Brig Brett Chaloner CSC – Patron

Minutes of the Harbord RSL sub-Branch general meeting.
Tuesday 28th September 2021 (Zoom only).

1. **Meeting opened:** At 6pm by President Sean Rout and advised the meeting was via "Zoom" (Z) only, and that the meeting is now **being recorded.**

   Attendees: Sean Rout, John Platt CSC, Pam Hansen, John Oliver, Frances Chaloner, Wendy Machon, Col Nick Misko, Christine Frith, Denis Lynch, Ken Covey, Peter Harley OAM, Robert Low, Tom Gleeson, Barry Artup, Victoria Felsman, Alex Trimcevski, and Brodie Felsman (New service member), and Peter Rawlings.
   Quorum: achieved.

2. **Apologies:** – Keith and Joan Tucker, BRIG Brett Chaloner CSC, Anne Trimble, John Wackett, Tim Mooney, Leah Mooney, Lloyd Keen.

2.1 Sean asked Hon Sect., if there were any new members present: Brodie Felsman (service member) was present and addressed the meeting and was warmly welcomed. The president advised Brodie that due to Covid lockdown the normal presentation of his membership card and badge would be mailed to him.

3. **Declare any Conflict of Interest**. None declared.
4. **Minutes of the previous meeting: Hon Secretary – Pam Hansen**
   Hon. Secretary advised that she had circulated the minutes to the membership.

4.1 Business arising: Nil.
Adoption of the Minutes
Moved by: Rob Low. **Seconded:** Peter Rawlings.
Resolved: That the minutes of the September meeting as circulated, be accepted and signed as a true and accurate record.

5. **Correspondence: Hon Secretary.**

5.1 Correspondence Inwards:
Was tabled and read by Hon Secretary – Note: all correspondence will be posted on the website and RSL NOTICES are on the RSL NSW website.

5.1.1 Business arising: Nil

5.2 Outgoing Correspondence:
Nil

5.3 Adoption of the Correspondence
Moved by: Christine Frith **Seconded**: Ken Covey

6. **Treasurers Report – John Oliver**, tabled his report.

6.1 Main Points:

Income received from 21 June to 18 Sept 2021… $2,911
Expenditure for this month … nil
Total cash at bank …$50,654

6.2 Business arising: John Platt CSC (VP) asked the treasurer that before he moves the sub-Branch accounts would he check on the rates for the term deposit? The answer from John was yes.

6.3 Adoption of Treasurers Report: Moved by: John Platt CSC **Seconded:** Peter Harley OAM.

7. **Day Care Club – Pam Hansen**
   Pam advised no events were held due to Covid lockdown and that they hope to hold an early Xmas lunch in the first week of December
8. **Northern Beaches RSL District Council Meeting (NBDC) report:**
   Sean advised that the Northern Beaches sub-Branches held a Zoom meeting on the Wednesday 22nd September, the main points discussed were as follows:
   8.1 RSL NSW **Congress postponed now till 6 & 7 December** to be held in Newcastle with 340 sub-Branches attending. Main issues to address at Congress are a) Company Limited by Guarantee. (CLG) b) Proposed "Conflict of Interest". (COI)
   8.2 New RSL NSW Website now live.
   8.3 RSL NSW – sub-Branch membership fees to be nil in 2022
   8.4 Presentation made by Sean of a proposed "Peace Park" at the redevelopment of the old Manly Hospital Site, with input from all the Northern Beaches sub-Branches. (See president report). This was agreed to by all sub-Branches.

9. **Presidents Report:**
   9.1 Sean showed photos of the well supported Anzac Sportsman at War luncheon that he couldn't show at the last meeting. They were well received; he again thanked all involved.

   9.2 Sean showed a PowerPoint that he presented at the Northern Beaches sub-Branches meeting, regarding: *A Proposal for Northern Beaches sub-Branches to be involved in the design of a "Peace Park" on new site of the Manly's Health & Wellbeing Precinct.*
   The main points are:
   Proposed Peace Park – would be at the back of the redevelopment of the old Manly Hospital site with a parcel of land set-aside looking back down Sydney Harbour to the city, which will have, "Landscape gardens, including seating & pathways – where patients & visitors can sit and enjoy the view of Sydney Harbour".
   The Park may include an "Eternal Flame" set in a water feature with a flagpole and simple plaques or and story boards of the military history of the precinct.
   Sean also proposed that the NBDC via all sub-Branches, to stage Ceremonial Events on site: Such as an Armistice Day Sunset service. Sean also advised that he and Bill Harman OAM (president of the NB RSL District Council), would be the representative of the 10 sub-Branches to sit on an advisory committee, with one other alternate member from the NB sub-Branches. **Note:** Local member James Griffin MP approached Sean to get all the sub-Branchers involvement in this proposed "Peace Park".

10. **Veterans Wellbeing**: Sean advised due to our Covid lockdown he and a small sub-committee are to champion this program but have not been able to meet. The sub-committee will focus **on** community connection and wellbeing program. He also has reached out to a local **Tai Chi master.**

11. **Membership – Hon Secretary - Pam Hansen.**

Pam updated the meeting on the membership with "No" new members awaiting approval.Currently we have 38 Service Members, 33 Affiliates, 12 Life Subscribers & 2 Life Members.

a. **Website Analysis**
b. Main Points: - 112 Site Sessions with 94 Unique Visitors at an avg of 48s per view
   Page views were predominantly from NSW with 30 from Perth and we can assume that would be our Patron. Other page views from Canberra, SA & Melbourne.
   Devices used to view the site were – 123 Desktop & 89 Mobile with 1 Tablet.

12. **General Business.**

Peter Harley asked the president if the members were aware of the sale the old Diggers Youth Centre in Freshwater by the Mounties group? The president asked the members for comment. Non-received.

13. **No meeting October**

Next Meeting is on Tuesday 23rd November at the NEW TIME of 1800hrs (6PM) via Zoom and maybe Face to Face to be advised.

Being no further general business. Zoom cut off before
The President recited the ODE.

Meeting closed at 1840hrs.