



DRYSDALE RSL SUB BRANCH

Monthly Meeting
9 May 2024

Bellarine Police Address: The committee had earlier accepted an invitation from the Bellarine Police to address our meeting. Sergeant Shane Connolly and Leading Senior Constable Anthony Sheedy spoke of the organisation of our local police men and women, based at Ocean Grove and covering the Bellarine peninsula. Drysdale station is not manned. Calls to 000 are quickly assessed and routed to the appropriate emergency service.

They also addressed on-line scams in the financial, shopping and romance arenas. A good website is the National Anti-scam Centre's scamwatch.gov.au which has protection advice and warning of current scam attacks. Bottom line is to report scam attempts, and banks are very good at returning stolen money as long as you have not disclosed your PIN. They advised members to remove personal data such as birthdates from social media websites.

The President thanked the two policemen for the address, and members resounded with a warm round of applause.

Open

After a break for tea and scones, the President Denis Hyland opened the main meeting at 1540 hrs on 9 May 2024. The Ode was recited by all present. Colleen Lincoln read out the apologies. Denis welcomed a new member Mike Pitcher who had national service in the mid-60s.

Attendance

Roger Atkinson, John Brown, George Browney, David Clark, Des Connor, Kevin Davis, Pam Davis, Maurice Dean, Derek Haayema, Denis Hyland, Greg Irwin, Colleen Lincoln, Peter Nicholls, Andrea Nisbet, Harry Paterson, John Poole, Mike Pitcher, Neil Remeus, Bruce Richards, Frances Rowell, Greg Ryan, Richard Safstrom, Kevin Sedgmen, Robert Selby, Laurie and Kaye Ward, Geoffrey Webster, Geoff Zanker.

Apologies

Lance Barley, Darren Davis, Gregory Davis, Narawee and Peter Elton, Margaret Everett, Josh Gay, Bernice Goodwin, Sally Haayema, Gary Holt, Tony Holton, Shane Hurley, Ronald Kingsbury, Greg Moore, Peter Nicholls, Mick O'Brien, Robert Partridge, Janis Taylor, Paul Taylor, Tony and Maria Tol.

Previous Meeting Minutes

The April minutes were circulated on-line or posted out to all members, and hard copies made available at our meeting. John Brown moved, seconded Pam Davis that the April minutes be accepted.

Carried unanimously

Business Arising from Previous Meeting Minutes

- Defibrillator purchased, thanks to Ladies Auxiliary
- Toilet Gates installed in time for Anzac Day
- Police talk on scams organised for today
- Information on Hub proposal for Veterans and Families included with Minutes of last meeting

Correspondence

Inwards correspondence for Apr/May 2024 to date (see Annex A).

- 39 - Grants for grave markers for WWI soldiers could be available
- 42 - Sen Henderson's office suggested traffic control down High St - it's noisy at the cenotaph
- 48 - Digital driving licences are coming to Victoria, and will be valid identification

Outwards correspondence

- Letters of thanks to Clifton Springs Bowling Club for their donation, Christian College Highton for the brass band, bugler and vocalist, Coles and Safeway for the use of their premises for Anzac Appeal, Lifestyle St Leonards for their donation and 100 Sqn for Winjeel flypast on Anzac Day

Moved Harry Paterson, seconded Geoff Zanker that the correspondence be accepted.

Carried unanimously

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report is at Annex B. George Browney reported record results for the annual Anzac Appeal sales of badges, and increased donations as well. Great use was made of the EFTPOS Square machines.

Moved George Browney, seconded John Brown that the treasurer's Report be accepted.

Carried unanimously

Welfare and Visits Report

Pam Davis reported (see Annex B)

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

Carried unanimously

General Business

Anzac Day Wrap Up. The President sincerely thanked the committee and all who assisted with the Anzac Day service of commemoration at the Drysdale cenotaph. He has received many compliments from the public even 10 days after the event.

