



## DRYSDALE RSL SUB BRANCH

Monthly Meeting  
10 October 2024

### Open

President Denis Hyland opened the meeting at 1400 hrs on 10 October 2024.

The Ode was recited by all members. Denis introduced guest speaker Andrew Scorgie.

### Attendance

Roger Atkinson, Lance Barley, Terry Bridges, John Brown, George Browney, David Clark, Des Connor, Kevin Davis, Pam Davis, Maurice Dean, Narawee and Peter Elton, Margaret Everett, Geoff Fifer, Derek Haayema, Shane Hurley, Denis Hyland, Colleen Lincoln, Harry Paterson, Mike Pitcher, Neil Remeus, Bruce Richards, Fran Rowell, Richard Safstrom, Kevin Sedgman, Tony and Maria Toll, Laurie and Kaye Ward, Les Watts, Pearl Webster, Peter Wood, Geoff Zanker. Some members were accompanied, as this meeting followed the "Keep Connected" BBQ lunch.

### Apologies

Tony Bright, Ross Brown, Darren Davis, Gregory Davis, Bernice Goodwin, Sally Haayema, Gary Holt, Tony Holton, Greg Irwin, Ronald Kingsbury, Andrea Nisbet, Mick O'Brien, Paul and Janis Taylor, Keith Thompson, Geoff Webster.

### Guest Speaker

Andrew gave an interesting talk about the Queenscliffe Maritime Museum, accompanied by a slide show. He had a number of interesting anecdotes about the maritime history of the lighthouses, and rescues and tragedies in The Rip between Queenscliff and Point Nepean. We also learned that the collective noun for a group of lighthouses is a Relief. Ex-museum volunteer Dick Safstrom moved a vote of thanks to Andrew at the end of his talk.

### Previous Meeting Minutes

The September minutes were circulated on-line to members or posted out. Harry Paterson moved, seconded Geoff Fifer that the September minutes be accepted. **Carried unanimously**

### Business Arising from Previous Meeting Minutes

Nil.

### Correspondence

Harry circulated a list of inwards correspondence for September/October 2024 to date (see Annex A) and spoke about four items.

- 73 included in the mail from Dept of Vet Affairs was a poster reminding us that October is the 80th anniversary of the Battle of Leyte Gulf, the largest naval battle of WWII, the first use of kamikaze, and the last ever battleship to battleship action.
- 74 was an invitation from Ocean Grove/Barwon Heads RSL offering a bus trip to Ballarat
- 75 was an invitation from Portarlington Neighbour House for members wanting to attend a recital by the Navy band on 3 November.
- 77 - RSL Newsletter
  - Free RSL membership for current serving members of the ADF.

- There are now quite a few organisations to assist ex-ADF members (for example Mates for Mates, Open Arms, Soldier On, and even the RSL). One recommendation from the Royal Commission into Defence suicides was to establish a single overarching peak body to simplify access for veterans.

#### Outwards correspondence

- 30 plus letters to local organisations seeking assistance with our Golf Day
  - Invitations to Drysdale and Clifton Springs primary schools to attend Remembrance 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. He mentioned that our insurance premium is likely to be increased over last year and may be close to \$2,000.

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

**Carried unanimously**

#### **Wellbeing Report**

Pam Davis reported - see Annex B.

Moved Pam Davis, seconded Geoff Zanker that the Wellbeing report be accepted.

**Carried unanimously**

#### **General Business**

**Remembrance Day** 11 November - Harry said the Committee met last week to decide the schedule for Remembrance Day. As 11 November is not a public holiday we are expecting an audience of about 200, and we will hold the event outside our clubrooms at 13 Princess St, as we did last year. Harry tabled a draft of the public program for the day as agreed by the committee. The schedule is at Annex A.

A Reserve Force member of the Army Band in Melbourne has offered to play Last Post on the bugle, while dressed in full Army uniform. We are waiting for his unit to give final approval.

The Rotary Club of North Bellarine has again offered to provide catering at the end of the service. Our event has been notified to RSL Victoria and the City of Greater Geelong.

