTPOS machines and Gary Holt agreed to provide a report on the use of these machines. Our usual collection point in Curlewis shopping centre is now occupied by a Lotto agency, and Geoff Zanker undertook to have a conversation with management about what is possible.
- Harry mentioned the numbers of younger ex-Service members residing in postcode 3222. Members discussed various strategies to contact them with a view to providing services and understanding their needs:
  - Meetings could start in the evenings
  - We could organise an Open Day on a weekend with a BBQ (maybe on Anzac Day or Remembrance Day)
  - Portarlinton has a Happy Hour Meet-and-Greet every Friday late afternoon
  - Andrea Nisbet and Harry Paterson to draft an article for inclusion in the next edition of the Springdale Messenger relating to our upcoming activities and encouraging new members.

## **Close**

There being no further business, the President closed the meeting at 1445 hours.

The next monthly meeting for all members is planned for 8 September 2022, starting at 2pm.

**Incoming Correspondence 2022**

54	Email	17May 2022	Geelong Hot Water Svc	Invoice	Treasurer
55	Email	18 May 2022	Anzac House	Anzac Appeal remittance	Treasurer
56	Email	19 May 2022	Anzac House	Anzac Appeal invoice	Treasurer
57	Email	20 May 2022	Anzac House	Annual Conference info	Committee
58	Post	27 May 2022	Drysdale CFA	Inovice	Treasurer
59	Post	31 May 2022	Springdale Neighbourhood Centre	Invoice	Treasurer
60	Email	29 May 2022	Gary Holt	Example honour boards	
61	Email	22 Jun 2022	Barwon Water	Water bill	Treasurer
62	Post	8 Jul 2022	Origin Energy	Electricity bill	Treasurer
63	Email	1 Jun 2022	North Bellarine Rotary	Dinner invitation	
64	Email	7 Jun 2022	Anzac House	President's Report	
65	Email	15 Jun 2022	Anzac House	Annual Conference agenda	
66	Email	20 Jun 2022	Dick Lewis	Meeting of Bellarine RSLs	
67	Email	22 Jun 2022	Anzac House	Annual Conference info	
68	Email	29 Jun 2022	Vasey RSL Care	Newsletter	
69	Email	1 Jul 2022	Anzac House	Annual Report	
70	Email	4 Jul 2022	Anzac House	State Branch funding	
71	Email	5 Jul 2022	Viet Vets Assn Geelong	Invitation	All members
72	Email	11 Jul 2022	Everymans	Newsletter	
73	Email	12 Jul 2022	Dept Vet Affairs	Health programs update	All members
74	Email	13 Jul 2022	Anzac House	State President's report	
75	Email	18 Jul 2022	Dick Lewis	Update on Bellarine Hub	
76	Email	19 Jul 2022	Dept Vet Affairs	Heart health	All members
77	Email	21 Jul 2022	Anzac House	Poppy Appeal	Pres, Pam
78	Email	25 Jul 2022	Anzac House	Fundraising forums	Pres, Pam
79	Email	29 Jul 2022	Anzac House	Apology	
80	Email	4 Aug 2022	Gary Holt	Honour Boards	
81	Email	5 Jul 2022	Viet Vets Geelong	Wreath laying invitation	All members