



## DRYSDALE RSL SUB BRANCH

Monthly Meeting  
14 March 2024

### Open

The Vice President Derek Haayema opened the meeting at 1400 hrs on 14 March 2024.

He requested everyone reflect on our esteemed member Trevor Joseph who passed away on 16 February. The Ode was recited.

Derek then welcomed a new member Mick O'Brien and welcomed Kaye Ward to her first RSL meeting. Kaye is a JP, so if anyone needs the services of a JP, please contact Kaye.

### Attendance

Roger Atkinson, David Clark, Gregory Davis, Kevin Davis, Pam Davis, Maurie Dean, Margaret Everett, Geoff Fifer, Derek Haayema, Gary Holt, Tony Holton, Colleen Lincoln, Andrea Nisbet, Mick O'Brien, Harry Paterson, John Poole, Richard Safstrom, Kevin Sedgmen, Neil Shaw, Tony and Maria Toll, Laurie and Kaye Ward, Peter Wood.

### Apologies

Lance Barley, Tony Bright, John Brown, George Browney, Des Connor, Darren Davis, Narawee and Peter Elton, Bernice Goodwin, Sally Haayema, Shane Hurley, Denis Hyland, Greg Irwin, Ronald Kingsbury, Bruce Richards, Frances Rowell, Keith Thompson, Geoff Zanker.

### Previous Meeting Minutes

The February minutes were circulated on-line or posted out to all members. Maurie Dean moved, Tony Holton seconded that the February minutes be accepted. **Carried unanimously**

### Business Arising from Previous Meeting Minutes

At the previous meeting the suggestion of discontinuing gas supply to the clubrooms was raised. Harry Paterson said there had been a committee meeting on 22 February and a number of financial issues were discussed.

- We had advice from a committee member that removing our gas connection could be thousands of dollars. On that advice, we **agreed to not proceed** with disconnection. Later official advice from the Victorian Government Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action is that a disconnection would only cost about \$220. The committee will reconsider at our next meeting.
- The installer of our solar panels visited our clubrooms to look at the possibility of stopping gas and the feasibility of installing a battery system to discontinue supply of mains electricity. We would need a battery and inverter mounted outside the clubrooms, and a protective cage. We would also need a 25 litre hot water service in the kitchen to replace the existing gas system. Total quote was \$16,000. Given that we believe 25 litre system to be inadequate and mindful of the time it would take to recoup the total cost, we **agreed to not proceed** with this work.
- We had a quote from Seascope Plumbing to replace the pans and handbasin in both the men's and women's toilets, for about \$4,500. We **agreed to proceed**, and to set aside \$1,500 for painting and replacing the wire gates. The money is to come from Term Deposit #1, which has just matured. We **deferred a decision** on replacing the men's urinal.
- Our secondary drinks fridge has failed and the electrician's advice was that the cost of repair was uneconomical. Pam Davis said the cost of a new fridge was about \$1,300 and Women's

Auxiliary would pay the full cost. A vote of thanks from the members to the Women's Auxiliary was carried by a round of applause.

- The committee asked the Secretary to send reminders to those members who had not paid their subs. (That was done after the meeting and many memberships were subsequently renewed)

## Correspondence

Harry circulated a list of inwards correspondence for Feb/Mar 2024 to date (see Annex A).

- Item 8 - State RSL Branch is looking for the election of two members on the State Executive. Any takers, please see Harry.
- Item 16 - the Business Case for the proposed Veterans and Families Hub for our region was agreed by the Federal Department of Veterans Affairs. The issue was briefed at a meeting in Geelong attended by the Assistant Minister for Veteran Affairs, and our President Denis Hyland.
- Item 19 - Phoenix Australia is a specialist PTSD service for information and guidance.
- Item 21 - The next Region 8 Hub meeting is scheduled for 20 March. Harry to attend.
- Item 23 - newsletter from the Bellarine Police, and has articles on scams and graffiti.

Outwards correspondence included the reminder to members re unpaid subs for 2024 and letter to Eco Choice dealing their quote for electrical work at the clubrooms.

Moved Harry Paterson, seconded Colleen Lincoln that the correspondence be accepted.

