



# **Submarines Association Australia NSW Branch Incorporated**

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## **General Meeting held at Gosford RSL Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2017 at 10.00am**

Meeting Opened 10.05

### **1. ATTENDANCE**

Darryl Madden, Pete Williams, Ken Williams, Dale Turner, Rod Peters, Stephen Gillis, Peter Hall, Kevin Hayton, Gary Payseno, John Smithies, Warren Goodall, Peter Smith, Steve Jones, Mike Hickie, Joan Wilson, Tom McCammont, Roy Cross, Fiona Duncan-White, Jenny Ware, Ken Norris, Carol Wilson, John Chambers, Geoff Anderson

### **2. APOLOGIES**

Rick Steltenpool, Brad Mitchell, Janet Duncan, Robert O'Grady, Bill Whelan, Darryl Cross, Tom Johnston, Paul Cripps, Ray McMinn, Tim Bass, Wally Whitfield, Tony Vine, Jeff Stein, John Cross, Dixie Lee, James Arnold, Roger Cooper, Alex Paton, Bill O'Brien

### **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:** Peter Smith  
**Carried**

## 5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- a. Kevin Hayton moved – Ken Norris to approach Accountant regarding GST de-registration and/or complications that may arise due to GST payments re Subcon18.

Carried

- b. Carol sent soft copy “Personal Record Book” to members.

**Proposed:** Peter Hall  
**Seconded:** Peter Smith  
**Carried**

## 6. PRESIDENTS REPORT

I would like to submit the President report for the period August-December 2017.

Represented NSW SAA at the following:

- Attended successful SUBCON 2017 in SA
- 16 Sep AE1 memorial Service
- Visited Norm Williams
- Visited Tim Bowra XO (ONSLow)
- Discussed with SAA President SAA response to the Loss of the San Juan. Condolences will be sent on receipt of official Argentinian Navy notification of the loss.

### HMAS Platypus

After the Platypus 50th Anniversary on 18 Aug I have not been involved except for:

- Meeting with Chris Skinner where it was agreed that he would leave the interpretation of the site to the SAA to discuss with the SHFT.
- Continued discussion re possible memorabilia to be sold through the Slops Van.

### Life Membership

On behalf of all members of NSW I would like to congratulate Kevin Hayton on the award of Life Membership at Subcon 2017. Well-deserved and overdue.

Geoff read letter from Diana Lewin in response to sending letter of condolence on behalf of NSW SAA members.

Please accept this report.

**Proposed:** Gary Payseno  
**Seconded:** Warren Goodall  
**Carried**

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

**Branch General Account  
28<sup>th</sup> August 2017 to 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2017**

<b>Opening Balances</b>	
Money in Bank	\$11,468.84
Cash in Hand	\$ 57.30
<b>Total Opening Balance</b>	<b>\$11,562.14</b>
<b>Branch Income</b>	
Raffle Sales – General Meeting	\$ 115.00
<b>Total Branch Income</b>	<b>\$ 115.00</b>
<b>Branch Welfare Income</b>	
GoFundMe Donations	\$ 1,715.46
<b>Total Branch Welfare Income</b>	<b>\$ 1,715.46</b>
<b>Branch Expense</b>	
Westmead Hospital Donation	\$ 250.00
SAA Welfare Fund Donation	\$ 250.00
Fair Trading Compliance Fee	\$ 45.00
<b>Total Branch Expense</b>	<b>\$ 545.00</b>
<b>Branch Welfare Expense</b>	
Branch Welfare Fund Payment	\$ 1,590.00
<b>Total Branch Welfare Expense</b>	<b>\$ 1,590.00</b>
<b>Closing Balances</b>	
Money in Bank	\$11,038.84
Money in Bank (Branch Welfare Fund)	\$ 125.46
Cash in Hand	\$ 57.30
<b>Total Closing Balance</b>	<b>\$11,221.60</b>

**Notes to Report 28<sup>th</sup> August 2017 to 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2017**

1. Account reconciled to latest statement date 06 October 2017.
2. Subcon 2018 venue estimated cost commitment **\$26,693.00**

**HMAS Platypus Memorial Wall Account  
28<sup>th</sup> August 2017 to 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2017**

<b>Opening Balances</b>	
Money in Bank	\$20,357.41
Cash in Hand	\$ 1.05
<b>Total Opening Balance</b>	<b>\$20,358.46</b>

**Fund Donations**

Corporate & Government Donations \$ 500.00  
(Chester Hill/Carramar Sub Branch RSLA

**Total Branch Income \$ 500.00**

**Fund Expenses**

HMAS Platypus Memorial Construction \$ 7,041.10

**Total Fund Expenses \$ 7,041.10**

**Closing Balances**

Money in Bank \$13,816.31

Cash in Hand \$ 1.05

**Total Closing Balance \$13,817.36**

**Notes to Report 28th<sup>t</sup> August 2017 to 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2017**

1. Account reconciled to latest Statement date 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017

**Proposed:** Peter Reid  
**Seconded:** Stephen Gillis  
**Carried**

**8. SECRETARYS REPORT**

I, like Geoff, have attended various events over the few months.

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 (***I don't use Social Media of any kind***) just send me an email and I will forward to members.

**9. WEBSITE REPORT**

Website is still being regularly visited. As like other SAA sites they are only as up to date as members want. Once again, any ***content or critique is most welcome.***

It was agreed by members present that the NSW Website will be kept until such time we get access to National Website.

