



DRYSDALE RSL SUB BRANCH

Meeting
11th February 2021

Open

The President Geoff Zanker opened the first general meeting in ten months at 1400 hours. He recited the Ode.

Attendance

Roger Atkinson, Lance Barley, Tony Bright, John Brown, Ross Brown, George Browney, Doug Cameron, Geoff Casey, David Clark, Kevin Davis, Pam Davis, Geoff Fifer, Denis Hyland, Ron Kingsbury, Colleen Lincoln, John Milton, Andrea Nisbet, Robert Partridge, Harry Paterson, Neil Remeemus, Len Reed, Bruce Richards, Fran Rowell, Dick Safstrom, Graham Sewart, Neville Stevenson, Jan Taylor, Paul Taylor, Tony Toll, Geoff Wisbey, Geoff Zanker.

Apologies

Bob Brown, Des Connor, Darren Davis, Greg Davis, Peter Elton, Marg Everett, Glen Ferguson-Thomas, Bernice Goodwin, John Hatty, Gary Holt, John Poole, Keith Thompson, Maria Toll, Brett Wilson, Peter Wood.

Approval of February and March 2020 Minutes

The Secretary Harry Paterson explained that he was called away at short notice for the March 2020 meeting so the February 2020 minutes were not tabled. Copies of both sets of minutes were circulated. He moved, seconded John Milton that the Minutes of the February and March 2020 meetings be accepted. **Carried unanimously**

Harry noted that monthly Committee meetings have been held throughout 2020 and minutes of those meetings have been posted on our website.

Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Proposed Happy Hour on 1st Thursday of each month was agreed, but not implemented due to COVID. This item will be reviewed again in light of more government restrictions.

Correspondence

Harry tabled the Incoming Correspondence and reported that about 200 posted letters and emails had been received in 2020. Hard copies of all correspondence were made available for perusal. He summarised as follows:

- From RSL HQ, ANZAC House: Advice on COVID; affect on appeals and meetings; annual conference held on Zoom
- From RSL Victoria Reform Group: Attacks on ANZAC house financial management; claim of large losses in 2019 and worse to come in 2020
- From Department of Veteran Affairs: VP and Remembrance Day posters; heart health programs; 2 week course on personal development
- Vietnam Veterans Association: change of name from VV Counselling Service to Open Arms
- Local Members (Libby Coker and Sen Sarah Henderson) advice on COVID; grants
- City of Great Geelong: clean of cenotaph; request for volunteer reps for strategy planning

- Jim Hislop: DFRDB financial detriment advice

Moved Geoff Fifer, seconded Len Reed that the correspondence be accepted.

Carried unanimously

Treasurer's Report

Held over until the Annual General Meeting

Welfare and Appeals Report

Held over until the Annual General Meeting

General Business

1. New Life Member. Geoff Zanker welcomed our new Life Member, Kev Davis. He said the award was well deserved, and the meeting responded with a round of applause.
2. Solar Panels. Harry Paterson said he had advice from the City of Greater Geelong that a permit was not required if our solar panels were not visible from Princess Street. Three quotes were received from local companies and a contract was awarded to Eco Choice in Murraduc Road for a 6.6kW system at a cost of \$5,600. The Ladies Auxiliary paid the entire amount on behalf of the Drysdale RSL Sub-branch. That payment was much appreciated and the President instructed the Secretary to write a letter of thanks. Our last electricity bill was a credit of \$73.
3. Building plans. George Browney explained the Committee's intention to extend the lean-to at the back of our clubrooms and construct a covered corridor to the toilet block. He is currently seeking quotes and going through the planning process with the City of Greater Geelong Planning Department. His ambition is to have work complete by Anzac Day, but it could be later in the year.
4. CWA use of clubrooms. Geoff Zanker said the Committee had approved the relocation of the CWA from their unsuitable Clifton Springs Golf Club location to our clubrooms, for a trial period of three months. The CWA is likely to want to meet once or twice a month.
5. Geoff Zanker and Harry Paterson participated in a forum in Queenscliff on 27 January with three other Bellarine RSL clubs to discuss strategies to address ageing membership, recruitment and the future of our club. It was the first such meeting and we anticipate future meetings.
6. Bowls Day. Geoff Zanker reported a successful day on the greens courtesy of the Clifton Springs Bowls Club. The event raised about \$1,000 and he instructed the Secretary to write a letter of thanks. The RSL Memorial Bowls plaque will be updated with the names of the winners.
7. Golf Days. Geoff Fifer said he was exploring the potential for an extra Golf Day in April to offset the loss of our golf event last November. But with current COVID restrictions, the plan has been shelved. He hopes to be able to run the annual event in November 2021 and he will report progress later.
8. Anzac Day 2021 in Drysdale. Pam Davis said Anzac House had just announced the main march in Melbourne will not take place. Anzac Day events for Drysdale will be similar to last year: a small-scale wreath laying ceremony at our cenotaph with limited public attendance. No marching. Badge sales at schools and elsewhere in support of the Anzac appeal will take place, but there will be no event in the Drysdale Primary School hall, as there has been in past years. More to come.

Close

There being no further business, the President closed the meeting at 1415 hours. The next meeting is planned for Thursday 11 March 2021 at 14:00 hours.