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General Meeting Minutes Sunday 7th June 2015 10.30 at Wiseman Park Bowling Club, Wollongong

Meeting Opened 10.40am

1. ATTENDANCE

Carol Wilson, Kevin Hayton, Roy Cross, Gus Gillis, Gary Payseno, Ken Norris, John Chambers, Geoff Anderson, Wally Whitfield, Warren Goodall, Michael Barnes, Warren French, Ken Norris, Peter Smith, Brad Mitchell, Pete Williams, Alex Paton, Ray McMinn, Keith Bateman.

2. APOLOGIES

Colin Ware, Mick Lynch, Ken Williams, Geoff Alfred, Rick Steltenpool, Bill O'Brien, Ken Wilson, David Holland, Bob O'Grady, Anne Bax, Janet Duncan.

3. WELCOME – GEOFF ANDERSON

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

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Accepted

Proposed : Peter Smith

Seconded: Gus Gillis

Carried

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

ACTIONS

- **Deregistration for GST** - submitted. Ken will follow up to confirm it is being processed.
- **Platypus Update** – Landscaping finished at one end. Refer below for additional information.
- **National Website** – Geoff to follow up with the National Committee re the future of the SAA Website following concern over Norm's health and his repeated calls for assistance. Kevin Hayton and Carol Wilson had been duly elected to Assistant Webmanager at two different National AGM's and for various reasons had not been successful in obtaining access.

Kevin Hayton requested that a Motion be taken to National AGM in 2016. This will be considered at a later date following the Presidents discussions with the National Executive.

- **New Banner** – Ray McMinn congratulated the Committee for the acquisition of the New Banner which was Commissioned on Anzac Day.
- **Bathurst RSL** – Letter to be sent.
- **Public Liability** – Ken spoke about the Public Liability. It was cancelled due to cost and that it was not necessary and only required for outdoor activities. Kevin Hayton asked Peter Smith re our use of Spectacle Island. Peter will check.

6. PRESIDENTS REPORT

I would like to submit the President report for the Period Mar-Jun 2015.

I represented NSW SAA at the following:

- Gosford RSL ANZAC Day march, organised by Ziggy Hobson. Our own Ray McMinn provided the Indigenous welcome.
- DHA Signature estate AE2 completion.
- AE1 Sculpture unveiling and viewing with the NMM and AE1 descendants,

I was unable to attend the following:

- Battle of Sydney on 29 May 2015. Represented by Ken Williams.

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Veterans Commemoration 29 May 2015. Represented by Ian Appelby. The service started at the Indigenous Memorial and then moved to the ANZAC Memorial. The community was well represented, with the NSW Governor, the NZ Governor General and also NZ Maori representation. DAGS Williams was busy with organising the event and did a brilliant job

ANZAC Day

It was great to see so many turn up for the ANZAC Day March in Sydney where the submarines led the Navy Contingent and marched under our new banner. The function at the Stratton Hotel was again a great success and we must pay thanks to Ken for his efforts in arranging this for us.

HMAS Platypus

As usual there have been delays and completion is now due soon. What the future holds is unclear due to there being no funding for the next stage. The SHFT has agreed though to ensure we are part of any future negotiations and considerations and remain supportive of a memorial.

External Patrol

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

- LEUT Mike Shepherd RAN (Rtd).
- WOETPSM Rod Baker OAM.

Welfare

We need a trained Welfare Representative in the Sydney Area. Ray Kemp has asked for volunteers and I request someone consider this worthy cause.

NSW Branch Charity.

Carol Wilson continues to support Walk for Kids with Cancer, which the NSW Branch has adopted as our Charity. In March I walked with Carol from the Opera House to Manly. Great event stuffed up by stupidity in not keeping hydrated and finished up at Manly Hospital Emergency for about 6 Hrs.

The event raised over \$150,000.

Big Bash at the Gong

Thanks to all that attended, great evening set off by Friday night at the Brewery. Our thanks go to Warren for his enthusiasm and organisation, John for balancing the books and being a steady hand, Carol for the many emails and placemats and Ken for being the man behind the scene.

