



# **Submarines Association Australia NSW Branch Incorporated**

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## **General Meeting Minutes & AGM Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2013 11:30 am at the City of Sydney RSL**

Meeting opened at 11.30 am

### **1. ATTENDENCE**

Geoff Anderson, Ken Norris, Peter Hall, Roy Cross, Colin Ware, Peter Chegwidden, John Cross, Rick Steltenpool, Peter Smith, Tim Duchesne, Jim Dennis, Tom McCammont, Mick Lynch, Paul Cripps, Ken Williams, Phil Collins, Alan Gibbs, John Cornish, William O'Brien, Lindsay Morris and Wally Whitfield

### **2. APOLOGIES**

Warren French, Gary Bax, Kevin Hayton, Tony Vine, Des Scanlan, Richard Hill, Will Stein, Tony Wise, Stephen Farmer, Michael Barnes, Frank Scheibel, John Chambers. Tony Parsons, Gary Payseno, Cliff Hobson, Daryl Cross, Bill Sim, Ray McMinn, David Williams and Carol Wilson

### **3. WELCOME – GEOFF ANDERSON**

Members observed 1 minutes silence and President read prayer for those members still on Patrol.

### **4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Accepted

**PROPOSED:** Peter Smith  
**SECONDED:** William O'Brien  
**CARRIED**

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5. **ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Action 11 – The cost of \$220 per death Notice with submarine badge was considered beyond the means of the Branch.

Action 12 – ASIC registration now resolved.

Action 13 – No prime cruise vacancies available for main Fleet review on the 5<sup>th</sup> October 2013.

Action 14 – Holbrook brochure now on website.

Action 15 – Deregister SAA NSW for GST – remains OPEN

Action 16 - Determine as to what Grants can be applied for – remains OPEN

6. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT – GEOFF ANDERSON**

Geoff Anderson presented his report as per the Attachment 1.

**PROPOSED:** Peter Hall  
**SECONDED:** Ken Williams  
**CARRIED**

7. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Opening Balance	\$ 7,545.65
Income: Bank Interest	\$ 0.41
Thales Subcon Donation	\$ 1,000.00
Fleet Review payments	\$ 2,160.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 10,706.06</b>
Expenditure:	
Thales Subcon Donation	\$ 1,000.00
Carol Wilson (Website)	\$ 300.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,406.06</b>
Bank Balance July	\$ 9,136.06
Cash In Hand	\$ 270.00
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>\$ 9,406.06</b>
Liabilities	
Fleet Review Payment	\$ 2,112.00
<b>Final Balance</b>	<b>\$ 7,294.06</b>

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The meeting agreed that no Audit was required of the SAA-NSW accounts for FY 2013/14.

**PROPOSED:** Roy Cross  
**SECONDED:** Rick Steltenpool  
**CARRIED**

**8. SECRETARY'S REPORT – KEN NORRIS**

**CORRESPONDENCE IN:**

Apologies as listed above  
Various emails

**CORRESPONDENCE OUT**

Fair Trading returns.  
Emails as forwarded to members on a regular basis.

**PROPOSED:** Tim Duchesne  
**SECONDED:** Peter Smith  
**CARRIED**

**9. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS**

Geoff Anderson declared all positions vacant and handed the meeting over to Peter Smith to Chair the Election of Officers for 2013-14.

The following had been received so it was put to the outgoing Committee if they would accept the following positions:-

President:	Geoff Anderson
Vice President:	Peter Chegwidden
Treasurer:	Peter Hall/Carol Wilson
Secretary:	Ken Norris
Minutes Secretary:	Carol Wilson
Social Committee:	Gary Payseno Alan Gibbs
Grants Officer	Ray McMinn
Welfare Officer	Ken Williams

A vote was held for the position of Treasurer and Peter Hall was voted by the meeting as the successful candidate.

## 10. WELFARE REPORT

Peter Chegwidden reported on his recent visit to David Williams (Dags) in Hospital. Ray McMinn was unable to attend AGM due to a medical condition.

## 11. PLATYPUS UPDATE

Ken Williams reported that funding runs out during 2014 and new money for ongoing works needs to be allocated. A plan for any memorial is required from SAA-NSW. It was proposed that the submarine anchor at Spectacle Island that belongs to General Grant is moved to the site pending approval and funding for the move.

It was agreed that NSW needs to formalise the concept for a design for the memorial we wish to have incorporated into the design. The president undertook to consider this and progress consideration within the NSW SAA.

