



# **Submarines Association Australia NSW Branch Incorporated**

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## **General Meeting Held at Picton-Bargo-Thirlmere RSL Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

Meeting Opened 10.45am

### **1. ATTENDANCE**

Carol Wilson, Jenny Ware, Wally Whitfield, Tom Johnston, Roy Cross, Geoff Burns, Ken Norris, Bob O'Grady, Keith Bateman, Mick Lynch, Ray McMinn, Darby Munro, Geoff Anderson, Peter Hall, Gordon Anderson, Paul Fogarty, Brad Mitchell, Alex Paton, Gail Grady, Mick Wood (ACT)

### **2. APOLOGIES**

Tony Vine, Gary Payseno, Cliff Hobson, Tim Bass, Steve Jones, Peter Chegwidden, Kevin Hayton, Tim Duchesne, Darryl Cross, Wayne Logan, John Chambers, Ian Hill, John Fisher, Rick Steltenpool, Fiona Duncan White, Stephen Farmer, Lindsay Morris, Stephen Gillis, William O'Brien, Ken Morton, Peter Smith, Anne Bax, Tony Wise, Janet Duncan, Dave Strangward (President ACT)

### **3. WELCOME – GEOFF ANDERSON**

Members observed 1 minute's silence and the President read a prayer for those Members on Eternal Patrol.

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

Accepted

**Proposed:** Alex Paton  
**Seconded:** Peter Hall  
**Carried**

**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

- i. Post meeting Carol to amend Apologies to include Tony Vine
- ii. Post meeting Tony Vine advised Carol Colin Bartlett retired as Lieutenant Commander not Lieutenant as reported in Presidents Report.

**6. PRESIDENTS REPORT**

NSW SAA President Report March 2019

I would like to submit the President report for the period 1 December 2018 to 10 March 2019.

I had the honour to conduct the following on behalf of the SAA NSW:

- Attended the funeral of LCDR Timothy Atlee Bowra. Tim was XO on Onslow when commissioned in 1969. Great bloke with a fun sense of humour. Was a guide on Onslow at ANMM
- Letter to Bindy Elsmore offering sympathy from SAA NSW following Chris Elsmore's passing.
- Attended Spectacle Island BBQ. BZ to committee for their organisation and cleaning on the Friday before plus Nobby Hall for stepping in as Chef. All should know from the Coxswain's Grot that Peter Smith made a spectacular departure from the Island

HMAS Platypus

Have still had no response to:

- Letter to SHFT and Simeon King (Aspect Studios) over Platypus Plaque and recognition of David (General) Grants donation of the anchor. Also requested discussion on the SAA future use of Platypus.
- Also email for possible scattering of Ashes in March 2019 for Ian Hoff.

Anzac Day

Must advise that I will not be present as I will be in the Pacific on a Cruise from Hawaii to Vancouver. Therefore, require someone to step up and lead the March.

Please accept this report.

**Proposed:** Wally Whitfield  
**Seconded:** Gordon Anderson  
**Carried**

**7. NSW BRANCH TREASURER'S REPORT**

**25<sup>th</sup> November 2018 to 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2019**

**Branch General Account**

**Opening Balances**

Money in Bank (General Use) **\$14,563.13**

**Branch Income**

Gosford Christmas Function Raffle \$ 330.00  
 Sale of Memorabilia \$ 165.00  
 SAA NSW Welfare Fund Donation \$ 250.00  
 Spectacle Island Income  
     BBQ Receipts \$ 535.00  
     Sub-con T-shirt \$ 40.00  
     Raffle Receipts \$ 215.00

**Total Branch Income \$ 1,535.00**

**Branch Expense**

Bob (Tug) Wilson's WFKWC Donation \$ 250.00  
 SAA Welfare Fund \$ 1,000.00

**Total Branch Expense \$ 1,250.00**

**Closing Balances**

Money in Bank (General use) \$ 13,598.13  
 Money in Bank (Branch Welfare Fund) \$ 1,250.00  
 Cash in Hand \$ 0.00

**Total Closing Balance \$ 14,848.13**

**Note – Future Expense Anzac Day \$1,000.00**

**HMAS Platypus Memorial Fund**

Opening Balance **\$13,817.36**  
 Closing Balance Money in Bank **\$13,817.36**

**Proposed:** Bob O'Grady  
**Seconded:** Tom Johnston  
**Carried**

Ken Norris spoke of the \$100.00 from the Spectacle Island Raffle where it was decided to donate to Julia Creek Relief Fund appeal – Julia Creek Lions Club. This was carried by meeting.