I hereby propose that this report be accepted.

Geoff ANDERSON

7 June 2015

Accepted : Gary Payseno
Seconded: Wally Whitfield
Carried

7. TREASURERS REPORT

7th March 2015 to 7th June 2015

Opening Balances

Money in Bank	\$8203.09
Cash In Hand	\$ 655.30
Total Opening Balance	\$8328.88

Branch Income

Function Receipts (Raffles)	\$ 65.00
Wollongong Bash June 2015 Receipts	\$4103.00
Donation (048256 SGE Donation)	\$1500.00
Bank Interest	\$ 0.59
Total Branch Income	\$5668.59

Branch Expense

Association Branch Banner	\$1309.00
Function Expense – ANZAC DAY	\$ 400.00
Wollongong Bash June 2015 2 nd Payment	\$2190.00
Total Branch Expense	\$3899.00

Closing Balances

Money in Bank	\$10587.68
Cash in Hand	\$ 40.30
Total Closing Balance	\$10627.98

Notes to Treasurers Report 7th November 2014 to 6th March 2015

1. Branch Accounts reconciled to bank statement closing date 6 May 2015
2. Branch Expense of \$429.00 not shown in the expenses section of the report, for Public Liability insurance paid to Ken Norris on 23 Apr 15 was re-credited to the account on 25 May15 when the insurance was not actioned.
3. Total Closing Balance does not include cost of band (\$1200) for Dinner Dance not paid at the time of generation of the report.

Proposed : Peter Williams
Seconded: Michael Barnes
Carried

8. SECRETARYS REPORT

Apologies as per above.

Not much to report other than the sending out and receipt of numerous emails re upcoming events and information for website.

Proposed: Ken Norris
Seconded: Gary Payseno
Carried

9. WELFARE REPORT

Colin (Wallaby) Ware in Westmead Hospital in isolation ward. He has had a long stay in hospital.

Gordon Anderson recovering from cancer.

Michael Bowden recovering from cancer after being included in new drug trial.

10. PLATYPUS UPDATE

Paul Cleary, on the Central Coast, is in the process of designing a memorial using the Anchor donated by General Grant. Design should be available before the next meeting.

Post Meeting: Paul has submitted a design which will be discussed with the SHFT on Tuesday 7 July.

11. WEBSITE REPORT

I am pleased to say the website is being visited on a regular basis. An average of 26 hits per day over 31 days.

I update the site on a regular basis with information, news and photos of events etc. If you have anything of interest you would like me to add just email details to me, Geoff or Ken. The site is only as good as the information provided.

I have \$5.45 in hand for site upkeep. Fees due to be paid Pro Plan \$99.00 US, 15th May 2015. These fees had to be paid by me as the Branch does not have facility to transfer funds to US. The amount charged was \$125.27 plus bank fees of \$7.48. Domain Name \$67.90US, due 10th January 2016.

If any of the members have any suggestions of what content you think we should have or change please use the feedback form on the website.

Post meeting I have been reimbursed \$181.53 for web fees and placemats for "Big Bash".

Carol Wilson
Webmanager

Proposed: Alex Paton
Seconded: Peter Williams
Carried

12. GENERAL BUSINESS

Geoff to contact Bob McGuigan to address an upcoming meeting on Cancer.

Ken to book Stratton Hotel for 2016 Anzac Day.

Kevin Hayton asked Warren French why he was enticed to attend "Big Bash". Warren's reply was that after attending Townsville Subcon, he should attend more functions.

Kevin's point was, that we all should keep in touch and ask "RUOK".

It was suggested that we have a change of venue for future meetings. Ken Norris suggested Parramatta RSL and would approach the Club for the AGM in August.

Next Meeting – AGM Parramatta RSL 16th August 2015.

Future Dates:

- 14 Sept - AE1 Sculpture unveiling and viewing at the NMM.
- TBA Nov – Dedication and Opening of Warships Pavilion at NMM.
- TBA Nov – NSW Meeting in Mudgee.

13. Meeting Shut 11.30am

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