



Drysdale RSL Sub-Branch
Meeting of Committee MEETING Held on Friday 2 October 2020
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Opening: A committee meeting was called to order at 1405 hrs by the President Geoff Zanker on 2 October 2020 in the Drysdale RSL Rooms. Social distancing was the order of the day.

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

Previous Minutes: The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted. **Agreed unanimously.**

Business Arising:

1. Harry said that the installation of the solar panels was complete, the third part inspection had occurred and the system was operational. The Drysdale RSL Women's Auxiliary has paid the complete cost involved.
2. Geoff Zanker moved, seconded John Brown, a vote of thanks to the Women's Auxiliary for the payment. It will allow the Sub-branch to proceed with plans for a small redevelopment project on the outside, back of the clubrooms. **Agreed unanimously.**
3. Pam Davis noted the passing of our member Frank Matthews. Geoff Zanker said that Frank was well known and respected locally and it was a great shame that so few of his family and friends were allowed to attend his funeral due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Correspondence:

4. Harry noted the following inwards correspondence:

- ANZAC House delivered posters and other educational material for use in any Victory in the Pacific Day (15 August).
- The Dept of Veterans' Affairs also posted VP material, and more recently Remembrance Day info packs.
- RSL Victoria will have to re-cast its budget in light of a 75% reduction in revenues, partly because of the complete loss of gaming revenue during COVID-19 times. In addition to other measures already announced, State Executive officers will take a 20% pay cut.
- RSL Victoria Reform Group continues to put pressure on the State Executive, citing the loss in 2019 of \$2 million. This comes before the effects of COVID-19 and bushfires are felt in 2020. They have emailed regularly criticising the State Branch, comparing them unfavourably with the State Branches of NSW and Queensland. They have criticised a lack of transparency on financial matters, selling under-utilised real estate, uncertainty on the future of Vasey House, lack of information about the upcoming election and annual meeting. So far, ANZAC House has not commented on the activities of the Reform Group beyond asking for all members and Sub-branches to work together in these difficult times.
- The Branch emails a newsletter every fortnight to the Sub-branches. The last one included a proposal for a strategic review called the RSL Transformation, assisted by the Ernst

and Young professional services company. The review will cover most of the complaints that have been raised by the Reform Group.

- ANZAC House will host a Presidents' Forum on 20 October 20. Sub-branch presidents who wish to attend need to notify the Branch by 12 October.
- ANZAC House will hold the Annual Conference in late November and they have asked Sub-branches for agenda items.

5. The only outwards correspondence was the letter accompanying a cheque for \$500 for Geelong Legacy. We received a thank you letter in reply.

Treasurer's Report:

6. George presented the Treasurer's report. The key feature was the newly matured Term Deposit #2. He transferred the funds on maturity to the General Account.

7. As the Women's Auxiliary has now paid for the solar panel installation, the funds in the General Account can be used for proposed works on the lean-to at the back of the clubrooms from the General Account when required. He has asked our builder Daniel for two options to present to the City of Greater Geelong council planning officers.

8. The annual Bowls Day normally generates about \$1,000 for the Sub-branch. Any proceeds from the event scheduled for 31 Jan 2021 will be added to the General account.

Welfare Officer Report:

9. Pam reported that nursing home visits to our veterans have been severely curtailed this year. However she has arranged flowers and chocolates for some birthdays in lieu of a physical visit.

10. Pam is not having much luck trying to source tins of ANZAC biscuits with the logos including the year 2021 for presentations, but will continue to try.

New Business:

11. Geoff Fifer noted that the proposed Golf Day, scheduled for Monday 16 November has been cancelled due to restrictions resulting from COVID-19. Geoff Fifer has tentatively arranged two dates with Clifton Springs Golf Club for next year - April and November.

12. We have already received a \$500 donation towards this year's Golf Day from Dr Walder's surgery. Geoff Zanker undertook to talk to Dr Walder - does he want a refund or is he going to be satisfied to have the donation used for the support of our veterans?

13. Geoff Zanker advised that some cracks in the walls of our clubrooms had been filled and repainted by the Davis family, and he wanted the Committee's thanks noted in these Minutes.

14. **Remembrance Day.** The committee considered the situation regarding our ability to hold public events at the Cenotaph, and decided to proceed with a much scaled-down ceremony to mark Remembrance Day this year. Harry to liaise with Anne Brackley to put a notice in the next issue of the *Springdale Messenger*.

15. The Appeals Officer (Pam) will organise a roster for sales of poppies at Coles and Safeway in Drysdale, and Safeway in Curlewis, and the possibility of placing a box at Mortimer's garage.

Close: There being no more Business, President Geoff Zanker closed the Meeting at 1450 hrs.

Next Monthly Meeting: To be decided. This is due to the ongoing situation with COVID-19 virus and our inability to hold a meeting of all members.

Geoff Zanker
President

Harry Paterson
Secretary