



DRYSDALE RSL SUB BRANCH

Meeting
13th May 2021

Open

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

*"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them."*

Attendance

Roger Atkinson, Lance Barley, John Brown, Doug Cameron, David Clark, Des Connor, Kevin Davis, Pam Davis, Maurie Dean, Margaret Everett, Geoff Fifer, John Hatty, Gary Holt, Denis Hyland, Trevor Joseph, Colleen Lincoln, John Milton, Robert Partridge, Harry Paterson, Neil Remeeus, Bruce Richards, Fran Rowell, Richard Safstrom, Graham Sewart, Peter Wood and Geoff Zanker.

Apologies

Tony Bright, Ross Brown, George Browney, Geoff Casey, Darren and Greg Davis, Peter Elton, Bernice Goodwin, Ronald Kingsbury, Andrea Nisbet, Paul and Janis Taylor, Keith Thompson, Tony and Maria Tol and Brett Wilson.

Moved John Milton, seconded Pam Davis that the apologies be accepted. **Carried unanimously**

Approval of April Minutes

The Minutes of the April meeting having been circulated, Harry Paterson moved, seconded Graham Sewart that the Minutes of the April meeting be accepted. **Carried unanimously**

Business Arising from Previous Minutes

nil

Correspondence

Harry presented the **Incoming Correspondence** report and spoke about some items of particular interest.

- Item 36 - RSL HQ Vic sends a monthly newsletter. This one welcomed the Federal Government's approval of a Royal Commission into veteran suicide. There is a new team at Anzac House called Network Support Services providing a central point of contact for sub-branches and members. There is a regional Veterans and Families Wellness Centre being set up in Geelong incorporating the Surf Coast Veterans Centre. It will provide advocacy, social connections and networking for vets and their families.
- Item 39 - the RSL Vic Reform group claimed losses at Ringwood sub branch have reached \$300,000
- Item 42 - President's report on Anzac Day plans to honour the fallen and commemorate the day.
- Item 44 - Hub meeting report spoke of challenges to membership and finances in the future.

- Item 48 - the club bylaws have been updated to include a new category of membership - Social Member.

In addition, most members will have received advice from Anzac House CEO Jamie Twidale that he has sent legal letters to some individual members without saying what the letters concern.

Incoming Correspondence

36	Email	6 Apr 21	Anzac House	President's Report
37	Email	7 Apr 21	Geelong Police	Anzac Day plans
38	Email	8 Apr 21	Geelong Council	Anza Day plans
39	Email	8 Apr 21	RSL Reform Vic	Ringwood RSL losses for 2020
40	Email	12 Apr 21	Libby Coker MP	Seniors's Forum with Shadow Health minister
41	Email	14 Apr 21	Anzac House	Volunteers week
42	Email	15 Apr 21	Anzac House	Anzac Day information
43	Email	15 Apr 21	Everymans	Monthly newsletter
44	Email	19 Apr 21	RSL Geelong	Hub meeting minutes
45	Email	20 Apr 21	ANZAC House	Royal Commission into Veterans Suicide
46	Email	20 Apr 21	ANZAC House	Anzac Day Protocols
47	Email	23 Apr 21	Vasey RSL Care	Newsletter
48	Email	27 Apr 21	ANZAC House	Branch bylaws (Social members)
49	Email	27 Apr 21	ANZAC House	Anzac appeal returns
50	Email	30 Apr 21	ANZAC House	Nominations for State Vice President

Outgoing correspondence

- on-line submission of building plans to Victorian Government for possible grant.
- Harry was asked to write letters of thanks to the Drysdale Football and Netball club, and to the Drysdale Soccer club for their financial contributions.

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

Carried unanimously

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer George Browney was absent. Gary Holt gamely stepped up and presented the results of the annual Anzac appeal and the state of our finances. The Anzac Appeal this year raised \$12,171.70 (compared to 2019's \$13,383.20, even though we had only two collection points instead of the usual three). We also received \$1,528.85 in extra donations from the public and \$1,862 from the sports clubs.

Moved Gary Holt, seconded Colleen Lincoln that the Treasurer's report be accepted.

Carried unanimously

Welfare and Appeals Report

Pam Davis reported the following:

- Many thanks to our wonderful team of Volunteers who helped with our ANZAC Appeal this year. The result was outstanding. We must also thank the Drysdale Football and Netball Clubs for their contributions. This club would be lost without those willing workers as this was shown in the lead up to and on ANZAC Day, and cleaning up afterwards - thank you.

- Pam received word from Chris Casey that Geoff Casey is in hospital after suffering a stroke, our Prayers and thoughts are with them both. In better news, Keith Thompson is up and about.
- To any of our members who are not feeling well we hope you are soon ok.
- Regarding the building of the lean-to at our clubrooms: The builder advised that Geelong Council now requires a Heritage Overlay at a cost of about \$500. This may hold up the progress of our patio by 4/5 weeks but should still be finished by Remembrance Day. Builder Nathan is managing the paper work on our behalf. Harry added that he has submitted an on-line application for a building grant from the Victorian government to help cover the cost of the building works.
- Drysdale RSL Baseball cops are on order and should be available to purchase at our next meeting.

Moved Des Connor, seconded Denis Hyland that the Welfare report be accepted.

Carried unanimously

Golf Club sub committee

There was no golf club news.

General Business

1. Geoff Zanker reported on the Anzac Day activities. He particularly thanked all the volunteers who helped out before, during and after the event. Feedback from other Bellarine clubs was that we did better than most with planning around COVID-19 restrictions and crowd control. Harry said that Port Arlington and Leopold had a flypast of a Harvard trainer aircraft. We had hoped to amend the flight plan to include a flypast at Drysdale, but the RAAF required 8 weeks notice. Maybe next year.
2. Geoff Zanker attended an Anzac Day service prior to the traditional football match between Drysdale and Portarlington. It was very well received and he thanked Gary Holt and others involved for organising the event.
3. Geoff said the CWA ladies have been holding their monthly meetings in our clubrooms as a trial location for the last three months. Their location of choice is the Clifton Springs Golf Club, but it is not yet suitable to have them back. Moved Dick Safstrom, seconded Roger Atkinson that the CWA be allowed to continue using our premises until other locations become available for them. An additional motion moved Dick Safstrom seconded Neil Remeus that the CWA continue to use our clubrooms without paying us a fee. **Both motions carried unanimously**
4. Harry Paterson said that his speech to the Drysdale Ladies Probus club on 26 April at the Clifton Springs Golf Club seemed to be well-received. The subject was the RSL and other ex-service organisations.
5. Denis Hyland suggested that the committee start thinking about planning for Remembrance Day this year, given the changes brought about by COVID-19.

Close

There being no further business, the President closed the meeting at 1420 hours. The next meeting is planned for Thursday 10 June 2021 at 14:00 hours. Please note that there is no meeting planned for July.