



**MINUTES OF MEETING  
TERRIGAL WAMBERAL RSL SUB-BRANCH  
HELD AT THE BREAKERS COUNTRY CLUB  
SATURDAY 08 June 2019**

**1. OPEN MEETING:**

- 1.1. The meeting was opened by the President at 10:35am. He called for silence to be observed in memory of departed comrades. He then recited the Ode of Remembrance.

**2. ATTENDANCE:**

- 2.1. There were 27 members present with 6 apologies.

**3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

- 3.1. The Secretary emailed copies of the minutes of meeting of 11 May 2019 and made hard copies available to members before today's meeting. There were no questions or issues raised.

**Motion 18/19:** The Minutes as presented be accepted.

**Moved:** Terry Saxby      **Seconded:** Howie Fortis      Motion Carried

**4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

- 4.1. President confirmed that redundant and obsolete office documents had been shredded. A confirmation certificate has been issued by the contractor.
- 4.2. President reported on a successful golf day and function for those who donated their services towards the relocation/construction of the War Memorial. Appreciation Certificates were presented and later delivered to those who were unable to attend.

**5. CORRESPONDENCE**

- 5.1. Register of Correspondence was made available to members present. There being no questions, the A/Secretary asked that Register of Correspondence be accepted

**Motion 20/19:** The Register of Correspondence as presented be accepted.

**Moved:** Terry Saxby      **Seconded:** Roger Wrightson      Motion Carried

**6. TREASURER REPORT**

- 6.1. The Treasurer presented his report for the month ending May 2019. He also summarised a recent meeting with our Financial Adviser, with a recommendation to transfer \$10,000 from our cash account to equities. Reports attached.

**Motion 21/19:** The Treasurer's Report as presented be accepted and accounts in the Report be passed for payment.

**Moved:** Peter White      **Seconded:** John Wilton      Motion Carried

## 7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

7.1. The President presented the following report:

### RSL CONSTITUTION UPDATE

The Constitution presented at the Extraordinary State Congress in December was a highly centralised model and was comprehensively rejected for the following reasons:

- The model presented gave the State Council too much power. (i.e. centralised top-down approach to governance)
- Sub-Branches felt that were being unfairly punished for mistakes made by head office.
- Rushing the process without sufficient consultation amongst the membership.
- Proposed changes to the governance model for sub-Branches.

The new Constitution under consideration will be:

- A more decentralised model, which empowers existing District Councils and sub-Branches rather than centralising functions in ANZAC House.
- Peer based.
- No forced changes to sub-Branch models.
- No increased powers held by Head Office.

A revised draft Constitution will be circulated for consideration by members prior to a vote at the rescheduled State Congress in October. If approved, our not-for-profit license (for fundraising) will be reinstated.

The Rockdale sub-Branch (with the support of a number of other sub-Branches) has recently circulated a Notice to convene another Extraordinary State Congress. Under the existing Constitution, the support of a least 75 sub-Branches is necessary for this to succeed. As this is unlikely and for other reasons, the Committee has agreed that we should not support the Notice as presented.

### GOVERNMENT GRANTS

All grants received are acquitted and residual funds have been transferred from the Grants Account to our general operating account.

**Motion 22/19:** The Presidents Report as presented be accepted.

**Moved:** Peter White

**Seconded:** George Craven

Motion Carried

## 8. OTHER REPORT:

8.1. **Pensions: Nil Report**

**Motion**

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

Motion Carried

8.2. **Welfare:** President advised that Paul Davis was still in hospital and receiving treatment at the Woy Woy Rehabilitation Centre.

8.3. **Bowls:** Nil Report

**9. GENERAL BUSINESS**

- 9.1. **Governance Training.** All sub-Branch Presidents, Vice Presidents, Treasurers, Secretaries and Trustees will be offered training in governance and the legal duties accompanying their positions on the sub-Branch executive. A training date for the Central Coast is scheduled for 19 August at the Doyalson RSL Club.
- 9.2. **Bruce Grant** was elected unopposed as a Trustee.
- 9.3. **Financial Support for the training of companion dog.** (Peter White) An application will be submitted to RSL Defence Care for financial support to train a companion dog to assist a sub-Branch member with his rehabilitation.
- 9.4. **Crossed Rifles Monument.** This structure was removed from the Erina War Memorial, prior to the relocation of the memorial to Terrigal. It does require remedial work and once completed, it will be displayed in the front of the memorial wall at the entrance to Breakers. The sub-Branch will investigate the possibility of replacing the damage .303 rifles prior to restoration. David Ferry to follow up.
- 9.5. **Events Calendar.**
- 9.5.1. A combined **VP & Vietnam Veterans Day** will be commemorated at Breakers at 1100 on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August, followed by refreshments for veterans attending.
  - 9.5.2. There was little interest in forming a group to attend the **Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo** in October and members are advised to make their own arrangements.
  - 9.5.3. A group visit to the **ANZAC Memorial Hyde Park** is proposed for 25 July. Transport will be by coach and we are investigation a venue for lunch. Not sure of cost at this stage. Numbers will need to be finalised by the early July. Please advise the sub-Branch office if you are interested.
  - 9.5.4. **Barbeque Lunch** at the Haven - 11 September
  - 9.5.5. **Veteran Health Week**, Long Jetty foreshore - 31 October
  - 9.5.6. **Remembrance Day** – 11 November

**Next Meeting:** The next Monthly Meeting will be held on 13 July 2019.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11:30am

Terry Saxby  
Vice President  
(For Secretary)

Peter White  
President

**Attachment:** Treasurer's Report for April 2019 & Update on investment portfolio.