



**MINUTES OF MEETING
TERRIGAL WAMBERAL RSL SUB-BRANCH
HELD AT THE BREAKERS COUNTRY CLUB
SATURDAY 17 JUNE 2023**

1. OPEN MEETING:

- 1.1. The meeting was opened by the President commencing at 10:35 am and recited the Ode of Remembrance. He also welcomed new member Spike Jones.

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 24 members present, and 3 apologies.

4. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- 4.1. The Secretary emailed copies of the minutes of the 13 May 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 18/23: That the Minutes, as presented, be accepted.

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

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

- 5.1. There was no business arising.

6. CORRESPONDENCE:

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

7. TREASURER REPORT:

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

Motion 19/23: That the Treasurer's Report, as presented, be accepted, and accounts in the Report be passed for payment.

Moved: Peter White **Seconded:** Neil Meyer Motion Carried

8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- 8.1. The President thanked members for attending.
- 8.2. The President advised that Michael Butler will be a new committee member in the position of Welfare Officer.
- 8.3. The President congratulated Tony Morton his award of an OAM in the King's Birthday Honours List.
- 8.4. The President provided a brief update on the following:
- a. **World Veterans Indoor Rowing Championships.** Congratulation to Karl

Woodward (featured in the Winter newsletter), who has just recently competed the World Veterans Indoor Rowing Championships in the UK and claimed a bronze medal in the 500m row.

- b. **NBN News coverage of Veteran Ocean Swimming Group.** Our local NBN News paid a visit to our Veterans Ocean Swimming Group down at Terrigal Beach last Thursday (8 June 2023). Even with the colder conditions we had a good turn out and the resulting new piece aired that night. See the link [NBN News coverage of Veteran Ocean Swimming Group](#)..
- c. **Vivid Sydney Bus Trip.** The Vivid Bus Trip and Dinner Cruise went off very well with 50 attendees. The President thanked the organisers for their sterling efforts.
- d. **Strategic Issues Updates.** I would like to provide members with a quick update on several strategic veteran issues that have been progressing in recent months:
 - **National ESO Forum in Sydney 30 May 2023.** I attended this forum two weeks and its focus were on the establishment of a national ESO Peak Body. More information is provided in the link [National ESO Forum in Sydney 30 May 2023](#).
 - **Royal Commission into Defence & Veteran Suicide.** The Royal Commission (RC) has just completed its most recent hearing block in Perth and will conduct its next block in Adelaide, commencing 17 July 2023. The RC is very keen to see the establishment of an ESO Peak Body. The RC's final report is due to be handed down in June 2024. See link for more information [Royal Commission into Defence & Veteran Suicide](#).
 - **DVA Veterans Legislation Reform Consultation Pathways.** The initial period of consultation on reforming the 3 current compensation acts into one act concluded at the end of May. This is a significant long overdue reform project which will impact all veterans and their families. The government is now drafting new legislation to allow the three acts to become one with no detriment to our entitlements. The draft legislation is hoping to be available for review by the end of 2023. The linked DVA page provides further details ([DVA Veterans Legislation Reform Consultation Pathways](#))..
 - **RSL Australia "Veterans' Catalogue".** I briefed members late last year after the Veterans' Catalogue (VC), after it was launched at the RSL NSW Congress on 1 November 2022. The VC continues to grow with over 7,000 users and now almost 900 non RSL service providers on top of the 1,100 + RSL sub-Branches around the country. If you haven't installed the app onto your phone and desktop then I encourage you to do so via the link provided <https://www.rslaustralia.org/veterans-catalogue>.
 - **Veterans Connect** – Telephone Navigator project here on Central Coast. Our very own Beau Denton gave us a short introduction at our last monthly meeting. Beau is running this project here on the coast and it is certainly worth giving it a go. is one of our members. More details can be found on [Veterans Connect – Telephone Navigator project here on Central Coast](#).

Motion 20/23: That the President Report, as presented, be accepted.

Moved: Scott Warr **Seconded:** Michael Tabone Motion Carried.

9. OTHER REPORTS:

- 9.1. **Welfare.** The Secretary advised that he spoke with Jean Fortis this morning who advised that Howie was in Royal Prince Alfred Hospital and recovering well from his first procedure yesterday with another to occur later next week.
- 9.2. **Pensions.** Geoff Dilworth reported that he was assisting Bill Forsbey while he is on an overseas holiday. Bill has continued to work on pension claims during his absence. He has 3 ongoing claims in progress.
- 9.3. **Central Coast District Council (CCDC).** Peter White advised that he had nothing to report and the next CCDC meeting will be held on Monday 19 June. David Ferry briefed the meeting on District Presidents Council (DPC) matters, including the review of SOP 7 and the rationalisation of the District Councils.

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

- 10.1. **November General Meeting.** The Secretary advised that the November General Meeting date clashes with Remembrance Day and suggested our meeting be deferred to 18 November. The proposal was agreed by the meeting.
- 10.2. **Family Morning Tea 8 July.** As advised at last months General Meeting, our meeting of the 8 July will be a Family Morning Tea followed by a presentation by our one of our sponsors, Creightons Funeral Service. At the completion of the presentation, our usual snacks and refreshments will be available. The Secretary urged members and their families to attend.

11. COMING EVENTS

- 11.1. Morning tea Saturday 8 July 2023 (presentation by Creightons Funeral Service)
- 11.2. Vietnam Veterans' Day & Battle of Long Tan, 18 August 2023
- 11.3. Malaya and Borneo Veterans' Day, 31 August 2023
- 11.4. Next Monthly General Meeting, 12 August 2023
- 11.5. Morning tea Saturday 9 September (presentation by Mounties)
- 11.6. Remembrance Day Commemoration Services, 11 November 2023.

12. Other Business.

- 12.1. **Social Monthly Gathering.** The Secretary asked the meeting to consider future activities that can be held on our Monthly Social Gatherings. Tony Blissett suggested that an ideal venue for a BBQ is at Bulwarra. Bronte Pollard also suggested a possible presentation by The Scuba Gym the Scuba Warrior Experience Scuba event conducted last year and their Foreshore Cleanup activity.

Next General Meeting will be held on 12 August 2023

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11:20 am.

Michael Tabone
Secretary

Scott Warr
President

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