

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING PENSURST SUB BRANCH 5th JUNE 2016

PRESENT: 27 members present **Apologies:** Tom Cheong, Bob Mcknight,
The reason for the small number Barry Stevenson, Karen Heller, Sylvia
of members present was the weather Mogelnicki, Bill & Erica Gersbach,
was very bad. Heavy rain. Reg Forwood, Peter & David Birchall,
Ron Haira, Michael Korfias.

ODE: Norm Sandstrom **Vale:** Alan Shirlaw, Robert Sutton and Kenneth
Woolfenden.

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Minutes of the April meeting were tabled.

BUSINESS ARISING:

GB Item 4: John Hoban talked about the "Back Deck", having spoken to David Coleman who followed it up with the minister Dan Tehan and we had a phone call from David Coleman to say it had been approved by Dept. of Defence. John also talked about the problems of returned service personnel and said he hope the back deck project would help in alleviating some problems.

GB Item 8: Kevin Kelly asked about the Lone Pine Seedlings. The secretary said that there had been a miss understanding on the cost and we had taken the postage cost as the actual price. As the real price was much higher it is now still under consideration.

Move the minutes be received. All in favour.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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| 1. RSL Annual Report 2015. | In office |
| 2. Battle for Australia, Membership renewal. | To be renewed |
| 3. First Battalion Assoc. Service 2 rd July Woollahra. | Noticeboard |
| 4. ? | |
| 5. RSL Shop Sale Items. | In folder |
| 6. Illawarra Diggers AGM. | Tabled. |
| 7. RSL National Comments on Budget. | Tabled |
| 8. Thank you letter from Air League. | Tabled |
| 9. Media release from Dan Tehan re Battle of Long Tan. | Tabled |

10. Lowes RSL Uniform Solution.
11. Keith Pratt's Scam warning.

In folder
Tabled.

Moved correspondence be received. All in favour.

FINANCE REPORT:

Ross presented the report for the month of May with an income of \$8160.06 and an outgoing of 19003.24 leaving a deficit over the month of \$10843.18.

This was an expected loss as it included \$10449.45 for the Anzac Day Smoko and Sunday March. Also included was \$4255.04 for OOP expenses. There was \$1084 which went to HO for token costs but we did sell \$2523.50 of the tokens plus we have \$800 worth of tokens that we can sell at no further cost to us. Talk about the \$6000 from other clubs.

Ross said that when we receive our \$6000 from the other two clubs our loss over the month would only be \$4800.

Balance at the end of the month was \$24520.20.

Moved that the Treasurer's report be received. All in favour.

NEW MEMBERS:

No new members.

SMDC:

Albert said Ramsgate Sub Branch said they could host the Victory Ball in November 2018 but delegates reported that not many Sub Branches showed any interest in having the Ball.

Helensburgh Sub Branch will draft a letter suggesting that the League approach the Chief of the Army to give dispensation to the Guard on ANZAC morning to be able to have a drink.

PENSION'S REPORT:

Since the last report in April there have been no decisions handed down by the Department of Veterans Affairs. There are no other claims under investigation.

Pension Officer Alan Davis and myself have nominated to attend a Pensions Officer Training Information Program Level 2 Refresher Course and still awaiting details and dates as to when this will occur. DVA has assured us that our qualifications still stand until the next refresher course.

There have been no new reports received from Repatriation Medical Authority and no new or amended Statements of Principles issued by the DVA.

WELFARE OFFICERS REPORT:

Kim gave the report and said Bill Gersbach is in Waratah Hospital. Ronny Hall now has his own room in Ferndale and would welcome visitors. Alf Seymour is not in a good spot, he is in the dementia ward however Kim couldn't understand why, he thought it could be a product of the environment. Pat Lewis had a mini stroke and is in St George.

Tom Cheong is at home, they cannot operate on him as he has a bad heart. Michael Korfias went to see John Ward. Vera said John had a fall and spent some time in St George. Vera took him out to see a specialist but could not control him.

Mary Roussos is in a nursing home near Engadine and not doing well Kim was going to try and visit her.

Alan Davis said he had visited Bill Gersbach and said he is not doing very well, dementia is coming on, he mixed Alan up with his own son.

Secretary said he and his wife visited Daphne and found her to be travelling quite well.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. John H said we had applied for a grant from DVA for the memorabilia and have been informed we are to received \$680, we will use it to produce a small coloured booklet outlying what we have.
2. Albert suggested that the email correspondence warning about the DVA scam be forwarded on to members in the next newsletter. Secretary will follow up.
3. Sean said since he took the job about a year ago he has now finished the first cabinet WW1 (closest to the lift) He is now working on the other cabinets. He is numbering items and so if he is not here and somebody asks what is that then by looking up the number the item can be identified. If members require any info then come and see Sean.

4. Ken Riley talked about the Kembla Grange trip which leaves at 10am and there are still a few places left.
5. John H gave a talk about the renovations that the club is undertaking over the next few months.

The secretary and Kevin K gave a report on the 2016 Congress held at the Sydney Town Hall. A summary of the Secretary/Treasurers Day was given. Then the outcomes on all the motion was spelt out.

Laura Hung from Rehab Care Services gave a very interesting talk, which was well received. With the small number of members present it will be considered to invite her to give the talk again later in the year.

Graham Grant
Hon. Secretary

John Hoban
President