



**MINUTES OF MEETING
TERRIGAL WAMBERAL RSL SUB-BRANCH
HELD AT THE BREAKERS COUNTRY CLUB
SATURDAY 9 JULY 2022**

1. OPEN MEETING:

- 1.1. The meeting was opened by the President commencing at 10:30am and recited the Ode of Remembrance

2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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

3. ATTENDANCE:

- 3.1. There were 26 members present and 9 apologies.

4. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- 4.1. The Secretary emailed copies of the minutes of meeting of 11 June 2022 and made hard copies available to members at today's meeting. They were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Motion 23/22: That the Minutes, as presented, be accepted.

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

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

- 5.1. The following matter arose from the last meeting.
- a. **RSL NSW Discussion Paper.** David Ferry will give an update under CCDC report.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

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

Motion 24/22: That the Register of Correspondence, as presented, be accepted.

Moved: Michael Tabone **Seconded:** Neil Meyer Motion Carried

7. TREASURER REPORT

- 7.1. The Treasurer presented his report for the month ending June 2022. A copy of the report is attached. There were no questions on the report.

Motion 25/22: That the Treasurer's Report, as presented, be accepted, and accounts in the Report be passed for payment.

Moved: Howie Fortis **Seconded:** George Carven Motion Carried

8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- 8.1. I thank everyone who sent their best wishes and supported my family during my recent hospital admission. It's good to be back and reasonably healthy after four

weeks there, including three in ICU. My thanks to Michael, who kept interested people informed.

- 8.2. After Anzac Day and until late June, I was away for reasons I just mentioned, and Peter White was in NZ visiting friends and relatives. This meant that all RSL responsibilities were left to Secretary, Michael Tabone. I thank him for that, and we are grateful for his overall service to this sub-Branch.
- 8.3. In general business, Scott Warr will brief us on Head Office activities. Scott recently retired as the CEO of Legacy Australia and, while John Black was on leave for several months, was the acting CEO of RSL NSW. Scott is a member of our sub-Branch, and we will be seeing more of him in the future. We look forward to capitalising on his knowledge and experience.

9. OTHER REPORTS:

- 9.1. **Welfare.** Nothing to report.
- 9.2. **Pensions.** A new member, Geoff Dilworth, is being enrolled to the sub-Branch has indicated he wishes to be involved in advocacy. He is a retired barrister and solicitor; more than qualified to ATDP Level 3 or higher. Another AAT hearing was held last week but will be ongoing.
- 9.3. **Central Coast District Council (CCDC).** David Ferry provided an update on CCDC activities, including:
 - a. **RSL NSW Discussion Paper.** At a recent District Presidents' Council (DPC) most attendees rejected the notions expressed regarding alcohol and bus trips. A very small percentage of sub-Branches were doing the wrong thing. The CEO of RSL NSW has now rescinded the paper.
 - b. **Code of Conduct.** The DPC's view was that serious disciplinary matters should be handled by the District Councils (DC).
 - c. **Reduction of District Councils.** RSL NSW is examining how they can reduce the number of DC to 10.
 - d. **Legacy Torch Relay.** Legacy is proposing to conduct a Torch Relay commencing on 24 April 2023 from Pozières to Australia, finishing in Melbourne. The Central Coast relay is planned to occur on 9 August 2023.

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

- 10.1. **RSL State Office Update.** Scott Warr gave an insight on the ongoing activity by the State Office, including:
 - a. **Strategic Plan.** Implementation of the Strategic Plan is well in progress with several project coordinators appointed to run the programs identified in the Plan.
 - b. **Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide.** State Office has appointed a reference group and is monitoring the work of the Commission. Interim report is due in August 2022.
 - c. **Veterans Support Fund.** State Branch has established an arrangement with Morgan Stanley to offer sub-Branches better investment opportunities. They are also seeking support from sub-Branches to fund RSL Life Care and Veteran Wellbeing Centres.
 - d. **Membership.** Since the removal of membership fees in January 2022, over 1,500 members have joined. With the increase in younger members, the RSL will need to cater for all ages.

- 10.2. **Landscaping Wamberal Memorial Hall.** The President briefed the meeting on the work done by Roger Wrightson. There are still some funds available from the grant that will be spent on limited landscaping around the memorial.
- 10.3. **Canberra Trip.** Greg Kirley briefed the meeting on progress of the trip planned for 21-23 November 2022. The bus and accommodation have been booked and site visits identified for the visit. The cost will be \$225/head which includes two buffet breakfasts and dinners. Members were urged to pay a deposit of \$50 to confirm their booking. A detailed itinerary is being developed once information is received from the various venues that have been received.

11. Other Business

- 11.1. **Funeral Benefits.** Following a query from members on funeral benefits, the Secretary provided information on the benefits under the Veterans Entitlement Act (VEA). Bill Forsbey there were also different benefits available under the Defence-related Claims Act (DRCA) and Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act (MRCA). The following link provides a table of comparable benefits under the three acts: <https://www.dva.gov.au/financial-support/support-families/comparison-benefits-dependants>

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

Michael Tabone
Secretary

Terry Saxby
President
Chairman

Attachment: 1. Treasurer's Report for June 2022