



**MINUTES OF MEETING
TERRIGAL WAMBERAL RSL SUB-BRANCH
HELD AT THE BREAKERS COUNTRY CLUB
SATURDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2021**

1. OPEN MEETING:

- 1.1. The meeting was opened by the President at 10:30am and recited the Ode of Remembrance. He called for silence to be observed in memory of departed comrades; Bill Cass and George Schmidt.

2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- 2.1. The President asked if anyone had any conflict of interest to declare. None was expressed

3. ATTENDANCE:

- 3.1. There were 32 members present.

4. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- 4.1. The Secretary emailed copies of the minutes of meeting of 12 June 2021 and made hard copies available to members before today's meeting. They were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Motion 30/21: The Minutes as presented be accepted.

Moved: Michael Tabone **Seconded:** George Craven Motion Carried

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

- 5.1. The grant application to complete works on the Wamberal Memorial Hall has been successful.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- 6.1. Register of Correspondence copies were made available to members at the meeting. There being no questions, the Secretary asked that the Register of Correspondence be accepted.

Motion 31/21: The Register of Correspondence as presented be accepted.

Moved: Michael Tabone **Seconded:** Doug Lindsay Motion Carried

7. TREASURER REPORT

- 7.1. The Treasurer presented his report for the month ending October 2021. A copy of the report is attached. There were no questions on the report.

Motion 32/21: The Treasurer's Report as presented be accepted, accounts in the Report be passed for payment.

Moved: Doug Lindsay **Seconded:** John Wilton Motion Carried

8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- 8.1. After four months of COVID restrictions, it is with pleasure that I welcome everyone back this morning.
- 8.2. The closure of the sub-Branch office did present some difficulties; however, I'm pleased to report that Executive Committee members continued to take care of RSL business throughout this period. Sadly, during the lockdown, we lost two of our popular members. Bill Cass passed in August, and everyone's friend, George Schmidt, died in hospital on 16 September. Both were given an RSL Funeral Service with limited attendance because of health restrictions. I thank our Sub Branch members who cared for Bill and George during their final days.
- 8.3. Thanks to our catering team of Roger and Barry, our Veterans Health Day was a great success. Remembrance Day services were held at Breakers and the Terrigal Beach Memorial, and it was a relief that we were able to commemorate both services without restrictions.
- 8.4. This year's State Congress is an online event scheduled for 6 December. We have listed several Agenda items concerning Congress, and I will defer further discussion on this until general business.

Motion 33/21: The President Report as presented be accepted.

Moved: Terry Saxby **Seconded:** Michael Butler Motion Carried

9. OTHER REPORTS:

- 9.1. **Pensions.** Recent success on behalf of a member who took discharge in 1992 but was medically unfit and should have been medically discharged. Comsuper recognised the anomaly and has made retrospective payments of lost superannuation and accepted his aggravated condition. Now waiting for VRB hearing. Another existing case waiting for an AAT hearing.

Motion 34/21: The Pensions Report as presented be accepted.

Moved: Bill Forsbey **Seconded:** Neil Mayer Motion Carried

- 9.2. **Welfare.** John Wilton gave an update on members he has been supporting.

Motion 35/21: The Welfare Report as presented be accepted.

Moved: John Wilton **Seconded:** Luke Hill Motion Carried

- 9.3. **Central Coast District Council (CCDC).** Peter White advised that the first CCDC meeting back from lockdown will be next week. The CEO and key staff from RSL NSW will be attending

Motion 29/21: The CCDC Report as presented be accepted,

Moved: Peter White **Seconded:** Tony Morton Motion Carried

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

10.1. Congress Motions.

- a. The President advised that the Agenda and Motions to be considered at the RSL NSW virtual Congress had been received. He advised that there were numerous motions regarding the updating of the Constitution and others matters related to Veterans. He suggested that there were too many to be considered at this meeting. The meeting agreed that the Sub Branch Executive consider related to the Constitution.
- b. The President then briefed the meeting on motions related to Veterans matters. The

members provided guidance on voting on each motion.

- 10.2. **Membership Fees.** The Secretary briefed the meeting on the removal of RSL NSW membership fees. In the future all members will continue to use their existing Membership Card until a permanent replacement is designed. All unfinancial members will be reinstated as active members and he will be writing to everyone advising them to indicate whether they wish to retain membership.
- 10.3. **Suspension of Conflict of Interest Policy.** The Secretary briefed the meeting on a draft RSL NSW Conflict of Interest Policy that was to be considered at the next Congress. The policy attracted significant objection from Sub Branches and District Councils. This Sub Branch drafted a motion that suggested the suspension of the policy until the completion of designated training of Sub Branch executives. As a result, the Board decided to suspend the policy until training was completed.
- 10.4. **Wamberal Memorial Hall.** Peter White reminded the meeting of a grant application for the mounting of memorial stones and storey board detailing the history of the Hall. A Commonwealth Grant application has been successful, and contractors notified that the works will proceed.
- 10.5. **Breakers Club Amalgamation.** The President advised that the Sub Branch Executive had done its due diligence on the proposed amalgamation with Mounties. The Executive was satisfied that the Sub Branch would benefit from the amalgamation and current arrangements with Breakers was documented in the MOU of Amalgamation. The experience of other Sub Branches whose clubs were amalgamated with Mounties reported they were better off.
- 10.6. **Sub Branch Office Hours.** The Executive reviewed the hours of office operations. In future, the office will be open 10:00 am to Noon, on Wednesdays for administrative matters and Fridays for internal matters.
- 10.7. **Sponsorship Agreement with Creightons.** As part of our agreement with Creightons, they will be invited to make a presentation to our Sub Branch at our February 2022 Monthly Meeting. An invitation will be extended to member's spouses/partners to attend.

11. Coming Events

- 11.1. **Xmas Luncheon.** Our Sub Branch Xmas Luncheon will be held on 14 December commencing at 11:30am. Cost will be \$25 for members and their spouse/partner.
- 11.2. **Next Meeting.** The next Monthly Meeting will be held on 11 December 2021

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.30am.

Michael Tabone
Secretary

Terry Saxby
President

Attachment: 1. Treasurer's Report for October 2021