



Brig Brett Chaloner CSC – Patron

**Minutes of the Harbord RSL sub-Branch general meeting.**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024 @ 6.30 pm.**

**Meeting opened:** The President COL John Platt, CSC (Retd) opened the Meeting at 6:30 pm and thanked all present with a special welcome to Bob Lunnon President RSL NSW Northern Beaches District Council (NBDC).

**Attendees:** COL John Platt CSC (Retd), COL Jacqueline Costello, LTCOL Nick Misko, Pam Hansen, Sean Rout, Peter Rawling, Don Williams, Peter Erickson, Ken Covey, Jamie Janes, Brad Trower, Karl Delaney, Frances Chaloner, Robert Low, Caitlin Burghall.

Guest: Bob Lunnon President RSL NSW NBDC.

**Quorum:** Achieved.

**Apologies:** BRIG Brett Chaloner CSC, Anne Trimble, Joan Tucker, John Wackett, Wendy Machon, Chris Frith, Alex Trima, Geoff Costello, Ian Lynch, Denis Lynch, John Oliver, Wendy Machon, Chris Frith, Michael Covey, Kieran Toohey, Merri Mack, Glen Little.

- **WE HAD 2 NEW MEMBERS SINCE THE LAST MEETING AND THEY ARE AS FOLLOWS:-**
- Matthew Cramp (not in attendance)
- Caitlin Burghall (in attendance)

**Declare any Conflict of Interest.** None declared.

**Minutes of the previous meeting:**

The President advised that the Hon. Secretary had circulated the minutes to the membership.

**Business arising:** Nil.

**Adoption of the Minutes. Moved by: Ken Covey Seconded: Sean Rout**

**Resolved:** That the Minutes of the 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2024 Meeting as circulated, be accepted, and signed as a true and accurate record.

**Presentation of Life Membership to Mr Sean Rout**

President John Platt, CSC (Retd) called upon Scott West who originally nominated Sean Rout for Life Membership to present Sean Rout his Life Membership badge, certificate, tie etc together with Bob Lunnon President of NBDC. Sean was given a rousing applause by all present and congratulated on his Life Membership achievement. Celebration of Sean's Life Membership at the end of the meeting.

## Executive Reports

### 1. President COL John Platt, CSC (Retired)

#### Opening Notes

1. 70<sup>th</sup> AGM - Sunday 17<sup>h</sup> March, 2024 (completed)
2. Anzac Day & Rugby Game – 25<sup>th</sup> April (completed)
3. Veterans Health Week - TBA October
4. Local Legends Luncheon – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Nov
5. Remembrance Day – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Nov
6. Christmas Function – TBA December
7. Life Membership – Sean Rout (completed)
8. Sub Branch Patron – Brigadier Brett Chaloner, CSC (tba)

#### COL John Platt's Overview

Executive Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024 discussed and reviewed the 2023-24 Strategic Plan with the following action items:-

1. Budget 2023-2024 (reviewed)
2. Review of Anzac Day Service & Rugby Game (Reviewed & complete)
3. Vietnam Veterans' Service (18<sup>th</sup> August) (Planning)
4. Veterans' Health Week (Oct/Nov) (Planning)
5. NSW State Congress (Oct/Nov) (Planning)
6. Remembrance Day (Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Nov) & Poppy Sales (Planning)
7. RSL Northern Beaches Council Updates (Complete)
8. Christmas Function (TBA December) - (Planning)

#### The Strategic Plan 2023-2024 is unchanged:-

**Vision** Local Veterans know what Harbord RSL sub Branch stands for, what it does and wants to be Involved as a member.

**Mission** Supportive and co-ordinated programs and activities for veterans and families

**Our Motto** Working together, delivering locally

**Our Values** Remembrance, Compassion, Patriotism, Mateship

#### Goals:

1. Support Veterans & Families (Lead: VP Jacqueline Costello & team)
2. Grow Membership (Lead: VP Nick Misko, Karl Delaney & team)
3. Commemorate and Pay Respect (Lead: President John Platt, Karl Delaney, Sean Rout, Scott West, Wendy Machon (History), Ken Covey.)
4. Good Governance & Accountability (Lead: Pam Hansen, John Oliver)

## **2. COL Jacqueline Costello - Veterans Health Week – ‘Mental Health Matters’**

### **GOAL 1: SUPPORT VETERANS & FAMILIES – Jacquie Costello**

Overarching theme is connection and self-care.

#### **Key Initiatives for 2024:**

- Veterans Hub at Shute Shield match on Anzac Day was extremely successful and will work on enhancing and improving for 2025.
- Veterans’ Health Week – Date TBA but the focus on Mental Health with guest speakers
- Veterans Wellbeing Centre – Dee Why. Engagement to facilitate online learning tools and programs that enhance MH & WB.
- Sub-Branch fundraising support to a Veterans MH Charity eg: Veterans COPE program or Young Veterans.