## 12. GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Next away meeting to be held in Nowra area on the 24<sup>th</sup> November 2013.
2. 25 August 2013 – Re-dedication of SM4 Memorial at HMAS PENGUIN by CAPT B Owen RAN. \$40 lunch in Chiefs Mess. RSVP [cullummordiford@westnet.com.au](mailto:cullummordiford@westnet.com.au).
3. 27 October 2013 – SM Eastern States Reunion. 1200-1600 Balgowlah RSL. \$40 per person. RSVP [westwoodjeff@gmail.com.au](mailto:westwoodjeff@gmail.com.au).
4. K13 memorial service will be held on 19 January 2014 (TBC).
5. BBQ on Spectacle Island to be held as usual on Sunday 16 February 2014.
6. A General meeting is proposed to be held in Newcastle on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2014.
7. SUBCON 14 will be held in 2014 in WA from the 7<sup>th</sup> November.
8. There is no SUBCON 15 planned. Consideration will be given by NSW to hold a dinner dance on possibly the June long weekend in Wollongong.
9. SUBCON 16 is currently proposed to take place on a Cruise Ship departing from Brisbane.
10. Anzac Day 2014. The President plans to lead a contingent to Holbrook and for Sydney bound members the march up George Street still requires good attendance in preparation the submarine Squadron leading the march in 2015.
11. Norm Williams will be requested to provide a link from the main SAA website to the SAA-NSW website.

12. A Proposal was made to donate \$100 to the Branch's charity "Walk for Kids with Cancer". The money will be directed to the Oncology Department at The Children's Hospital at Westmead as was the money raised on the original "Walk" in 2008 which was Bob (Tug) Wilson's wish.

**PROPOSED:** Roy Cross  
**SECONDED:** Alan Gibbs  
**CARRIED**

13. Attachment B is a copy of the "Centenary of Australian submarines" activities run by the SIA. It was noted by the President that some are being held in NSW and he will liaise with the SIA to determine the involvement of the SAA NSW. Especially the 14 September 2014 Centenary loss of AE1.

14. The President advised of the following activities:
- Navy memorial service at Cenotaph 8 Oct 13.
  - Combined Navy Parade 9 Oct 13. We can watch but not march.

There being no further business the meeting shut at 13.00

*Geoff Anderson*  
President  
NSW SAA  
16 August 2013

Ken Norris  
Secretary  
NSW SAA  
16 August 2013

Item No	Action	Responsible	Date
11	Investigate the cost of the SAA-NSW placing a Death Notice in the Daily Newspapers	Ken	Closed
12	President and Secretary to liaise on SAA Registration with ASIC to confirm the status of all Branches and National Association	Geoff & Ken	Closed
13	Investigate availability of places for Fleet Review with other Organisations	Geoff	Closed
14	Holbrook brochure on website	Carol	Closed
15	Deregister SAA NSW for GST	Ken	30 Dec 13
16	Determine as to what Grants can be applied for	Geoff & Ray	30 Dec 13
17	Determine the involvement of the SAA NSW, especially the 14 September 2014 Centenary loss of AE1	Geoff	30 Oct 13

**ATTACHMENT 1.**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT – GEOFF ANDERSON**

**NSW SAA President Report 2012-13 Aug-Nov 12**

I would like to submit the President report for the year 2012-13.

I represented NSW SAA at the following:

- 18 September 2012, Geoff Anderson and Peter Smith attended a Presentation by the Submarine Institute of Australia (SIA) to the Australian National Maritime Museum.
- I along with Ken Norris and Peter Smith have attended and represented the SAA NSW at the FNSA where it was agreed that the SAA NSW Branch would lead the Navy Contingent at Anzac Day 2015.
- K13 Memorial was conducted on 29 Jan 13. As reported, it was very gratifying to see the Silent Service Motor Cycle Club contingent which was greatly appreciated by the RN members
- Attended the Opening of The Submariners Walk Heritage Trail officially opened by Her Excellency the Governor of Queensland, Ms Penelope Wensley AC, on Saturday 23 March 2013. It was an excellent day and any visit to Brisbane should include a visit to the site. In addition there is a good coffee shop close to the "Walk".
- The Opening of the Holbrook Bypass was held on the weekend 22-23 Jun 13 by the PM. Carol Wilson attended on my behalf.
- On 27 July 13 I attended and represented the SAA at the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday party for Dot Parkins. Dot was the Daughter of AB Jack Thomas from AE1.
- Myself, Carol and others attended the Qld Dinner Dance and AGM over the weekend of 3-4 August 2013. 150 people attended the dinner and approx. 50 the AGM.

**HMAS Platypus**

An Open Day was held on 1 December 2012. I was unable to attend due to previous engagement and other members attended. Ken Williams continues to represent us, though at this stage no plans are being considered until after the remediation completes in March 2014, due to there being no funding for the next stage.

### Fleet Review October 2013.

Arrangements are well in hand and a schedule of events has been posted. The FNSA have organised a series of Harbour Cruises to which we are invited to attend. All indications are that it will be a fantastic day and I would recommend you also consider the Fireworks at night. Check out the Navy website recently posted.

