



Drysdale RSL Sub-Branch
Minutes of Committee MEETING Held on Thursday 19 November 2020
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Opening: A committee meeting was called to order at 1400 hrs by the President Geoff Zanker on 19 November 2020 in the Drysdale RSL Rooms.

Silent Tribute: The members observed a silent tribute to the fallen and departed comrades. Geoff noted the passing of our esteemed member Arnold Smart on 12 November 2020.

Attendance: John Brown, George W Browney, Pam Davis, Harry Paterson and Geoff Zanker.

Previous Minutes: The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and agreed unanimously.

Business Arising:

1. Remembrance Day wrap up. Remembrance Day was observed on 11 November 2020 at the Cenotaph on High Street, Drysdale. A much smaller crowd than usual was in attendance due to COVID restrictions. Wreaths were laid on behalf of the Drysdale RSL Sub-branch, the Ladies' Auxiliary, the CWA, the Vietnam Veterans, the City of Greater Geelong and some members of the public. The event was broadcast live as a Zoom session, thanks to the Springdale Neighbour Centre.
2. Poppy Appeal wrap up. The Poppy Appeal was held in only two locations this year - Coles in Drysdale and Safeway in Curlewis - on six days leading up to Remembrance Day. Details of the collections were advised by the Treasurer in his report. The President thanked all of those members who manned the collection tables, especially the Davis family.

Correspondence:

Harry noted the main inwards correspondence has been coming from ANZAC House in the form of fortnightly newsletters from the President. One item of note was a suggestion that members aged over 80 could be excused from paying their annual membership fee. Harry said we have a quarter of our members over 80, and in five years that will be closer to half. There was some discussion around this issue and the steps we could take to recruit more, younger members.

Treasurer's Report:

1. The Treasurer tabled the current accounts. They will be added to these Minutes but not published on the website. The Treasurer's report was agreed unanimously.
2. The Poppy Appeal raised over \$6,600, compared to \$10,600 in 2019. This is likely to be due to the reduction from three stations to two, and the ongoing COVID restrictions on people being out and about. However, the donations totalled just over \$1,000, comparing well to \$1,400 last year.

Welfare Officer Report:

1. Member Geoff Wisbey recently celebrated his 97th birthday. Congratulations to Geoff.
2. We are still finding it difficult to physically visit our veterans in care.
3. Member Keith Thompson is having an operation in December.

4. There is a HUB meeting next week at the Geelong RSL Sub-branch clubrooms. Pam is attending, and asked if anyone else would like to go along.
5. The Victorian Education Department has recently changed all school email addresses. We regularly correspond with the local schools by email especially around ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day. When Pam has the new addresses, she will let everyone know,
6. The first Ladies' Auxiliary next year will be on 2 Feb 2021, and their Annual General Meeting will be in March.

New Business:

Bowls Day 31 January 2021. Members wishing to participate should contact Geoff Zanker or the Clifton Springs Bowls Club.

Close: There being no more Business, President Geoff Zanker closed the Meeting at 1445 hrs.

Next Meetings: There is likely to be a meeting in December. Whether it is Committee only or full membership will be determined next week after any announcements on COVID restrictions by the State Government.

The club does not normally have a January meeting.

We hope the February meeting will be able to go ahead on 11 February 2021.

Geoff Zanker
President

Harry Paterson
Secretary