



DRYSDALE RSL SUB BRANCH

Monthly Meeting
13 March 2025

Open

President Denis Hyland opened the regular monthly meeting at 1400 hrs on 13 March 2025. The Ode was recited by all members.

Attendance

Robert Atkinson, Roger Atkinson, Pui Bamrung, Lance Barley, Terry Bridges, Tony Bright, John Brown, David Clark, Des Connor, Kevin Davis, Pam Davis, Maurice Dean, Peter Elton, Margaret Everett, Derek Haayema, Shane Hurley, Denis Hyland, Greg Irwin, Colleen Lincoln, Andrea Nisbet, Harry Paterson, Neil Remeus, Bruce Richards, Bill Ritchie, Fran Rowell, Tony Tol, Kaye Ward, Laurie Ward, Peter Wood.

Apologies

Allan Bliss, Ross Brown, George Browney, Darren Davis, Gregory Davis, Geoff Fifer, Joe Gati, Bernice Goodwin, Sally Haayema, Gary Holt, Tony Holton, Ronald Kingsbury, Ross McRae, Richard Safstrom, Keith Thompson, Janis Taylor, Paul Taylor, Maria Tol, Les Watts, Geoff Zanker.

Previous Meeting Minutes

The February minutes had been circulated on-line to members or posted out. Tony Bright moved, seconded John Brown that those minutes be accepted. **Carried unanimously**

Business Arising from Previous Meeting Minutes

Nil.

Correspondence

The Secretary said that 11 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 22 was an email from the Federal Department of Veteran Affairs. In addition this morning we have received in the post a packet from DVA It contains posters for the 110th anniversary of the Gallipoli landings, the 75 anniversary of the Malayan Emergency, the 75 anniversary of Australia's involvement in the Korean War, and commemorating the involvement of Indigenous servicemen in WWII.

Item 26 reported on the establishment of a structural review into the organisation and operation of RSL Victoria Branch HQ as well as the Sub-branch. Anyone interested in being part of the review, Harry can forward your name to HQ.

Moved Harry Paterson, seconded Greg Irwin that the correspondence be accepted.

Carried unanimously

Treasurer's Report

George being absent, there was no formal Treasurer's Report. However, Harry noted that we have received a generous \$500 donation from Pinnacle Living, and we have paid liquor licence, electricity and gas bills, and purchased representative football jumpers for the traditional Anzac Day match Drysdale v Portarlington.

Wellbeing Report

Pam Davis - see Annex A.

Moved Pam Davis, seconded Colleen Lincoln 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. He tabled a draft of the public program. He has submitted the information required by the City of Greater Geelong Council for an event permit.

Changes would be that the starting time (10:50) for the march would be published and adhered to, and the traffic management would hopefully 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 a RAAF flypast, but we will not know until a couple of days before the event if we will be successful.

Flying the Flag - Denis Hyland said that the committee decided to fly the RSL flag outside our clubrooms for the duration of our monthly meetings. He drew everyone's attention to the flagpole.

New Committee Members - Denis said that following a committee meeting last week, Andrea Nisbet and Derek Hayeema have been appointed to vacant Committee positions.

Anam Cara - Denis advised that the last Regional Hub meeting was held at Anam Cara House in Geelong. It is a new, purpose-build facility to specialise in palliative care, and that care is provided at no cost to any veterans who need the service. For more info, contact Denis.

Heart Health Program - Denis said the Federal Dept of Veterans Affairs operates a Heart Health program for veterans to encourage heart fitness. The program offers a 12-month fee-free physio and gym activities and other ad hoc programs. For more info, contact Denis.

Raffle

Kevin Davis's raffle for a bottle of Dimple scotch whisky was won by Fran Rowell.

Honour Boards - Pam Davis noted that Rod Taylor will update the Honour Boards.

Close

There being no further business, the President closed the meeting at 1430 hours. The next meeting will be on Thursday 10 April 2025, starting at 2pm.

After the main meeting finished, the President invited Michael Morgan and Fiona Olin from Pinnacle Living to address the meeting on retirement village living, with particular details on Bellarine Springs.

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 Denis Hyland
 President

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 Harry Paterson
 Secretary

**Annex A to
 Meeting Minutes of
 13 March 2025**

Incoming Correspondence 2025 -2

16	Email	12/2	Minister Vet Affairs Vic	Royal Commission	
17	Email	15/2	RSL HQ	State President Forum	Committee
18	Post	18/2	Australia Post	PO Box renewal	Treasurer
19	Email	19/2	Jill Meade	Family/Vets Hub Geelong	Committee
20	Email	21/2	North Bellarine Rotary	Anzac Day catering	Committee
21	Post	6/3	Australia Post	PO Box renewal amendment	Treasurer
22	Email	6/3	Dept Vet Affairs	Anzac Portal	Members
23	Email	8/3	Vasey House	Int'l Women's Day	Members
24	Email	10/3	Rowan Story	Anzac Day 2026	
25	Email	11/3	RSL HQ	Structural Review	Committee
26	Email	11/3	WebCentral	Renewal for website	

Wellbeing Report

Firstly on behalf of all our members I would like to pass on our condolences and heartfelt sympathy to our President Denis on the passing of his brother Peter.

Anzac stock has been received and School packs are ready to be delivered next week.

I have the Rosters here today please note we are only selling at the supermarket sites for three days this year. We will have our usual volunteers selling at the Service on Anzac Day.

Currently we are preparing forms for Service and Affiliate members to fill out with their details and contacts. These forms will be kept by the Sub-Branch and all information is confidential. We will pass them out at the next meeting and you can take them home. Perhaps your family can help you to fill them out.

Birthdays for this month

Maurie Dean will celebrate his 80th Birthday on 15th. Ron Green has his 96th birthday on 15th as well.