#### **Welfare Support Team**

- Availability to support funeral and bereavement duties as required.
- Sponsors for welfare support guest speakers to meetings – eg: lived experience.

### **GOAL 2: GROW MEMBERSHIPS – Lt Col Nick Misko**

- There has been a strong growth in Membership over the last 12 mths and we will continue to expand this in 2024.
- We will progress the Sport & Recreation Program and will engage with both the younger and older veterans into activities that suit in particular SALTS.

### **GOAL 3: COMMEMORATE AND PAY RESPECT – Col John Platt (Rtnd)**

#### **FOCUS FOR 2024:**

- Anzac Day at Harbord Diggers & Rugby Game (Completed)
- Second World War Commemoration Medallions (June/Sept) (Planning)
- Veterans Health Week (OCT -TBA) – (Planning)
- NSW State Congress (TBA OCT-NOV) – (Planning)
- Local Legends Luncheon – SQNLDR John Williams, DFC (Friday 1s November) – (Planning)
- Remembrance Day (Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November) – (Planning)

#### **Notes for 2024:-**

6<sup>th</sup> June – 80 years since D-Day Landing  
11<sup>th</sup> July – Inaugural Middle East Area of Operations Commemoration  
27<sup>th</sup> July – Korean Veterans Day  
28<sup>th</sup> July - 110 years since start WW1  
18th Aug – Vietnam Veterans Day

## GOAL 4: GOOD GOVERNANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY

### Correspondence - Hon Secretary Pam Hansen

#### Inward Correspondence

Circulars from RSL NSW which are also available on line for members to view.

Second World War Commemorative Medallions received for presentation to Relatives or descendants of WW2 members. We have SIX Medallions and are allocated as follows:-

**Keith Tucker, Wal Edwards, Douglas Wackett,  
Gordon Trimble, Gilbert Jan, Fred Raffo.**

These will be presented over the coming months to the relatives of these members.

#### Outward Correspondence

THANK YOU Letters were sent to the following:-

**ANZAC DAY** - Evan Minus & Karen Potts Harbord Diggers, Harbord Public School, Vaughan Price, Rev Trish Rooney, Pittwater House Cadets, 2/17<sup>th</sup> Battalion, SQNLDR Phillip Eldridge, Michael & Prue Hughes.

**POPPY SELLERS** – Amanda Beale, David Thompson, Ros Oliver, Merri Mack, Matt Walker, Cameron Thomas & Jodhi, plus our master of Poppy sales Mr Karl Delaney.

**MARLINS GAME** – Vaughan Price, Chloe Tyrrell, MAJ GEN Michael Krause, Pittwater House Unit Drum Corps, Monique Egeling.

**WATERMARK** - Ladies of Watermark who baked Anzac Biscuits and sold them with monies raised going to our sub Branch – approx \$150

**RSL DAY CLUB** - The Day Club is going along well with a couple of new members bringing the weekly attendance to 30 members. All are excited about going on an outing in June to Mounties for a Banquet lunch at their Chinese restaurant JUMBO's.

### TREASURERS REPORT - JOHN OLIVER (Presented by John Platt, President)

#### 2024 BUDGET Approved 22 Nov 23

#### Financials as at 15 May 2024

##### ASSETS (Bendigo Bank)

Cheque	\$ 15,571	
Term Deposit	\$ 48,895	** Matures 28 May 24
<b>Total at Bank</b>	<b>\$ 64,466</b>	

##### Income, Expenses & Surplus

Income received – 1 Jan to 15 May 24	\$ 6,357
Expenses incurred – 1 Jan to 15 May 24	\$ 2,590
Net Surplus for period – 1 Jan to 15 May 24	\$ 3,767
<b>Net Surplus for period – Nov 23 – May 24</b>	<b>\$ 2,060</b>

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Mr Peter Erickson spoke on continuing to support veterans' health and well being both during their service and after.

## **2024 DIARY DATES:-**

- VETERANS HEALTH WEEK (OCT-TBA)
- LOCAL LEGENDS LUNCHEON – SQNLDR JOHN WILLIAMS, DFC (FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER)
- CHRISTMAS FUNCTION – DEC (TBA)

## **2024 MEETINGS (WEDNESDAY 6:00 FOR 6:30PM)**

- 26<sup>TH</sup> June
- 25<sup>th</sup> September
- 20<sup>th</sup> November

**No other business was presented for discussion.**

**Next meeting:- WEDNESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE @ 6:00 FOR 6:30PM**

**The President recited the ODE. Meeting closed at 1923 hrs.**