The rosters for helping sell merchandise for the annual Poppy Appeal are available, and members are encouraged to sign up.

**Golf Day** 18 November - Geoff Fifer said applications for entry into this competition can be handled directly by the Clifton Springs Golf Club pro shop. He will run a meeting at 2pm on Monday 14 October in our clubrooms to discuss sponsorship and other exciting topics. Volunteers who want to help are encouraged to attend this meeting.

**Medic App.** Shane Hurley encouraged members to adopt a free mobile phone app VVED (Victorian Virtual Emergency Department). It enables you to access emergency care from anywhere in Victoria, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You will be connected to a team of emergency nurses and doctors, who are trained to assist you. VVED is not for emergencies. In an emergency you should always call Triple Zero (000). Learn more at:

<https://www.ambulance.vic.gov.au/community/victorian-virtual-emergency-department-vved/>

**Vice President** Derek Haayema noted this was World Mental Health Day. Take the time to check in with your friends and families! You never know the difference one small phone call or conversation can make to a persons life, whether it's your own or someone else's. Derek also publicised a veterans' photo exhibition and competition being conducted at Hawthorn RSL 26-27 October.

**Raffle**

A raffle organised by Kevin Davis was won by Les Watts and Kaye Ward.

**Close**

There being no further business, the President closed the meeting at 1505 hours.

The next monthly meeting will be held in the clubrooms on 14 November 2024 starting at 2pm.

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Denis Hyland  
President

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Harry Paterson  
Secretary

### Remembrance Day Program

Time	Activity	Participants
10:25	Flags down	Kevin Davis, 2 cadets
10:30	Begin seating, mobile phones off	MC - Derek Haayema
10:45	All guests seated	
10:50	Welcome to country	MC - Derek Haayema
10:55	Flag party forms up	Cadets
11:00	Last post - 1 minute silence	MC, Pam Davis
11:05	Ode (and speech?)	President Denis Hyland
11:10	Main speech	Owen McCoughtry
11:20	Wreath laying	Harry Paterson, Colleen Lincoln
11:45	Poetry readings	Primary school students
11:55	National anthems	Pam Davis
12:00	Catering	Rotary Club

### Incoming Correspondence Sep/Oct 2024

<b>70</b>	<b>Post</b>	12 Sep 2024	Barwon Water	Water bill	Treasurer
<b>71</b>	<b>Email</b>	12 Sep 2024	Bellarine Police	Newsletter	Members
<b>72</b>	<b>Email</b>	25 Sep 2024	Brendan Lloyd	Next Hub meeting	Committee
<b>73</b>	<b>Post</b>	26 Sep 2024	Dept of Veteran Affairs	Remembrance Day posters	
<b>74</b>	<b>Email</b>	1 Oct 2024	Ocean Grove RSL	Ballarat trip offer	Members
<b>75</b>	<b>Email</b>	1 Oct 2024	Portarlinton Neigh. House	Navy band invite	Members
<b>76</b>	<b>Email</b>	2 Oct 2024	Dept of Veteran Affairs	Remembrance Day Portal	
<b>77</b>	<b>Email</b>	8 Oct 2024	Anzac House	Newsletter	

## **Treasurer's Report**

**NOT FOR PUBLIC VIEWING**

## **Wellbeing Officer Report**

Firstly, I hope you all enjoyed your lunch. Thanks to all who helped set up, cook and serve.

We have a number of members celebrating their birthdays this month: Jan Taylor, Geoff Zanker, Tony Holton, Lance Barley, Greg Davis, Ross McCrae and Laurie Ward.

Next month will be a busy time and we will need help filling the rosters for the Poppy Appeal. We have two sites - Coles Drysdale and Woolworths Curlewis. I have the rosters here today. If you can spare a couple of hours we would appreciate all the help we can get. If you have time to do a shift please call Pam on 0413 334 700.

Monday 4 Nov, Wednesday 6 Nov, Thursday 7 Nov, Friday 8 Nov: 9am-noon, noon-3pm, 3-5pm  
Tuesday 5 Nov, Saturday 9 Nov: 9am to noon

Harry will have more about Remembrance Day in General Business,