



**Drysdale RSL Sub-Branch**  
**Minutes of General Meeting Held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2018**  
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**Opening:** The May 2018 General Meeting of the Drysdale Sub Branch RSL was called to order in the Drysdale RSL hall at 1400 hrs on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2018 by President Geoff Zanker.

**Ode and Silent Tribute:** The members observed a Silent Tribute to fallen and departed comrades.

**Welcome and Visitors** President Geoff Zanker warmly welcomed John Penning after an extended absence. President Geoff also warmly welcomed Maurie Dean, Robyn Kane, Greg Moore and Lance Barley.

**Attendance:** Roger Atkinson, Lance Barley, Tony Bright, Bob Brown, John Brown, George W Browney, Doug Cameron, Geoff Casey, Gary Connell, Des Connor, Kevin Davis, Pam Davis, Maurie Dean, Margaret Everett, Hector Fletcher, Bernice Goodwin, John Hatty, Gary Holt, Denis Hyland, Ron Kingsbury, Colleen Lincoln, Greg Moore, Andrea Nisbet, Rob Partridge, John Penning, Len Reed, Fran Rowell, Dick Safstrom, Graham Sewart, Matt Sherriff, Arnold Smart, Bruce Stockley, Paul Taylor, Jan Taylor, Keith Thompson, Tony Tol, Geoff Wisbey, Geoff Zanker.

**Apologies:** Naomi Ager, Stephen Ager, George C Browney, David Clark, Darren Davis, Greg Davis, Naruwee Elton, Peter Elton, Geoff Fifer, Elaine Fletcher, Trevor Joseph, John Poole, Neil Remeus, Bruce Richards, Patrice Sherriff, Neville Stevenson, Geoff Strachan, Maria Tol, Allen Williams, Brett Wilson, Peter Wood.

**Moved** that apologies be accepted: Tony Bright **2<sup>nd</sup>:** John Brown **Carried**

**Confirm Previous Minutes: (Secretary)**

Copies of the minutes of the previous meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> April 2018 were circulated to members present. It was resolved that these Minutes be confirmed.

**Moved:** Bob Brown **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Dick Safstrom **Carried**

**Business Arising From Previous Minutes:** Nil

**Correspondence**

**Correspondence IN**

Mode	SER	ACTION	DATE	FROM	SUBJECT
Email	63	Secretary	16/4	Bellarine Christian College	Confirm wreath laying
Email	64	Secretary	16/4	Drysdale Primary School	Confirm Student Names for ANZAC Day Readings
Email	65	Secretary	17/4	Bellarine Ladies Probus Club	Confirm wreath laying
Email	66	Secretary	18/4	Drysdale CWA	Confirm wreath laying
Email	67	Secretary	18/4	COGG Events Team	ANZAC Day Event Permit Confirmation
Email	69	Secretary	18/4	Drysdale Rotary	Confirm wreath laying
Email	70	Secretary	18/4	Drysdale Bowling & Croquet Club	Confirm wreath laying
Email	71	Secretary	19/4	Bellarine Christian College	Details for School ANZAC Service 24/4
Email	72	Secretary	18/4	Bungalow Café	Confirm wreath laying
Email	73	Secretary	20/4	Lyons Family	Confirm wreath laying
Email	74	Secretary	18/4	St Ignatius College	Confirm wreath laying
Email	75	Secretary	18/4	St Thomas Primary School	Confirm wreath laying
Post	76	President	18/4	RSL Vic	Letter of thanks from State President Rob Webster for hospitality after presentations to Pam and Colleen

Mode	SER	ACTION	DATE	FROM	SUBJECT
					on 13/4
Email	77	Secretary	23/4	Clifton Springs Primary School	Confirm wreath laying
Email	78	Secretary	23/4	St Ignatius College	Query re ANZAC Service
Email	79	Secretary	23/4	Capt Peter Hobbs, Salvos	Query re ANZAC Service
Email	80	Secretary	24/4	Anne Brackley	Wreath Laying details – Geelong Cemeteries Trust, Drysdale Guides, Springdale
Email	81	Secretary	24/4	Leading Aircraftman Sean Rankin	Accept Request to Play Bugle at Cenotaph 25/4
Email	82	Secretary	25/4	Lyons Family	Letter of Thanks
Post	83	Treasurer & Appeals Officer	30/4	RSL Vic	ANZAC Appeal Stocktake Notification
Email	84	Welfare Officer	1/5	DVA	2018 Veterans Health Week 22-30/9
Post	85	Tabled	R. 2/5	RSL Vic	State Exec Mtg Minutes 22/3
Post	86	Tabled	R. 2/5	RSL Vic	State Exec COM Mtg Minutes 22/3
Post	87	Tabled	R. 2/5	RSL Vic	State Exec Trustees Mtg Minutes 22/3
Post	88	Tabled	R. 2/5	RSL Vic	Gifts, Benefits & Hospitality Policy
Post	89	Tabled	R. 8/5	RSL Vic	2018 Elections Reminder
Post	90	Treasurer	R. 8/5	CFA	Invoice 2051725 – Fire Appliance Inspection
Post	91	Treasurer & Appeals Officer	R. 10/5	RSL Vic	ANZAC Appeal Stocktake Procedures

