



**MINUTES OF MEETING
TERRIGAL WAMBERAL RSL SUB-BRANCH
HELD AT THE BREAKERS COUNTRY CLUB
SATURDAY 12 AUGUST 2023**

1. OPEN MEETING:

- 1.1. The meeting was opened by the President commencing at 10:45 am and recited the Ode of Remembrance. He also welcomed new affiliate member Peter Tobin and visitor Legatee Stephan Bailey, Brisbane Water Legacy.

2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- 2.1. The Chair asked if anyone had any conflict of interest regarding the agenda or in general to declare. None was declared.

3. ATTENDANCE:

- 3.1. There were 30 members present, and 5 apologies.

4. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- 4.1. The Secretary emailed copies of the minutes of the 17 June 2023 meeting and made hard copies available to members at today's meeting. They were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Motion 21/23: That the Minutes, as presented, be accepted.

Moved: Michael Tabone **Seconded:** David Ferry Motion Carried

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

- 5.1. Business arising from the meeting included:
- a. Appointment of Michael Butler as Wellness Support Officer. Unfortunately, Micheal is unwell and cannot take up the appointment.
 - b. Family Morning Tea 8 July was well attended and a high level of interest shown. The next function will be on Saturday 9 September.

6. CORRESPONDENCE:

- 6.1. The there was no correspondence to report since our last meeting.

7. TREASURER REPORT:

- 7.1. The Treasurer presented his report for the month ending July 2023. A copy of the Report is attached.

Motion 22/23: That the Treasurer's Report, as presented, be accepted, and accounts in the Report be passed for payment.

Moved: Howie Fortis **Seconded:** John Wilton Motion Carried

8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- 8.1. The President thanked members for attending.
- 8.2. The President provided a brief update on the following:

- a. **Central Coast Veterans and Families Hub.** The Central Coast District Council hosted a planning day with sub-branches and other ESO on 12 Jul 23 to flesh out some key details for a submission by RSL NSW & RSL LifeCare Veteran Services to establish a hub here on the Central coast.
- b. **Invictus Games in Germany.** Karl Woodward heads off to Germany for the [Invictus Games Dusseldorf 2023](#) in a couple of weeks and we wish him well.
- c. **RSL NSW Director Nominations.** Reminder to members that RSL NSW Election of Directors Nominations Close 21 August
- d. **Potential sub-Branch Activities.** The following activities are under consideration:
 - **Veteran Ocean Swims:** 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
 - **Frontline Yoga:** 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.
 - **Sailing:** John Williams sailing – he has offered our members the opportunity to sail with him during the week (normally Tue, Wed or Thu). Just let the office know and we will connect you with John.
 - **Saltwater Veterans Sailing:** Leads nicely onto potential partnering with Saltwater Veterans to see if we can get a sailing program and relationship with Gosford Sailing Club. The Sailing Club has its AGM this month and once that is completed and the new Board appointed we will aim to have a meeting with them to discuss options.
 - **Scuba Gym:** I have had an initial meeting with the Owner of Scuba Gym Lyndi and discussed a possible open water dive course and providing support to their Scuba Warrior program which includes waterways clean up from the water and land. Bronte Pollard for more details.
 - **Association of Veteran Surfers:** I have met, and I have been talking with Phil Overton the President of the Hunter and Central Coast Chapter. Aim is to link into our local Board Riders Clubs and identify veterans and aim to have a joint surfing event this year. I now have all the Board Rider contact details and will be aiming to have a meeting online or in person in the coming weeks.
 - **Deep Sea Fishing Day:** I have made some initial enquiries through contacts about getting a discount on the hire of one of the Terrigal Fishing Charter Boats for a full day deep sea fishing trip. I need an indication of members interest in participating and the value in attracting new members? We would seek funding from RSL NSW and/or Mounties.

Motion 23/23: That the President Report, as presented, be accepted.

Moved: Howie Fortis **Seconded:** Luke Hill **Motion Carried.**

9. OTHER REPORTS:

9.1. **Central Coast District Council (CCDC).** Peter White advised the next meeting will

be next week. David Ferry briefed the meeting on a meeting he attended with Merril Jackson and NSW Minister for Veterans Affairs, David Harris regarding maintenance of war memorials. Minister Harris proposes to develop legislation making maintenance responsibilities by state and local councils not the RSL. There will also be a briefing on the Central Coast Veterans and Families Hub by RSL NSW, tentatively 3 November.

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

- 10.1. **Vietnam Veteran's Day Commemoration Service.** As per the Secretary's email, a Service will be held at the Breakers Club War Memorial, Friday 18 August, commencing at 11:00am followed by refreshment and light snack in the upstairs Private Dining Room.
- 10.2. **Wellness Support Officer Vacancy.** The Secretary urged all members to consider assisting with taking up the vacancy. It is an important role to not only keeps in touch with our members who are doing tough but also as point of contact with other Central Coast sub-Branches. So far no one has responded to the Secretary's email offering assistance.

11. COMING EVENTS

- 11.1. Vietnam Veterans' Day & Battle of Long Tan, 18 August 2023
- 11.2. Malaya and Borneo Veterans' Day, 31 August 2023
- 11.3. DVA Health Week Activity, Thursday, 12 October 2023
- 11.4. Next Monthly General Meeting, 14 October 2023
- 11.5. Family Morning tea Saturday 9 September (presentation by Mounties)
- 11.6. Remembrance Day Commemoration Services, 11 November 2023. The November General Monthly Meeting will now be 18 November

12. Other Business.

- 12.1. **Legacy.** Legatee Stephan (Beetle) Bailey briefed the meeting on his role with Brisbane Water Legacy, which was to work with and promote a clear understanding of the relationship and cooperation for veterans and family support between ESOs and Legacy. He is endeavouring to meet with ESO's to further relationships.
- 12.2. **Planning Meeting for Remembrance Day Commemoration Services.** A planning meeting will be held on Friday, 15 September, starting at 10:00am
- Next General Meeting will be held on 14 October 2023
- There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11:30 am.

Michael Tabone
Secretary

Scott Warr
President

Attachment: 1. Treasurer's Report for July 2023.