### Eternal Patrol

It is a sad fact of life that some of our members have passed on, namely:

- Capt B Nobes RAN. I and many others attended the funeral of Capt. Barry Nobes. A letter of sympathy was forwarded on the Association's behalf to his widow June.
- Merv Kidd. A letter was sent to Troy Kidd on the passing of his Father Merv Kidd. Merv and I were plank owners on HMAS Onslow.
- On Monday 18 February I attended the funeral of Edward "Ed" Burke. Knowing he was a member of the association and an ex-WWII Veteran having served in US submarines from 1941-46 I was very keen to hear more about him. Expecting to be the only Ex-submariner there I was very pleased to see Paul Fogarty and Jumper Cross (all the way from Kelso - Bathurst) who were also of the same mind.
- WO Bill Hosie. Ken Norris attended and a letter of Sympathy was sent.
- Letters of sympathy were also sent to CAPT Bill Owen on the passing of his wife "Anne", CMDR Rod Fayle on the passing of his wife "Vicki" and to xxx for LCDR Darby Allen.

### Spectacle Island.

The annual Spectacle Island visit on 24 February was very successful despite the dreadful weather the day before. Many thanks to those who assisted in the organisation.

### NSW Branch Charity.

Carol Wilson continues to support Walk for Kids with Cancer, which the NSW Branch has adopted as our Charity. Carol is not with us today as she is running in the City to Surf, which you can support if you wish.

### Sydney North Scout Hike



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The NSW Jolly Roger took pride of place at a recent Sydney North Scout Hike activity in the Wingelo State Forest early May. I was in charge of an activity base, HMAS RANKIN. Approx. 600 scouts visited the Base and learnt about submarines and escape

### Branch Meetings

We have continued the very successful system of holding at least one meeting outside of the CBD and went to Bathurst in March this year where approx. 30 members attended. It is intended to continue this and the November 2013 meeting will be held at Bombaderry, organised by Alex Paton. An Option is available for Newcastle in 2014.

### SUBCON 2013

I attended a very successful SUBCON 2013 in Townsville organised by the North Qld SAA. The main points to note are that:

- SUBCON 2014 will be held in Nov in WA to co-inside with the 100 yrs of Submarines.
- There will be no SUBCON in 2015.
- SUBCON 2016 is being considered to be held on a Cruise Ship. Hence the recent email from Graeme CEASAR requesting your intention and timing.

Note: Informal discussions were held with NSW Members to the possibility of NSW hosting a dinner dance in 2015 and Warren Goodhall volunteered to arrange it. This will be an Agenda item for AOB.

### Submarine Centenary

As stated above the 100 yrs celebration of Submarines is being held in 2014. Nothing presently is organised by the NSW SAA, except some may be attending the Holbrook celebrations over ANZAC Day, which will include dinner dance on the Saturday. I intend to be there.

I request that the new committee consider the 100 yr celebrations and what NSW may wish to do to honour this occasion.

It has been an honour to be your President for the last year. I have nominated for an additional year and will again accept the position if accepted today.

I hereby propose that this report be accepted.

Geoff ANDERSON

11 August 2013

**ATTACHMENT 2.****SIA ACTIVITIES**

Month/Year	Proposed Activity	Location
<b>2014</b>		
Jan-Feb	Book Launch: A Century of Silent Service - Australian Submariners - Dr G. Seal/L. Blake	All states, various locations TBA
March	Book Launch: Australian Submarines Edition 2 - Dr M.D. White QC	All states, various locations TBA
March	RAN History Touring Display	All states, various locations TBA
April	Submarine History Showcase Naval Heritage Centre	NSW and Vic
April	Submarine OTWAY: 1968-1994 Reunion Dinner	Holbrook, NSW
April	Book Launch: The Mystery of AE1 and its Crew - Dr K. Spurling	Holbrook, NSW
April	RAN Exercises its Right to Freedom of the City/ ANZAC Day Parade	Holbrook, NSW
April	Public Ceremony Opening Day - AE1 Display	Holbrook, NSW
25 April	ANZAC Day	All states, various locations TBA
May	Book Launch: Australian Warship - Submarines - Mr P. Smith (SAA)	All states, various locations TBA
24 May	Re-enactment: Centenary of AE1/AE2 Arrival	Sydney Harbour
May	AE1/AE2 & USN Submarine History Display	City of Albany History Centre
September	Book Launch: Stoker's Submarine (Rev) - Mrs E. Brenchley	All states various locations TBA
14 September	Centenary of the loss of HMAS AE1 off New Britain	
1 November	Re-enactment of first AIF Convoy sailing from Albany, WA	King George's Sound, Albany
November	Commemoration of early submarine base, book launch	Geelong, Victoria