

MINUTES OF MEETING TERRIGAL WAMBERAL RSL SUB-BRANCH HELD AT THE BREAKERS COUNTRY CLUB SATURDAY 8 MARCH 2025

1. OPEN MEETING:

1.1. The meeting was opened at 10:35 am. The Chair asked for silence to be observed in memory of departed comrades and recited the Ode of Remembrance. He also asked a for a moment of silence to reflect on the passing of long-time member, Don Auburn.

2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

2.1. Chair asked members present to declare any conflict of interest with items on the Agenda. None was declared.

3. ATTENDANCE:

3.1 There were 25 members present, with 4 apologies.

4. ADJOURNMENT FOR AGM

4.1 The President adjourned the meeting to conduct the AGM at 10:39am.

5. RESUMPTION OF GENERAL MEETING

5.1 The President resumed the General Meeting at 10:48am.

6. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

6.1 The Secretary emailed copies of the meeting minutes of 8 February 2025 and made hard copies available to members before today's meeting. There were no questions or issues raised.

Motion 7/25: The Minutes as presented be accepted.

Moved: Michael Tabone Seconded: Tony Morton Motion Carried

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

7.1 There was no business arising from the minutes.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 There was no correspondence received over the period.

9. TREASURER REPORT

9.1 The Treasurer presented his Report for the month ending February 2025. Report attached. There were no questions on the Report.

Motion 8/25: The Treasurer's Report as presented be accepted, accounts in the Report be passed for payment

Moved: Greg Kirley Seconded: Graham Hogden Motion Carried

10. PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

10.1 The President presented the following report:

a. Welcome:

- Acknowledge our new members, Andy Madge and Ash Younie.
- Thank members for attending. Please spread the word and encourage other members to attend and if you meet other veterans in the area please encourage them to join, its simple and free.
- As I mentioned at our February Meeting, one key focus for this year will be to start to identify potential new Committee Members and volunteers to better share the work load that the sub-Branch has. If we get more people doing little bits it helps to lighten the load for all.

b. VETS Act.

 The Bill finally passed in Parliament last month and a number of changes come into effect immediately with the majority taking place from 1 July 2026. There are too many changes to go through here. All the details can be found on the DVA webpage <u>VETS ACT</u>.

c. Central Coast Veterans and Families Hub

- We are still looking at arranging for a visit or to hold one of our monthly meetings at the Hub and have a tour through the facilities.
- The manager Kristin and her team would ideally like to do it during the
 week but could be done on a weekend. I need an indication from
 members on their preference for a weekday visit, with the HUB offering to
 provide a bus from Breakers.

d. Sub Branch Activities:

- Impact Gym Erina: Karl Woodward and I met with James Piper, the Manager of Impact Gym Erina and discussed the possibility of the gym offering discounted membership to veterans. It was a very positive discussion with James agreeing to go away and discuss significant discount membership options with his senior management. They gym offers classes and equipment for all ages, has a creche and soft play area for kids. I will provide further updates next month.
- <u>Veteran Ocean Swims</u>: expanded to provide a meeting point for more members to get down to Terrigal Beach for a walk, bike ride or exercise routine. Meet at the TWRSL Sub-Branch Marquee next to the War Memorial.
- <u>Frontline Yoga</u>: Reminder to members about the Frontline Yoga Trauma Informed Yoga class every Monday at Copacabana Surf Life Saving Club at 6 am. Free for Veterans and a family member. Suitable for all ages and fitness levels.
- e. ANZAC Day 2025. I know it is only March, but we will be hitting the ground running as we plan for ANZAC Day 2025. More in the later agenda item. Be great to get as many members as possible involved in helping with the planning and administration in the lead up to the event.
- f. 80th Anniversary Veterans Ball Friday 8 August at Breakers
 - Planning is underway with a 80th Anniversary Sub-Committee being

formed and they had their first meeting last week.

- Myself
- Karl Woodward
- Mick Leayr
- Liz Leayr.

Motion 9/25: The President's Report as presented be accepted.

Moved: Scott Warr Seconded: Mick Leavr Motion Carried

11. **WELLBEING REPORT (Graham Hodgen).** He will be attending the Mental First Aid training at Wyong Veterans & Family Hub next week 10-11 Mar. He encouraged members to visit the hub, in particular take your wives//partners &/or family members. They really do have a lot to offer.

12. CENTRAL COAST DISTRICT COUNCIL (CCDC).

12.1 David Ferry gave an update on the recent CCDC meeting which was attended by the State President and CEO, RSL NSW.

13. PENSIONS

13.1 Nothing to report.

14. GENERAL BUSINESS

14.1 Anzac Day.

- a. Peter White advised the meeting that planning of the event is well underway and a number of key activities are already locked in. The only outstanding matter was confirmation of the availability of Peter Franks helicopter flight and the Primary School Choir.
- b. Peter also reminded members of the Anzac Day Breakfast and the need to purchase tickets before the cut-off date of 11 April 2025 when the numbers have to be provided to Breakers.
- c. A bus service will run between Breakers Club and Terrigal Beach commencing at 4:30am. Details are being coordinated by Roger Wrightson.
- d. The Secretary advised the David Ferry will coordinating the veteran's school visits program. He will be seeking volunteer speakers to attend school Anzac commemorative services.
- 14.2 Sub Branch Excursion. Terry Saxby briefed the meeting on a Blue Mountains excursion now planned from 10 to 12 September 2025. Anticipated cost is \$340/head which includes, coach hire, 2 nights' accommodation with breakfast at the Carrington, one dinners, and ZigZag Railway fare. A Club Grant has been sought from Mounties. A detailed itinerary will be issued once the result of our Grant application is known.
- 14.3 **Sub- Branch 80th Anniversary 8 August**. As mentioned in the President's Report.
- 14.4 **EFTPOS Capability**. The Secretary advised that the sub Branch now has the ability to accept Tap & Go payments by Credit Card. The only surcharge is the Merchant Fee of 1.2% as Tyro has waived the card fee.

15. OTHER BUSINESS. None

16. COMING EVENT.

- 16.1 Next Monthly General Meeting, 12 April 2025
- 16.2 Anzac Day Commemorative Service 25 April 2025

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11:35 am.

Original Signed

Michael Tabone
Honorary Secretary

Original Signed
Scott Warr
President

Attachment: Treasurer's Report for February 2025