



Submarines Association Australia NSW Branch Incorporated

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General Meeting Held at Wagga Wagga RSL Sunday 8th December 2019

Meeting Opened 10.10am

1. ATTENDANCE

Wally Whitfield, Kevin Hayton, Peter Williams, Gary Payseno, Rod Peters, Keith Bateman, Paul Fogarty, Mike Hickie, Joan Wilson, Ray McMinn, Alex Paton, Warren French, Carol Wilson, Geoff Anderson, Peter Hall, Gordon Anderson.

2. APOLOGIES

Cliff Hobson, Rick Steltenpool, John Chambers, Darryl Madden, Terry Parsons, Gregory Read, David Beachy, Brad Mitchell, Tom Johnston, Ken Norris, Peter Chegwidden, Jim Dennis, Daryl Cross, Michael Russell, Peter Smith, Fiona Duncan White, Les Handicott, Roger Cooper, Roy Cross, Michael Barnes, Jenny Ware, Gordon Mann.

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: Peter Hall
Seconded: Gary Payseno
Carried

5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Geoff on behalf of Ken Norris informed meeting that SAA NSW have been deregistered for GST and still hold ABN Number. The cost to get all returns up to date was \$660.00. Action now Closed.

6. **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

NSW SAA President Report December 2019

I would like to submit the President report for the period 15 September 2019 to 8 December 2019.

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

- Liaised with ANMM for ONSLOWs 50th anniversary.
- Liaised with CMDR Peter Cole and Damien Allan to ensure Spectacle Island BBQ continues. Contacted CMDR Peter Cole who advised that CMDR Damien Allan had taken responsibility of the Heritage Collection and Spectacle Island. Emailed him on 25 Nov and he also advised that use of the facilities is now managed by the Kuttabul BSM Kirstan Smelcher. Spoke to Kirstan on 4 Dec and all looks good for visit Feb 19.
- Submit application for Bugler on 13 Sep 2020 for AE1 Service at Sub Base Platypus
- It is an honour to welcome our Patron LCDR Mike Hickey to our meeting today and congratulate him on turning 97 in Oct 2019.
- I would also like to acknowledge the generosity of two of our members who have offered accommodation to any SAA Members in NSW affected by the fires. Thankfully I don't think the offer has been accepted to date.
- A big congratulations must also be given to Roy (Jumper) Cross on the announcement of his engagement and intended Marriage to Anne Bax in 2020. We wish them all the best for the future.

Please accept this report.

Proposed: Gordon Anderson
Seconded: Wally Whitfield
Carried

7. Treasurers Report

**NSW Branch Treasurer's Report
01/07/2019 to 26/11/2019
Branch General Account**

Opening Balances	
Money in Bank (General Use)	\$14,113.26
Total Opening Balance	\$14,113.26
Branch Income	
AGM Function Raffle	\$ 140.00
Xmas Function Receipts	\$ 761.50
Total Branch Income	\$ 901.50
Branch Expense	
AE1 Memorial Service Wreaths	\$ 140.00
Fiana Wang & Associates BAS compliance	\$ 660.00
Total Branch Expense	\$ 800.00
Money in Bank (General Use)	<u>\$ 14,214.76</u>
Cash in Hand	\$ 0.00
Total Closing Balance	<u>\$ 14,214.76</u>
Note-Future Expense-Anzac Day.	\$ 1,000.00
Bob (Tug) Wilson's WFKWC	\$ 250.00
HMAS Platypus Memorial Fund	
Opening Balances	\$13,817.36
Submariners Walk Qld Donation	\$ 1,500.00
Closing Balances Money in Bank	\$ 12,317.36

Notes to Report.

1. Opening balances confirmed against bank account balance.
Closing balances confirmed against bank account balance.
2. Future Costs.
3. Bob(Tug)Wilson's WFKWC -AGM \$ 250.00
- Anzac Day. \$ 1,000.00
3. December Xmas Party Payment required \$ 761.50

4. AGM report adjusted to report to end of FY 2019 (30Jun2019) in accordance with Constitution- thus this report covers from 01 July 2019 to 26 November 2019.

Proposed: Peter Hall
Seconded: Alex Paton
Carried

8. SECRETARYS REPORT

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. Thank you for your continued support.

9. WEBSITE REPORT

Geoff and Carol to inspect website and make necessary changes before Tim Bass transfers the website to National platform. This is a work in progress.

Proposed: Wally Whitfield
Seconded: Gary Payseno
Carried

10. WELFARE – Ken Williams

Welfare has been quiet which is good. I note a couple of members are in hospital and have ongoing medical issues. I will be getting out to see some of them before Christmas and will pass on the Associations best wishes to those members.

11. PLATYPUS – Ken Williams

I attended the CAC meeting the evening of Wednesday 27th November at Platypus. This was an opportunity for the members of the CAC to tour the refurbished spaces that are now offered for leasing. They have some tenants already signed up and will be conducting fit outs and moving in early 2020. The gate house has been turned into two units one upstairs and one downstairs, fyi they are expecting in the range of \$900 per week per unit.....

