



**THE RETURNED AND SERVICES LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA**  
(NEW SOUTH WALES BRANCH  
CHATSWOOD SUB-BRANCH)

**Patron:** The Mayor of Willoughby  
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**Honorary Secretary:** Garry C Bridgen

**Treasurer:** Garry J Owen

**Minutes of General Meeting held on Monday 8 May 2017**

- (1) **OPENING** The meeting was opened at 2.15 pm  
The President requested all those present to stand for a Minute's Silence to honour those who served, those who suffered, and those who did not return.
- (2) **WELCOME** There were no new members present.
- (3) **APOLOGIES** As per attendance book
- (4) **ATTENDANCE** As per the sub-Branch attendance book
- QUORUM** Yes. 30 members present.
- (5) **MINUTES**  
The Minutes of the General Meeting held on Monday 10 April 2017 were adopted.
- (6) **MATTERS ARISING**  
There were no matters arising.
- (7) **REPORTS**
- 7.1 **President's Report**  
The President reported that the ANZAC Day Dawn Service was extremely well attended and thanked all those who contributed to the successful running of them. He also thanked all the badge sellers who contributed to nearly \$10,000 worth being sold. He made particular mention of our affiliate members for their contribution.
- 7.2 **Treasurer's Report**  
The Financial Statement for April 2017 had been circulated. There were no questions and the Report was adopted.
- 7.3 **Secretary's Report**



There was no report

#### **7.4 Pensions/Welfare Officer's Report**

The Welfare Officer reported that apart from Harry Fox not being well it was a quiet period.

#### **7.5 Northern Metropolitan District Council (NMDC) of the Returned and Services League of Australia (NSW) Report**

There was no report. The next meeting was to be held at Chatswood RSL AT 1100 on Tuesday 16 May. Members were encouraged to attend.

### **8 INWARD CORRESPONDENCE**

- (i) State Branch advised that the 2016 Financial Statements may not be able to be circulated to sub-Branches six weeks before Annual State Congress, as required under the Constitution. It is because various independent reports are currently under preparation, which may have an impact on the Financial Statements. However, every effort will be made to ensure members have sufficient time to read the Financial Statements, and submit questions to the Treasurer as soon as they are approved for circulation.
- (ii) Monkey Baa Theatre Company thanked for the donation to support the production of The Unknown Soldier later in 2017. Due to its success it was now touring Northern America.
- (iii) RSL DefenceCare – Donation Request (Tier 1)
- (iv) Battle for Australia Association NSW Inc. – Newsletter (March 2017)
- (v) VetAffaris newsletter (Autumn 2017)
- (vi) Invitation to participate in the Street Fair Parade 2 September 2017. It was decided to once again participate.
- (vii) State Branch Circular 11/17. State Congress Sub-Branch Delegate
- (viii) Acknowledgement of receipt of ballot papers
- (ix) State Branch update. This was received from the Caretaker Management Committee and provided some insight into the termination of employment of CEO Mr Glen Kolomeitz. It was stressed that Mr Kolomeitz's employment had been terminated due to a breach of his contract which occurred in January 2017 and not due to any issues he or anyone else has raised regarding the current investigations into State Branch. The issue is currently with the Fair Work Australia Commission.
- (x) State Congress Agenda – list of motions. The various motions were discussed and a position resolved. This will also be taken to the NMDC Meeting on Tuesday.



**Late Mail:** Terry Tweedie's book launch "The Fighting Bandsman's Last Stand" was held at the club auditorium on Saturday 22 April. It was well attended, including the Mayor and the Premier. Terry has sent an email thanking the Sub Branch and the Club for their assistance.

**10 General Business**

**MAIL OUT OF MINUTES**

The Sub Branch Executive Committee has reviewed the current policy of mail out of copies of General Minutes in light of the increasing cost and effort. As a result members receiving mailed minutes will be asked through the distribution of these minutes to reconfirm their desire to receive the same.

If you wish to continue to receive mailed out minutes you must notify the Sub Branch by mail or telephone otherwise the mail out will be discontinued. The Sub Branch phone number is 02 94194765 or the mail address is PO Box 5410 West Chatswood, NSW 1515. Email distribution will not be affected.

Members should also be aware that if they move from their last recorded address and do not notify the Sub Branch they will be delisted as a member at the end of the current year.

Arrangements are being made to have the minutes posted on the RSL Club web site under the Sub Branch component.

**11 The Ode**

Members stood whilst the President recited the Ode.

**12 Close of the Meeting**

The meeting was closed at 3 pm

**13 Next Meeting**

**THERE IS NO MEETING IN JUNE due to the Queen's Birthday Long Weekend**

The next General Meeting will be held on Monday 10 July 2017 at 2 pm.

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K E Flanagan OAM, JP  
President

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G Brigden  
Hon Secretary

*"The Price of Liberty is Eternal Vigilance"*

**LEST WE FORGET**

