



## **DRYSDALE RSL SUB BRANCH**

Monthly Meeting  
10 April 2025

### **Open**

President Denis Hyland opened the regular monthly meeting at 1400 hrs on 10 April 2025.  
The Ode was recited by all members.

### **Attendance**

Joanne Atkinson, Robert Atkinson, John Brown, George Browney, David Clark, Kevin Davis, Pam Davis, Maurice Dean, Geoff Fifer, Joe Gati, Derek Haayema, Denis Hyland, Greg Irwin, Colleen Lincoln, Andrea Nisbet, Harry Paterson, Mike Pitcher, Bruce Richards, Bill Ritchie, Fran Rowell, Kevin Sedgmen, Jan Taylor, Paul Taylor, Maria Tol, Tony Tol, Kaye Ward, Laurie Ward, Peter Wood, Geoff Zanker.

### **Apologies**

Roger Atkinson, Narawee Bamrung, Lance Barley, Allan Bliss, Des Connor, Darren Davis, Gregory Davis, Peter Elton, Margaret Everett, Bernice Goodwin, Sally Haayema, Gary Holt, Tony Holton, Shane Hurley, Ronald Kingsbury, John Poole, Les Watts,

### **Previous Meeting Minutes**

The March minutes had been circulated on-line to members or posted out. Geoff Zanker moved, seconded Geoff Fifer that those minutes be accepted. **Carried unanimously**

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

NII.

### **Correspondence**

19 pieces of correspondence have been received and dealt with since our last meeting. Copies of the summary have been distributed at today's meeting and the summary is at Annex A. Harry has also had numerous email exchanges with community groups about Anzac Day arrangements.

Item 37. After 35 years on the State Executive and 8 years as President, Robert Webster has decided to leave the top job at this year's annual conference in July.

Item 45. RSL HQ newsletter had more info regarding Anzac Day, including special offers for veterans re NRL and AFL matches and Flemington horse racing. See Harry if interested.

Moved Harry Paterson, seconded David Clark that the correspondence be accepted.

**Carried unanimously**

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer's Report is at Annex B. George said that our building is insured for \$400,000, and he is asking the broker for quotes at \$500,000 and \$550,000. Contents insurance remains \$30,000.

George Reminded members of the change of legislation relating to charities, and how we are allowed to spend money in our Welfare Account. He is in discussion with RSL Vic and he hopes to be able to give clearer advice at our next meeting.

Term Deposit #1 matured on 26 Feb. The full amount has been rolled over for another six months. Term Deposit #2 matures in May.

Moved George Browney, seconded John Brown that the Treasure's report be accepted.

**Carried unanimously**

### **Wellbeing Report**

Pam Davis - see Annex B. Pam mentioned the Anzac Appeal, a new information sheet to assist the committee re funerals, a CPCP machine info session, and April birthdays.

Moved Pam Davis, seconded Derek Haayema that the Wellbeing report be accepted.

**Carried unanimously**

### **General Business**

**Anzac Day Plans** - Planning for Anzac Day was almost complete. There will be a greater involvement from local schools this year, with the junior choir from Christian College Bellarine singing the national anthem and another song "We Are the World". The Bellarine Historical Society building adjacent to the cenotaph will be open on Anzac Day with some special exhibits.

Some committee members will be attending the following activities:

- Drysdale Grove Anzac service - 23 April - Maurie Dean and Pam Davis
- Caulfield Grammar Anzac service 24 April - Denis Hyland
- St Ignatius College Anzac Day eve service 24 April 11am - David Clark
- Christian College Bellarine Anzac Day eve service 24 April 2pm - Pam Davis and Harry Paterson
- St Ignatius College Anzac Day eve wreath-making 6pm - Denis Hyland and Geoff Fifer
- Drysdale Football/Netball Club Anzac Day eve 7 pm - Harry Paterson
- Bellarine Peninsula Basketball 26 April - Denis Hyland

**Bowls Day.** Geoff Zanker advised members of the passing of Graham Boxhall, who has in the past managed a fund-raising bowls day at the Clifton Springs Bowls Club near to Anzac Day. He asked the secretary to write a suitable letter of condolence.

**Golf Day.** Geoff Fifer said he was happy with the support from local businesses last year, but he was disappointed with the number of players. He noted that this year's Golf Day will be our tenth and he asked for some fresh ideas on how to improve the event. Some ideas: crazy dress, a hole-in-one sponsor, including a professional golfer in the competition, raising funds for charities other than our RSL, reduction in entrance fee for members of Clifton Springs Golf Club, apply to RSL Active for financial support. He also told a golf joke.

### **Raffle**

Kevin Davis's raffle was won by George Browney and Greg Irwin.

### **Close**

There being no further business, 7 May March 2025, starting at 2pm.

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Denis Hyland  
President

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Harry Paterson  
Secretary

**Annex A to  
Meeting Minutes of  
10 April 2025\**

**Incoming Correspondence 2025-3**

27	Post	13/3	Energy Australia	Gas bill	Treasurer
28	Email	13/3	Dept Vet Affairs	Anzac Portal	
29	Email	13/3	RSL HQ	Premier's lunch	
30	Email	13/3	RSL HQ	Fundraising update	Geoff Z, Pam D
31	Email	14/3	RSL HQ	Anzac Day newsletter	
32	Email	17/3	Bellarine Police	Newsletter	Members
33	Email	18/3	Dept of Vet Affairs	Heart Health program	Members
34	Email	21/3	RSL HQ	Governance workshop	
35	Email	22/3	Jim Hislop	DFRDB update	
36	Email	25/3	Vasey House	Newsletter, strategic plan	
37	Email	27/3	RSL HQ	President resigns	
38	Email	28/3	RSL HQ	Communications with vets	
39	Email	2/4	RSL HQ	Sub-branch strategic planning	
40	Email	2/4	Vic Dept of Vet Affairs	Health and Wellbeing update	
41	Email	2/4	RSL HQ	CFO's update	Treasurer
42	Email	7/4	RSL HQ	RSL is non-partisan	
43	Email	8/4	RSL HQ	Changes to Vet claims process	
44	Email	8/4	RSL HQ	Charity self-evaluation	Treasurer
45	Email	2/4	RSL HQ	Newsletter	Members

**Treasurer's Report**

**Available to members  
only**

**Wellbeing Report**

Anzac Appeal will commence on April 22nd. All stock required by the schools has been delivered by Geoff Zanker.

I have the filled Rosters here today please note we are only selling at the supermarket sites for three days this year. We will have our usual volunteers selling at the Service on Anzac Day.

I have the forms we have drafted for Service Members and Affiliate members. These are to be used to inform the committee in the event of a death. It would be great if you can fill them out and return them to our May meeting. If you have any problems perhaps your family can help you. These forms will be kept by the Sub-Branch and all information is confidential.

Any members with sleep difficulties or with CPAP machines, Anne (a representative from Res-Med) will be speaking at a meeting at the Geelong R.S.L. on Friday 11th at 11.00am. If you need more information, chat to Geoff Zanker following today's meeting.

Birthdays Greetings for this month:

Des Connor Tony Bright Sally Haayema