A review of the trust is underway and if anyone has something to add this will need to be done before the 23rd December.

More information can be found <https://www.environment.gov.au/about-us/shft-independent-review>

The one thing that was highlighted at the last meeting by members of the CAC was the lack of information on display about the site pre submarines and its aboriginal heritage.

Sydney's newest waterfront destination, Sub Base Platypus in North Sydney, has welcomed its first two tenants – Australian Sailing and SLR Consulting Australia Pty Ltd (SLR).

Australian Sailing, which is Australia's peak body for sailing with more than 360 clubs nationally, will relocate its administration and training facilities to the Fleet Workshops (Building 10), bringing it closer to the local sailing community.

Meanwhile, SLR – global leaders in providing environmental and advisory solutions, including acoustics to waste management – has chosen the Submarine School (Building 2) as the new home for its Asia Pacific Head Office and Sydney-based operations.

The revenue from Harbour Trust tenancies is directly reinvested into our network of protected places, allowing us to work towards improving public access to once inaccessible sites that have natural and cultural heritage significance.

<https://www.harbourtrust.gov.au/en/our-news/sub-base-platypus-secures-high-profile-tenants/>

Torpedoes (pop-up café)

Need to 'sink' your hunger pangs or coffee cravings? Head to Torpedoes! Located alongside the pocket playground at Sub Base Platypus, this new pop-up café offers locally roasted coffee as well as a selection of breads, sandwiches and pastries.

Operating Hours: Wednesday to Thursday – 7.30am to 3pm
Friday to Sunday – 7:30am to 7pm

Note: Due to site construction, Torpedoes will be operating on a reduced menu, which includes coffee, pastries, snacks and small lunch items. Wine, beer and cider is available for purchase from 12pm. From Monday, 9 December 2019, Torpedoes will operate 7 days a week.

From the floor at meeting.

Members asked if there would be a room for SAA NSW to hold meetings. Geoff explained that the Retort building will be available for us free of charge. Geoff to put in a submission to SHFT. Members then questioned who would have priority, us or the public we need a permanent place for meetings as when meetings are taken out of the city some members who would normally attend, wont, due to distance and expense.

Ray McMinn suggested we apply for a Grant to cover cost of any rent for a permanent room.

Post Meeting Note:

On 13 December Geoff emailed the SHFT who have tentatively agreed to meet on 10 Feb 2020 to discuss the following:

At the SAA NSW Meeting last weekend, I advised the members that I had seen on the SHFT Website that there was a Pop-Up Cafe, Torpedoes that not only has Coffee,

snacks etc. but Beer and Wine for sale. I only knew this as I went to your site. Members stated that they would have visited more frequently had they known and were likely now to re-visit.

This also generated some discussion re our future use of the site for regular meetings 3-4 times a year and what facilities would be available.

- will Torpedoes be staying and possibly moving into a permanent and larger facility?
- are there other options for food/drink envisaged?
- from discussions in May 19, understand the use of the retort building will be offered, if not in use, at no cost for SAA Meetings.
- if Retort building in use, is there likely to be another area we could use and if so what restrictions would be placed upon it?

Was also asked to enquire as to the likely cost of a permanent SAA NSW meeting room. Is this a feasible request at this time?

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

a. Onslow 50th Anniversary

1. 23/12/019 – 3.30pm. Tour to be followed by drinks. Dr Stephen Gapps (Museum Curator) will assist
2. Saturday 4th July 2020 – 50th Anniversary of Onslow arrival in Sydney. ANMM have indicated that they would do something by possibly hosting an informal Cocktail Party etc..

b. Naval Historical Society

Joan Wilson presented information on the Society and encouraged members to visit their website. www.navyhistory.org.au

c. Facebook posts

Geoff spoke on facebook posts and sought members help to be mindful of the content of posts before posting. This was also agreed to by members present.

d. Functions and Meetings 2020

- I. Sunday 2nd February – K13 Service, Pennant Hills Road, Carlingford. 11.30am for 12.00pm
- II. Sunday 9th February – Spectacle Island (Cancelled) – Informal Get-together at Sub Base Platypus 10.00am.
- III. 22th March – General Meeting – Sub Base Platypus

- IV. 25th April – Anzac Day – Civic Hotel
- V. 21 June (Venue/Date TBC).
- VI. 13 September - AE1 Service followed by AGM - Sub Base Platypus
- VII. SUBCON 2020 Holbrook 3-5 October 2020. Rod & Pat Peters to check with local Hotels/Motels re accommodation availability.
(Post meeting Carol sent details received from Rod on 12/12/2019)
- VIII. Christmas Party/Meeting 5-6 December 2020 (Venue TBC).

Meeting Shut 11.01am