### **Correspondence OUT**

Mode	SER	FILE	DATE	To	Subject
Email	80	Publicity Officer	18/4	RSL Vic	Mufti Articles – Andrea Nisbet
Email	81	Publicity Officer	18/4	Various	Articles for Newspapers
Email	82	Secretary	19/4	Bellarine Christian College	Confirm Details for School ANZAC Service 24/4
Email	83	Secretary	23/4	St Ignatius College	Response to Query
Email	84	Secretary	24/4	Capt Peter Hobbs, Salvos	ANZAC Service Program
Email	85	Secretary	24/4	Capt Peter Hobbs, Salvos	Response to Query
Email	86	Secretary	26/4	Springdale	1 <sup>st</sup> Signed Agreement –Poppy Project
Email	87	Welfare Officer	1/5	DVA	Veterans Health Week 22-30/9
Post	88	Secretary	4/5	Curlewis Shopping Centre (Managing Agent)	Letter of Thanks & Certificate of Appreciation – ANZAC Appeal
Post	89	Secretary	4/5	Woolworths Drysdale Shopping Centre (Managing Agent)	Letter of Thanks & Certificate of Appreciation – ANZAC Appeal
Post	90	Secretary	4/5	Coles Supermarket Drysdale	Letter of Thanks & Certificate of Appreciation – ANZAC Appeal
Post	91	Secretary	4/5	Drysdale RSL Women's Auxiliary	Letter of Thanks & Certificate of Appreciation – ANZAC Day Support
Post	92	Secretary	4/5	Drysdale Primary School	Letter of Thanks & Certificates of Appreciation to Principal, 4 School Captains & 4 Grade 4 students– ANZAC Day Support
Post	93	Secretary	4/5	Ken Harrold and Group	Letter of Thanks & Certificates of Appreciation to Ken, Jesse, Colin, Tommy & Neil Hancock – ANZAC Day Support
Post	94	Secretary	4/5	CFA Drysdale	Letter of Thanks & Certificate of Appreciation – ANZAC Day Support
Post	95	Secretary	4/5	Captain Peter Hobbs, Salvation Army	Letter of Thanks & Certificate of Appreciation – ANZAC Day Support
Post	96	Secretary	4/5	Col. Geoff Skardon (Retd)	Letter of Thanks & Certificate of Appreciation – ANZAC Day Support
Post	97	Secretary	4/5	Bakers Delight Drysdale	Letter of Thanks & Certificate of Appreciation – ANZAC Day Support
Post	98	Secretary	4/5	Leading Aircraftman Sean Rankin, RAAF	Letter of Thanks & Certificate of Appreciation – ANZAC Day Support
Post	99	Secretary	4/5	Springdale Neighbourhood Centre	Letter of Thanks & Certificate of Appreciation – ANZAC Day Support
Post	100	Secretary	4/5	Drysdale Girl Guides	Letter of Thanks & Certificate of Appreciation – ANZAC Day Support
Post	101	Secretary	4/5	COGG Events Management	Letter of Thanks & Certificate of Appreciation – ANZAC Day Support
Post	102	Secretary	4/5	Bellarine Uncle Bob's Club	Letter of Thanks & Certificate of Appreciation – ANZAC Day Support
Email	103	Secretary	8/5	Rod Taylor, Merv Jennings	Thank You for Updating Sub Branch Public Contact Board, Boards in RSL Rooms, and Pull Up Banners

All correspondence has been actioned as appropriate.

**Moved** that correspondence be accepted: John Brown **2<sup>nd</sup>**: Des Conner **Carried**

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer George Browney tabled the Treasurer's Report

**Moved** that the Treasurer's Report be accepted: George Browney Jnr **2<sup>nd</sup>**: Rob Partridge **Carried**

### **Reports:**

**Welfare Report:** Pam Davis presented the Welfare Report as follows:

- I am happy to report Graham Sewart is now home.
- We offer our condolences to Keith Thompson on the passing of his beloved wife Heather.
- April was an extremely busy month. I would like to say thankyou to all who volunteered their time during the week of Anzac token selling, it was very much appreciated, as some did multiple shifts.
- This year we have created another record.
- Extra special thanks to the team leaders for their efforts in setting & packing up and filling in the gaps in our rosters:
  - Kevin Davis = Drysdale Woolworths,
  - Geoff Zanker =Curlewis Woolworths,
  - Tony Tol = Drysdale Coles.
- We held an Anzac Service at Drysdale Grove, with 75 residents and guests attending. This year the grade 4 students from Drysdale primary did the readings, they were amazing. I would like to read their comments following the presentation.
- I was notified by Maree Jane that she is back at the Geelong R.S.L. Her office is upstairs if you need to contact her, I have the details.
- We have available to borrow a remote control recliner chair if any members are in need of one.

