



## DRYSDALE RSL SUB BRANCH

### Meeting Minutes

11 June 2026

**Open:** President Denis Hyland opened the regular monthly meeting at 2pm on 11 June 26. All members stood and Denis asked all to think of our member who recently passed John Hopwood and then recited a requiem before inviting members to join in reciting the ode.

He introduced new member Cliff Benson, and guest Joyce Reekie, who has been making greeting cards for charity. Joyce's cardmaking is now being made for the Drysdale RSL members.

#### **Attendance:**

Mick Arnott, Joanne Atkinson, Robert Atkinson, Roger Atkinson, Lance Barley, Cliff Benson, Allan Bliss, John Brown, Ross Brown, George Browney, Des Connor, Kevin Davis, Pam Davis, Maurie Dean, Gary Holt, Tony Holton, Shane Hurley, Denis Hyland, Greg Irwin, Colleen Lincoln, Ross McRae, Harry Paterson, Mike Pitcher, John Poole, Neil Remeus, Bruce Richards, Bill Ritchie, Fran Rowell, Janis and Paul Taylor, Kaye and Laurie Ward, Les Watts, Peter Wood, Geoff Zanker.

#### **Apologies:**

David Clark, Darren Davis, Gregory Davis, Margret Everett, Glen Ferguson-Thomas, Geoff Fifer, Bernice Goodwin, Diana Hopwood, Ronald Kingsbury, Andrea Nisbet, Maria and Tony Tol.

#### **Previous Minutes:**

The May minutes have been circulated on-line to members or posted out.

Moved that the minutes be accepted: Harry Paterson Seconded: Geoff Zanker. **Carried unanimously**

#### **Business Arising from Previous Meeting Minutes:**

Gas meter abolishment has been completed at a cost of \$250, not \$2,000 as previously advised.

Denis noted that our Social Media documents (tabled by Harry) have been accepted by the committee. He moved that the Drysdale Sub-branch adopts the policy, that has been previously circulated to the members.

Seconded Bob Atkinson. **Carried unanimously**

Structural Engineering update is carried over to the August meeting. David Clark (absent) previously advised that a structural engineer has been identified, but they have yet to meet to inspect our building.

#### **Correspondence:**

There has been very little correspondence as is typical for this time of year. A list of inwards correspondence received since the last meeting has been tabled and is at Annex A to these minutes.

Items of interest:

Item 54 – CWA offered to donate a park bench with plaque to honour women and children who undertook military service or were affected by deployments. Harry has sought advice from Geelong Council about placement, concreting and future maintenance. No reaction yet from the council engineers.

Item 55 – Police newsletter includes advice of a new bus service Drysdale to Ocean Grove, and how to get a 20% rebate on car registration: <https://www.service.vic.gov.au/services/registration-rebate>

Item 58 - Anzac Portal notes the 82nd anniversary of D-Day, information on the battle of Long Khan and some interesting biographies: <https://anzacportal.dva.gov.au/>

Outwards correspondence includes letters of thanks to the Clifton Springs Bowling Club and North Bellarine Rotary Club for their generous donations.

Moved that correspondence be accepted: Harry Paterson. Seconded: Des Connor **Carried unanimously**

### **Treasurer's Report:**

John Brown delivered a Treasurer's report (Annex A to these minutes). He said that Term Deposit #2 is due to mature next week, generating \$460 interest. He intends rolling over the TD for either 6 months at 3% interest, or 12 Months at 5.1% interest. The members agreed to the 12-month term on a show of hands. He tabled a complete list of transactions which are available at the front desk for scrutiny by members now and after the meeting. Income included donations of \$1,000 from North Bellarine Rotary, \$800 from the Clifton Springs Bowling Club and \$260 from a ladies day event at Clifton Springs Golf Club.

Moved that the report be accepted: John Brown Seconded: Colleen Lincoln

**Carried unanimously**

### **Wellbeing Report:**

Fran Rowell delivered the wellbeing report, and was pleased to announce that there were no new incidents, and that herself, Maurie and Geoff continue visits and urges members to call on Ron Kingsbury in room #321 at Regis. Ron is chirpy, looking forward to his TV subscription.

Fran and Denis will be absent for 16 days from the end of next week and Pam has offered to fill the wellbeing role during Fran's absence.

Denis then announced that Pam had been recognised in the King's Birthday honours list and has been awarded an OAM. He congratulated Pam and the members responded with a warm ovation.

Moved that the report be accepted: Fran Rowell. Seconded: Pam Davis

**Carried unanimously**

### **General Business:**

**Proposal for the Incorporation of Drysdale Sub-branch:** A proposal to incorporate the sub-branch was approved by the committee. Denis has communicated with RSL Victoria, but they request we wait until they finish their transformation project before submitting any request to change in status. Meanwhile we can take the next step, by getting the agreement of members to proceed. Denis moved a motion that the members of the Drysdale RSL Sub-branch approve that the committee take the next steps towards the incorporation for the Drysdale Sub-branch. Seconded by Bob Atkinson

**Carried unanimously**

**New Television:** Denis said the Women's Auxiliary wishes to purchase a new 75-inch television for the clubrooms, and a mobile stand. They need approval from the members.

**Approved unanimously**

**Clubroom Development Proposal:** Denis said his contact in RSL Victoria is currently Out of Office so there is no traction with this but he will continue to follow up.

**Medallion/challenge coin update:** Jo Atkinson has been working up designs for coins/medallions. The intent is to have a series of three collectable medallion designs, with an order for the first two now, and a third in time for Anzac Day 2027. She showed rough drafts for nine designs, and chose two, **agreed by a show of hands** — one featuring a poppy motif and one with Animals at War theme.

**Mementos Display:** Mike Pitcher has brought along some photos and other items relating to his son's service as a paratrooper with the French Foreign Legion, now a member of the Australian Army in Western Australia. Available for perusal today only.

**Raffle:** Kev Davis conducted a raffle: the winners were Mike Pitcher and new member Cliff Benson.

**Close:** The President closed the meeting at 14:47 and wished everyone a safe and happy winter break.

The club members then eagerly partook in a fine and tasty afternoon tea with thanks to the ladies, with accompanying tall stories, tales of large fish caught and holes in ones scored.

Next meeting: 13 August 2026

**Incoming Correspondence May/June 2026**

<b>54</b>	<b>Post</b>	16/4	CWA	Park Bench	Committee
<b>55</b>	<b>Email</b>	25/5	Bellarine Police	Newsletter	
<b>56</b>	<b>Email</b>	28/5	Liquor Control Victoria	Survey	
<b>57</b>	<b>Email</b>	28/5	Dept of Veteran Affairs	Heart Health program	
<b>58</b>	<b>Email</b>	3/6	Dept of Veteran Affairs	Anzac Portal	
<b>59</b>	<b>Email</b>	4/6	North Bellarine Rotary	Donation	President

**Treasurer's Report June 2026**