Lifestyle Donation. Members from the Lifestyle St Leonards village presented a donation cheque for \$1,005. Marcia made a short speech and photographs were taken.

Westralia Anniversary. The Vice President Derek Haayema reminded members of a fire incident on HMAS Westralia on 8 May 1998. It resulted in the immediate deaths of four sailors, and another four who are known to have taken their own lives later. It serves to remind us all that the mental scars of such events can last for a long time.

Raffle

A raffle organised by Kevin Davis was won by Geoff Zanker and Kev Davis.

Close

There being no further business, the President closed the meeting at 4:10 pm.

The next monthly meeting will be held in the clubrooms on 13 June 2024 starting at 2pm. Secretary will be David Clark.

**Annex A to
Meeting Minutes of
9 May 2024**

Incoming Correspondence April/May 2024

33	Post	9 Apr 2024	Origin Energy	Electricity Bill	Treasurer
34	Email	11 Apr 2024	Lifestyle Communities	Request to sell badges	Pam, Geoff
35	Email	11 Apr 2024	Bellarine Police	Newsletter	Members
36	Email	13 Apr 2024	Denis Hyland	Clifton Springs Bowling	Members
37	Email	16 Apr 2024	Anzac House	Newsletter/Contact list	
38	Email	16 Apr 2024	100 Squadron	Flypast	
39	Email	18 Apr 2024	Dept of Veteran Affairs	Unmarked Graves WWI	Members
40	Email	24 Apr 2024	Libby Coker/D Haayema	Meet and Greet	
41	Email	24 Apr 2024	Greater City Fencing	Invoice for toilet gates	Treasurer
42	Email	25 Apr 2024	Vasey House	Newsletter	
43	Email	26 Apr 2024	Sen. Henderson	Congrats/ High St suggestion	
44	Email	26 Apr 2024	Sen. Henderson	Morning tea invite	Members
45	Email	28 Apr 2024	S'dale Neighbourhood	Invoice for Anzac programs	Treasurer
46	Email	29 Apr 2024	Liquor Control Victoria	Newsletter	
47	Email	29 Apr 2024	Libby Coker	WWI graves	Members
48	Email	30 Apr 2024	Liquor Control Victoria	Digital drivers licences	Members
49	Email	1 May 2024	Bellarine Police	Policing survey	Members
50	Email	5 May 2024	Angelina Russell	Flags at services	Committee
51	Email	8 May 2024	Anzac House	Bus to State conference	

Treasurer's Report

DRYSDALE RSL	8/05/2024	
Assets	2024	\$
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts		
General Account		8,532.58
Welfare Account		2,263.03
Building Account		2,151.68
Term Deposit 1		60,254.09
Term Deposit 2		25,741.29
Total Accounts		98,942.67
Petty Cash Bar		200.00
Total Current Assets		99,142.67
 Non Current Assets		
Furniture at Costs		5,000.00
Building		650,000.00
Total Non Current Assets		655,000.00
Total Assets		754,142.67

Wellbeing Officer Report

April was a very busy month for the club and some of our members.

An amazing effort from The Wellbeing team along with the Appeals officers, and our wonderful band of volunteers within the Sub-Branch including the Women's Auxiliary.

I would personally would like to thank our President Denis for conducting the Anzac Service at Drysdale Grove, with help from Maurie Dean and Carol Browney.

As reported by George, this year's appeal was a huge success. Even the EMpos machines were manageable, apart from a couple of small incidents. The Schools' fundraising efforts along with the Leopold and St. Leonards Life Style Villages also contributed to the appeal.

It saddens me to say that some of our members have been unwell with Covid please take care when out and about - it seems to be everywhere at the moment. Get well wishes to any of our members who are not well, if we can help, we are only a phone call away.

Birthday greetings this month to:

Maria Tol, Charlie Sedgmen, Greg Ryan, Peter Wood, John Poole