



## DRYSDALE RSL SUB BRANCH

Monthly Meeting  
13 February 2025

### Open

Following the Annual General Meeting, President Denis Hyland opened the regular monthly meeting at 1500 hrs on 13 February 2025. The Ode was recited by all members.

Denis suggested that for future meetings, we should fly the flag outside our clubrooms.

### Attendance

Robert Atkinson, Roger Atkinson, Tony Bright, John Brown, Ross Brown, George Browney, Des Connor, Kevin Davis, Pam Davis, Maurice Dean, Geoff Fifer, Joe Gati, Derek Haayema, Tony Holton, Shane Hurley, Denis Hyland, Greg Irwin, Colleen Lincoln, Andrea Nisbet, Harry Paterson, Mike Pitcher, Neil Remeus, Bruce Richards, Bill Ritchie, Fran Rowell, Richard Safstrom, Kevin Sedgmen, Jan Taylor, Paul Taylor, Maria Tol, Tony Tol, Kaye Ward, Laurie Ward, Peter Wood, Geoff Zanker.

### Apologies

Lance Barley, Allan Bliss, Terry Bridges, David Clark, Darren Davis, Gregory Davis, Margaret Everett, Bernice Goodwin, Sally Haayema, Gary Holt, Ronald Kingsbury, Ross McRae, Robert Partridge, Keith Thompson, Les Watts.

### Previous Meeting Minutes

The November minutes had been circulated on-line to members or posted out. Tony Bright moved, seconded Greg Irwin that the November minutes be accepted. **Carried unanimously**

### Business Arising from Previous Meeting Minutes

New membership cards have been received by the Secretary, and handed out to members.

Members who have not received one of the new cards, contact Harry Paterson.

Building and contents insurance was raised. We believe that the building is underinsured. The replacement cost is based on the City of Greater Geelong rates notice, but it is likely to be below the true replacement cost. Valuing the contents is very difficult, and there was some discussion of this topic. Maria Tol suggested that the committee consider external security cameras. This whole issue is before the committee for resolution.

### Correspondence

The Secretary said that 15 pieces of correspondence have been received and dealt with. Copies of the summary have been distributed at the meeting and the summary is at Annex A.

Item 14 was from RSL Victoria - they have commenced a review into the operations of the RSL in Victoria by appointing an independent third party to conduct the Future-Ready Initiative. There is place for one rep of a class 10C sub-branch to be a member of that review. If you are interested, pass your name to Harry.

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

**Carried unanimously**

## Treasurer's Report

George noted that the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC), the Australian Tax Office (ATO) and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) are scrutinising registered charities in Australia, including the RSL. Our sub-branch has a number of working accounts for General Trading and for Patriotic Funds.

Our annual Anzac and Poppy Appeals generate funds for the Welfare account and we have used those funds for the benefit of our veterans.

There are strict limits on what Patriotic Funds can be used for. George has complied with annual reporting requirements for the past 8 years, but RSL Victoria has asked for increased monthly reporting and have stipulated that any monies remaining in the Welfare account at the end of each year be returned to RSL Victoria. In particular, we have been told that the Welfare funds can only be used to support **Benevolent** veterans. George is seeking a better definition of "benevolent".

We will be required to keep records of assessment of the needs of our benevolent veterans, with each recipient identified and an assessment of the support provided. There are about 15 categories of benefits that can be provided. Records then need to be kept for seven years.

George received a spontaneous round of applause of thanks when he finished his report.

Moved George Browney seconded Geoff Zanker that the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

**Carried unanimously**

## Wellbeing Report

Pam Davis reported at the AGM. She added the birthday list - see Annex B.

Moved Pam Davis, seconded Geoff Fifer that the Wellbeing report be accepted.

**Carried unanimously**

## General Business

**Anzac Day Plans** - Harry reported that the planning for Anzac Day was underway, with the main activity to be similar to last year. Changes would be that the starting time for the march would be published and adhered to, and the traffic management would include closing High Street for the duration as many people had complained that traffic noise drowned out some of the speeches. He has applied for an Army bugler in uniform, and a RAAF flypast, but we will not know until a couple of days before the event if we will be successful.

## Raffle

A raffle organised by Kevin Davis was won by Des Connor and John Brown.

## Close

There being no further business, the President closed the meeting at 1540 hours. The next meeting will be on Thursday 13 March 2025, starting at 2pm.

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Denis Hyland  
President

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Harry Paterson  
Secretary

**Annex A to**

**Incoming Correspondence 2025 -1**

<b>1</b>	<b>Email</b>	11/12	Barwon Water	Water bill	Treasurer
<b>2</b>	<b>Email</b>	12/12	Dept Vet Affairs	Health & Wellbeing program	Members
<b>3</b>	<b>Email</b>	16/12	RSL HQ	Financial Reporting	Treasurer
<b>4</b>	<b>Email</b>	17/12	RSL HQ	Memberships	
<b>5</b>	<b>Email</b>	20/12	RSL HQ - President	End of Year thanks	Committee
<b>6</b>	<b>Email</b>	22/12	Bellarine Police	Newsletter	Members
<b>7</b>	<b>Email</b>	7/1	Origin Energy	Electricity bill	Treasurer
<b>8</b>	<b>Email</b>	13/1	Libby Coker - Corangamite	Grant opportunities	Committee
<b>9</b>	<b>Email</b>	4/1	Ballarat RSL	Ex-PoW service	Members
<b>10</b>	<b>Email</b>	20/12	Community Care	Nursing Care	
<b>11</b>	<b>Email</b>	23/1	Liquor Control Victoria	Liquor Licence	Pam/Kev Davis
<b>12</b>	<b>Email</b>	23/1	Dept Vet Affairs	Health program	Members
<b>13</b>	<b>Post</b>	23/1	Energy Australia	Gas bill	Treasurer
<b>14</b>	<b>Email</b>	31/1	RSL HQ - President	Future-Ready Initiative	Committee
<b>15</b>	<b>Email</b>	31/1	Bellarine Police	Offer to talk	

**February birthdays:**

JOHN BROWN 18TH

GARY DEAN 27<sup>TH</sup>

DEREK HAAYEMA 6<sup>TH</sup>

ROBERT PARTRIDGE 15TH

MIKE PITCHER 3<sup>RD</sup>

NEIL SHAW 18TH

KEITH THOMPSON 21<sup>ST</sup>

LUKE WIFFEN 26<sup>TH</sup>