**Golf Day Report:** Held over to June meeting.

**ANZAC Day:** Bob Brown updated members as follows:

- Services were held at Drysdale Grove, Drysdale Primary School & Cenotaph, Bellarine Christian College and Drysdale Football Club.
- The School Hall and Cenotaph services were very well attended
- Wreath laying went well, 45 wreaths laid – thanks to Colleen Lincoln, John Brown, Denis Hyland and Fran Lakey from the Ladies Auxiliary, and Anne Brackley from Springdale Community Centre, a really big effort which ensured the program ran smoothly. Next year we will ask wreaths to be taken to the holding area between 8.45 am and 9.30 am to allow all to attend the Hall Service without rushing
- A big thank you to everyone who helped on the day. Well done.
- The Bugler was a fortunate last minute stand in – Leading Aircraftman Sean Rankin from the RAAF Central Band played and presented very well
- We received really positive feedback re guest speaker Col. Geoff Skardon
- Captain Peter Hobbs is keen to support us again
- Another great effort by Ken Harold and family – he's been supporting the RSL for at least the last 14 years straight – really outstanding stuff (Geoff Wisbey told me after the meeting it's more like 35 years!)
- Letters of thanks and Certificates of Appreciation done
- Great to see ANZAC Service details on our website and Facebook page.

**General Business:**

- Bob Brown gave an update on the 2018 Armistice Centenary Grant Project:
- Geoff Zanker provided feedback on the presentation of awards to Pam Davis and Colleen Lincoln at our rooms by State President Robert Webster on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April. The presentation was very well received with a large attendance from members, families and friends. The Ladies Auxiliary provided an outstanding afternoon tea as always. Thank you to everyone who contributed to a very successful event.
- Geoff Zanker led discussion on the need to upgrade and improve some of our facilities – the lean to needs to be replaced or upgraded, it would be great to incorporate a suitable BBQ area, and we need to provide suitable disabled access to the new area.
- Following discussion, Des Connor suggested we form a Building Sub Committee. Members supported this great suggestion, and the following members agreed to form the Building Sub Committee – Des Connor, Denis Hyland and Ron Kingsbury.
- Treasurer George Browney highlighted the outstanding effort by the Drysdale Football Club which donated to the Drysdale RSL the gate takings of \$2,195 from the Drysdale/Port Arlington match on 25<sup>th</sup> April. Members warmly acknowledged this very generous donation. An appropriate letter of thanks and certificate of appreciation will be forwarded to the Drysdale Football Club.
- Dick Safstrom noted we need more public seating for events such as the ANZAC Day Cenotaph Service. These events attract many “mature” community members who find it physically difficult to stand for extended periods. Dick suggested we could consider purchasing additional chairs to meet the demand. The ensuing discussion highlighted some logistical issues regarding storage and handling of any additional chairs purchased by the sub branch. It was resolved that we approach nearby organizations such as the CFA, The Historical Society and Springdale to borrow chairs as and when required.
- The Poppy Project is a joint venture between the Drysdale RSL Sub Branch and Springdale Neighbourhood Centre. Fran Rowell (RSL) and Robyn Kane (Springdale) are working together to propagate and distribute poppies. They gave a brief background and a detailed update on the issues and challenges they face, including vandalism of propagation beds, theft of planted seedlings, concerns that some poppy seeds were faulty, etc. As a result, they are concerned there won't be sufficient poppies available for Remembrance Day in November. They need help. Following discussion, it was agreed that RSL members would be asked to assist by planting/potting seeds. Soil, seeds, pots and seedlings for members to take home and plant and/or enlist help from friends and neighbours, will be available at the June, July, August and September RSL meetings. Geoff Zanker warmly thanked Fran and Robyn for their efforts on our behalf.

**Next Meeting:** 1400 hrs Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

**Closure:** There being no further business President Geoff Zanker closed the meeting at 1445 hrs.

**Afternoon Tea Served by the Ladies Auxiliary**

**Minutes Taken By:** Bob Brown **Confirmed By:** Geoff Zanker