



Drysdale RSL Sub-Branch
Minutes of Committee MEETING Held on Thursday 9 July 2020
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Opening: A committee meeting was called to order at 1355 hrs by the President Geoff Zanker on 9 July 2020 in the Drysdale RSL Rooms.

Attendance: John Brown, George W Browney, Pam Davis, Geoff Fifer, Harry Paterson, Geoff Zanker.

Previous Minutes: The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted. **Agreed unanimously.**

Business Arising:

1. Harry said that local company Solar Eco Systems had been at the clubrooms yesterday (8 July). They have completed the installation of 20 solar panels on the east roof, mounted an inverter on the outside rear wall in the lean-to and made all the connections to the fuse box in the foyer. All that remains is to have a third party independent inspection and we will be able to generate savings on our electricity bills.
2. Pam had asked Harry to check with the administrators of our Facebook page to update our contact details. Harry reported that the Facebook page does not have contact details, but it a good medium for spreading our news items. Harry had asked ANZAC House to update the RSL webpage with our details (now done), and he met with Neil Remeus with respect to our own webpage. All of our meeting minutes form this year have now been uploaded.
3. Pam said that she had seen the resident of 13B Princess St (behind the clubrooms) cleaning the concrete on our frontage. Harry said he had seen the resident mowing the front nature strip and he has also painted the bollards outside the clubrooms. Harry said that he has sent a letter of thanks to the resident, Mr Michael Eddington, along with two vouchers for coffee/cake at the Ground Zero Cafe.
4. The honorariums agreed by the committee for the President, Secretary, Treasurer and Welfare Officer have been paid. The honorariums are still subject to ratification by the members at a general meeting.

Correspondence:

Harry noted the following inwards correspondence:

1. Jim Hislop (private individual) has provided some DFRDB updates. The ombudsman finished his review and noted that the commutation recovery was in accordance with the rules and that members should not expect to have pensions reverted after twenty years to the authorised level had the commutation not been paid.
2. ANZAC House has delivered ballot papers for elections to the State Executive. They have now been returned. Victory in the Pacific Day is 15 August and will be marked by a limited ceremony at the Cenotaph in Melbourne. Because of the complete loss of gaming revenue because of COVID-19 RSL Victoria will have to re-cast its budget, request staff to take annual leave, and reduce their working hours to 4 days a week. in addition, four posts have been

made redundant - Director of Innovation and Strategy, Director of Digital Transformation and Change, Business Analyst and an ANZAC House receptionist.

3. RSL Victoria Reform Group continues to put pressure on the State Executive, citing the loss in 2019 of \$2 million. This comes before the effects of COVID-19 and bushfires are felt in 2020.

The only outwards correspondence was the letter to Mr Eddington. (see Business Arising)

Treasurer's Report:

George presented the Treasurer's report. The key feature was the soon to mature Term Deposit #2. He proposed to transfer the funds on maturity to the General Account. He will then be able to pay for the solar panel installation and proposed works on the lean-to at the back of the clubrooms from the General Account when required. **Agreed unanimously.**

Welfare Officer Report:

1. Pam reported that one of the ladies she visits has just celebrated her 106th birthday. Congratulations to Dorothy Treyvaud!!
2. The Clifton Springs Bowls Club has set aside 31 Jan 21 as a social event for our RSL More details to follow.

New Business:

Geoff Fifer provided an update of the Golf Day, scheduled for Monday 16 November. He is preparing letters to our sponsors of previous years, but there will be no pressure on them to again provide prizes, given the difficult trading conditions many of our local companies are experiencing.

Close: There being no more Business, President Geoff Zanker closed the Meeting at 1430 hrs

Next Monthly Meeting: 1400 hrs Thursday 13 August 2020 will again be a committee meeting and not a general meeting. This is due to the ongoing situation with COVID-19 virus and our inability to hold a meeting of all members.

Geoff Zanker
President

Harry Paterson
Secretary