**8. SECRETARYS REPORT**

As per Business Arising from previous minutes. I have amended previous minutes. I have sent out numerous emails with various information for members. If you wish to be unsubscribed to my emails, please let me know. If you have any items of interest e.g. upcoming events or charity events you would like advertised just send me an email and I will forward to members.

**9. WEBSITE REPORT**

I have been in contact with National Webmaster, Tim Bass who is looking at transferring NSW website to the National platform. Tim has not been well, and I am unsure where he is at with the transfer. There will expenses due to be paid in May.

**Proposed:** Peter Hall  
**Seconded:** Mick Lynch  
**Carried**

**10. WELFARE**

It was mentioned Tony Wise, knee replacement, Ray McMinn, heart surgery. Alex Paton asked members present to keep in touch and visit any member they know is not well.

Don't forget to ask R U O K.

**11. SUB BASE PLATYPUS**

As per Geoff's Report he hasn't had a response from SHFT.

*Post meeting he and Ken Williams will be meeting with SHFT to discuss Memorial and SAA future use of the site on 21 May 2019.*

**12. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**I. Anzac Day**

- Ray McMinn to lead SAA NSW Branch (Geoff away).
- Ken and Gary to liaise with Civic Hotel re: food and extra chairs.
- Jenny Ware has spoken with Gary and everything in hand.
- Brad to organise Raffle and limit prizes to 5. Tickets to be sold on the day.

**II. Handmade Poppies**

Jenny Ware spoke about the handmade poppies supplied by Laurelle Paton. She is willing to take orders and the price would be \$5.00 each (\$4.00 to NSW Branch and \$1.00 to Laurelle for materials and time).

**III. Vale Robin (Dixie) Ford**

Gordon Anderson advised Dixie passed away. There will be a private funeral. A memorial service would be held in the City on date to be confirmed and details provided by Carol when known.

*Post Meeting: Wake was held on 29 May 2019.*

**IV. Bob (Tug) Wilson's Walk for Kids with Cancer 24/3/2019**

Geoff encouraged members to support this good cause which has to date raised in excess of \$1.3 million dollars.

**V. Spectacle Island future BBQ's**

It is probable that the Branch may no longer be able to gain access for our BBQ's. Peter Smith no longer works on the island. Suggestions for new venue will be greatly appreciated. Email Carol [dolphin66wc@tpg.com.au](mailto:dolphin66wc@tpg.com.au).

**VI. 50<sup>th</sup> Commissioning of Onslow**

December 2019 is the 50<sup>th</sup> year of the Commissioning of ONSLOW. Activities associated with this will be considered when Geoff returns from his Cruise.

**VII. Decommissioning of Onslow**

29<sup>th</sup> March – midday. Maritime Museum tour to follow.

**VIII. Registration**

An Accountant based in Hornsby is reviewing the outstanding GST returns and is in the process of providing a quote to either:

- i. Submit outstanding GST returns or
- ii. Cancel current ABN and request a new ABN for the Branch.

**IX. Jenny Ware, Social Committee**

Thanked the Committee and Auxiliary of the Picton-Bargo-Thirlmere RSL for providing venue and a wonderful lunch.

**Future Meetings**

- Anzac Day 25 April 2019 (After March Civic Hotel)
- June Meeting 2019 Cancelled due to SUBCON19
- AGM 2019, AE1 Service 14<sup>th</sup> September 2019, Sub Base Platypus and Kirribilli Hotel for lunch
- Christmas Party & Meeting weekend 7/8 December at Wagga Wagga

Meeting Shut 11.38am