Future notifications and emailed attachments would be sent in PDF format.

**Proposed:** Peter Smith  
**Seconded:** Stephen Gillis  
**Carried**

**10. WELFARE**

Ken Williams reported that it has been a busy time in welfare. Tim Bass is still recovering from surgery after his motorcycle accident as has Paul Dann. I visited Ian Appleby in hospital after complications due to smoke and heat whilst serving with the NSW RFS and the prognosis was good but no fire fighting for him for the rest of the season. We had a request for financial assistance which was granted via the welfare fund to assist a member in need, further assistance was sort and a "go fund me" page was set up with the proceeds deposited directly to the SAA NSW Branch accounts. The importance of privacy in these matters is paramount and none of the above was done without the NSW executive approval and I am humbled by the response of our members and non-members when the call goes out for assistance so thank you to everyone who contributed.

I would like to end by saying I talk to a lot of people who are doing it harder than you think. Sometimes it is just the phone call that they need and as we are all buddies in boats then anyone of you can lift the spirits of a shipmate.

Assisting Welfare recipients. John Chambers moved "We set aside \$500.00 and the Executive have power to use funds at their discretion".

**Proposed:** Steve Jones  
**Seconded:** Tom McCammont  
**Carried**

**11. PLATYPUS UPDATE**

Ken Williams reported that after all the efforts of many people the anniversary, the unveiling of the commemorative steps and memorial anchor all has gone quiet. This was a magnificent day and I was very proud of what we have achieved in both commemorating our lost shipmates and the Australian Oberon's that ran out of Platypus. Works are scheduled to be ongoing on site for the next six months with an opening date to the public to be announced in the new year. The walkway between Kesterton Park and the remaining wharf area at Platypus is also to be started in 2018. The official name now being used by the Trust rather than HMAS Platypus and Platypus is "Sub Base Platypus" and all documents relating will now have this referenced.

I had discussed with the Trust the inclusion of the RN submarines that ran out of Sydney from the end of WW2 and the importance this played up to and including the delivery of our first Oberon's. It was acknowledged that a transition of responsibility from England to Australia and our emergence as being self-reliant in all areas as was the times was part of the larger story of Australia and they were keen to pursue this further. I have since passed on the names of the boats and dates to both the trust and Aspect Studios.

If anyone has any suggestions regarding Plats please feel free to forward them to the executive of the NSW SAA and we will deal with them as they arise.

It was also noted that the Crest of PLATYPUS needs to be inserted into the steps similar to the submarine crests.

Discussions were also continuing with Aspect Studios to determine if Submarine Seats, similar to those at Submariners Walk, can be installed along the wharf.

## 12. SUBCON2018

Gary Payseno reported he is still trying to organise venue for Sunday afternoon post meeting.

Cost for Friday Meet & Greet ~ \$45.00 venue and food only. Drinks pay as you go.

Cost for Saturday Dinner Dance ~ \$130.00

Cost for Sunday post meeting?

Monday Stockton RSL – Pay as you go.

*Note: Costs above are estimates and do not include reductions due to sponsorship received.*

*Post meeting Subcon Committee have met and finalised costings and venues which will be sent in due course.”*

David Beauchamp (Awards R Us) to source memorabilia if required. He would need 8-weeks lead time.

Jenny Ware sourcing raffle prizes and sponsorship. Raffle prize donations most welcome.

*Post Meeting: Major Sponsorship has been received from Cumberland RSL Sub Branch of \$5,000.*

## 13. GENERAL BUSINESS

- a. Bradley's Head Memorial. It was agreed that the NSW SAA would support the change the name of Bradley's Head to The Royal Australian Naval Memorial
- b. Slops Van Update. Geoff advised that Terry Parsons was still waiting for all Slops Van merchandise to be delivered by Norm's brother

*Post Meeting: Merchandise has been delivered to Terry Parsons.*

- c. Up Periscope. Geoff advised that Keith Pearce appears to have gone Deep and Quiet and alternatives need to be considered. Members were asked if anyone would like to take on "Up Periscope". This received a negative response.

*Post Meeting: Discussions are ongoing with Norm for a handover of Up Periscope to the SAA.*

- d. Spectacle Island - Peter Smith to confirm date. First boat at 10.00am.

e. Functions for 2017-2018

- i. K13 Memorial – 28 January 2018.
  - ii. Spectacle Island BBQ – Sunday 25 February 2018 (Date TBC).
  - iii. March 2018 Meeting – South Hurstville RSL - Sunday 25 Mar (Date TBC)
  - iv. Anzac Day 25 April 2018 (Wednesday).
  - v. Subcon 8-11 June 2018 Newcastle.
  - vi. June Meeting 2018 (Date TBC). *Propose cancelling due to Subcon*
  - vii. AGM August 2018 (Venue HMAS Platypus with Memorial Service). *Would like to combine this with AE1 Memorial Service 14-16 Sep 18.*
- f. Fiona Duncan-White asked for Volunteers to help with Legacy Badge sales at local shopping centres in 2018.
- g. Roy Cross thanked members for their support on the passing of Maria.
- h. Joan Wilson expressed vote of thanks to Carol for all her work.

**14. Meeting shut 12.15pm.**

Geoff Anderson  
President

Carol Wilson  
Secretary

Carol Wilson  
Minute Secretary