**Carried unanimously**

## Incoming Correspondence 2024

8	Email	13 Feb 2024	Anzac House	Newsletter	Committee
9	Email	13 Feb 2024	City of Greater Geelong	Anzac Day events	
10	Email	14 Feb 2024	Australia Post	PO Box bill	Treasurer
11	Email	20 Feb 2024	City of Greater Geelong	Anzac Day Permit	
12	Email	21 Feb 2024	Seascope Plumbing	Plumbing quote toilets	Committee
13	Email	21 Feb 2024	Eco Choice Electrical	Electrical quote	Committee
14	Email	21 Feb 2024	Libby Coker	Grants bulletin	
15	Email	19 Feb 2024	Liquor Licensing Victoria	Liquor Licence	Kev Davis
16	Email	19 Feb 2024	Ben Webb	Invitation to briefing	President
17	Email	20 Feb 2024	Dept Vet Affairs	Heart Health program	Treasurer
18	Email	22 Feb 2024	Anzac House	Newsletter	Members
19	Email	26 Feb 2024	Phoenix	Vets mental health	
20	Email	4 Mar 2024	Bellarine Sec College	Student Anzac involvement	
21	Email	7 Mar 2024	Ocean Grove RSL	Region 8 Hub meeting	Committee
22	Email	9 Mar 2024	Energy Australia	Gas bill	Treasurer
23	Email	12 Mar 2024	Bellarine Police	Newsletter	Members

## Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer being absent, Harry Paterson advised of changes from last month.

- Term Deposit #1 had matured with interest of \$1,800. \$6,000 was transferred to the General Account for the purposes of toilet block improvements, and the remaining \$60,254 was rolled over for another 12 months at 4.75%.
- Term Deposit #2 is due to mature in 3 months and we will have access to \$25,740 if required.
- Meanwhile there are sufficient funds in our General Account for normal operations.

## Welfare and Visits Report

Pam Davis's report is at Annex A to these minutes.

Moved Pam Davis, seconded Colleen Lincoln that the Welfare and Visits report be accepted.

**Carried unanimously**

## General Business

**Anzac Day** - Harry covered off on the arrangements for Anzac Day 2024 in Drysdale as agreed in committee on 22 February.

MC - Derek Haayema

March organiser - Geoff Zanker

March music - could be a bagpiper - Tony Holton to organise if possible

Music - Last Post/ Rouse school brass band - Alan Bliss to organise

Ode/Speaker - Denis Hyland

School involvement - Pam Davis to coordinate (Drysdale /Clifton Springs Primary Schools)

Wreath Layers - Harry Paterson to ask the 40 usual suspects inviting them to lay wreaths

Program for Public - Harry Paterson circulated a draft and asked for comment

Catering - Pam Davis advised that North Bellarine Rotary can provide catering

Flypast - Harry Paterson has requested a RAAF flypast near 11:00am - no guarantee

Flags - Pam Davis advised that she has sourced 200 flags for children to wave

**Data Breach** - Derek Haayema advised that Gordon Legal is organising a class action in relation to release of personal data of veterans. Anyone with a DVA card might like to register:

<https://gordonlegal.com.au/news/abc-news-radio-dva-may-face-class-action-over-privacy-breach/#:~:text=Gordon%20Legal%20is%20investigating%20a%20potential%20class%20action%20against%20the,part%20of%20the%20MATES%20Program.>

## Raffle

A raffle organised by Kevin Davis was won by Kaye Ward and Derek Haayema.

## Close

There being no further business, the President closed the meeting at 2:40 pm.

The next monthly meeting will be held in the clubrooms on 11 April 2024 starting at 2pm .

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Derek Haayema  
Vice President

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Harry Paterson  
Secretary

### **Wellbeing Officer Report**

I am pleased to advise that Maurie Dean has taken on the role of home and hospital visitor. Carol Browney is also representing the Sub Branch at Drysdale Grove. If you know of any members who are unwell or house-bound please let us know, a visit and chat can sometimes be a blessing.

We were deeply saddened by the passing of Trevor Joseph. Heather has sent her sincere Thanks to the Sub-Branch and the Women's Auxiliary and asked that special mention be passed on to Tony Holton and Des Connor for their visits to Trevor whilst he was in hospital and on his return home. Trevor was buoyed by the time they spent with him. Both Trevor and Heather were great supporters of the Sub-Branch and Women's Auxiliary, always willing to help out on rosters for both appeals.

Anzac Day is fast approaching. I have the rosters here today if you are able to help us we would be grateful.

Today I am selling our Polo Tops for \$40= Bargain  
I also have Caps they are \$25 each

The Women's Auxiliary are raffling the framed lithograph 1st prize, movie pass 2nd prize, Coles Voucher 3rd prize. 3 tickets for \$5. To be drawn on Anzac Day.

March Birthday Greetings to Maurie Dean and Ron Green.