



DRYSDALE RSL SUB BRANCH

Meeting
11th March 2021

Open

The President Geoff Zanker opened the meeting at 1400 hours. He recited the Ode.

Attendance

Roger Atkinson, Lance Barley, Tony Bright, John Brown, Ross Brown, George Browney, Doug Cameron, Geoff Casey, Des Connor, Kevin David, Pam Davis, Maurie Dean, Peter and Pui Elton, Geoff Fifer, Gary Holt, Denis Hyland, Trevor Joseph, Colleen Lincoln, Andrea Nisbet, Harry Paterson, Rob Partridge, Bruce Richards, Dick Safstrom, Graham Sewart, Geoff Wisbey, Petr Wood and Geoff Zanker

Apologies

Darren and Greg Davis, Margaret Everett, Bernice Goodwin, John Hatty, Ron Kingsbury, Neil Remeus, Fran Rowell, Jan and Paul Taylor, Keith Thompson, Tony Toll and Brett Wilson

Approval of February Minutes

The Minutes of the February meeting were circulated. Graham Sewart moved, seconded Colleen Lincoln that the Minutes of the February meeting be accepted. **Carried unanimously**

Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Harry noted that name badges have been ordered for Gary Dean and John Milton. New requests now for Geoff Fifer, Roger Atkinson, Peter Elton and Lance Barley. **Harry to action**

Correspondence

Harry tabled the **Incoming Correspondence** and reported that 21 emails have been received in 2021. Hard copies of all correspondence were made available for perusal. He summarised as follows:

1. RSL Reform Victoria keep bleating about poor management at Anzac House.
2. Bellarine Historical Society in the rooms across Princess St. They will have an open house on Anzac Day, with Anzac exhibits on display in the old Court Room.
3. Victorian Government advised they have grant money available for capital works form \$5,000 to \$50,000. We should apply by mid-April to have a chance.
4. Gary Holt reminds us there will be a traditional Anzac Day football match - Drysdale vs the probable losers Portarlington on our local oval.
5. Victorian RSL State branch (Anzac House) thanked us for the conduct of Anzac and Poppy appeals which were well handled by Pam Davis and George Browney. They also provided advice on Anzac Day planning, which was discussed later in our meeting.

Outgoing correspondence consisted of two thank you letters - one to the Clifton Springs Bowls Club for the \$1,000 from the 31 Jan event, and one to our Women's Auxiliary for funding the solar panels on our clubrooms.

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

Carried unanimously

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer George Browney said there has been very little change since last meeting, so there is no formal written report. He noted the income of \$1,000 from the Clifton Springs Bowls Club.

Moved George Browney, seconded Tony Bright that the Treasurer's report be accepted.

Carried unanimously

Welfare and Appeals Report

Pam Davis received a thank you note from Margaret Groves, whose husband recently passed away. Keith Thompson is home from hospital and doing well. Drysdale Grove Aged Care facility is still not allowing visitors to enter the premises, but we hope it will not be too long before visits are allowed. Pam said she has booked space at Coles in Drysdale and Safeway in Curlewis for the Anzac Appeal. She asked for volunteers to help with manning the tables.

Golf News

Geoff Fifer said the tentative April Golf Day has been cancelled. The November event will still be held close to Remembrance Day. He asked for volunteers who would like to join a small organising sub-committee to form an orderly queue.

General Business

1. **Anzac Day 2021 in Drysdale.** The President started a discussion on what our club will do to commemorate Anzac Day. Harry summarised recent advice from RSL HQ. The initial plan was to have a modest Dawn Service at the Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne, cancel the main march, and have a formal commemoration service at the Shrine but they were not sure what form that would take or if it would be a ticketed event. Since then Victoria has suffered a five-day lockdown which affected planning. Now it looks like a march will be back on, with limited numbers of marchers and maybe in age order.
2. While that was going on, our committee decided that our Anzac Day in Drysdale would have no dawn service and no march, but a limited commemoration service at the cenotaph at about 11 am. Harry advised this intent to the City of Greater Geelong event planning department, and submitted an article to the Springdale Messenger to this effect.
3. Meanwhile, Anzac House polled all sub-branches to provide local activities, and Anzac House would then manage planning in conjunction with the Victorian government on behalf of all sub-branches.
4. In light of the foregoing, there was a lot of discussion.
5. Moved Denis Hyland, seconded Maurie Dean, that the Anzac Day activities include a march and a limited service at the cenotaph if allowed under COVID-19 regulations. The Secretary to contact Geelong Council to ensure the event is allowed to proceed. **Carried**
6. The President directed that the committee to meet again on Tuesday 16 March to finalise arrangements and the Secretary to promulgate the outcome via social media and through the Springdale Messenger and other print media.

Close

There being no further business, the President closed the meeting at 1440 hours. The next meeting is planned for Thursday 8 April 2021 at 14:00 hours.