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FOR YOUR DIARY:

Next sub-branch meeting
WEDNESDAY 14 June 2023

@ 11:00

Followed by lunch

Alstonville RSL Sub-Branch Office Bearers

President	John Porter	0476677626	All emails to:
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Vice President	Phil Skinner		
Secretary	John Gordon JP	0437509790	
Treasurer	Garry Henderson-Smith	0400474413	

The President sends his apologies, he is undergoing some medical procedures at present and has tendered his apologies for the next meeting but hopes to be back on deck for the following, so I'm temporarily filling in for him in this spot.

This month has been a bit of an anti-climax after the frenetic activity of April, noting that the first Wednesday meeting went well! An enjoyable and tasty lunch prepared by Chef Rob Wilson, well done.

The roofing repair funds have come through and our local roofer will start work in August.

Members are reminded of the FREE Bunnings Sausage Sizzle on Thursday 15th June to thank all the volunteer groups and to celebrate the Big Prawn's birthday!! It starts from 5pm, I'm not sure if they'll have any specials on!!!

The next event coming up is Korean Veterans Day on 27th July, which is the 70th Anniversary of the Armistice, we are planning a full commemorative event for this so put it in your diary! That is followed by Vietnam Veterans Day 18th Aug, again a significant event which we will plan to have a full commemorative service as well.

Dick Wills from Ballina RSL sub-Branch is coordinating the Vietnam Veteran's Vigil in the region at 11am on the 3rd of August.

We are looking into the challenge side of the new Sport and Recreation program started by RSLNSW recently – if there are any sports or even classes that we might be able to be involved in, let Blue Skimmings know! It was raised at District Council, and the other sub-Branches are interested!

Keep well, stay safe and enjoy yourself!

For President John Porter
By Secretary John Gordon



From the President

Sub-Branch Meeting Minutes

MINUTES of the sub-Branch General Meeting

10 May 2023

The Chair, Vice President Bob Wilson, declared the meeting open at 1105 hrs with the wreath laid by member Phil Skinner followed by the Ode and a half minute's silence.

Attendance was 22, with 6 apologies, and 2 visitors.

MOTION: That apologies be accepted.

Moved – Blue Skimmings **Seconded** – Phil Skinner

CARRIED

Minutes of the meeting held on 15 April 2023

MOTION: That the Minutes of the meeting on 15 April as printed, be accepted as a true record of that meeting.

Moved – Secretary **Seconded** – Garry Henderson-Smith

CARRIED

Business arising from minutes - Nil business arising.

Correspondence:

Secretary read the received and sent correspondence including:

State Circulars
Camaraderie
Card from Pauline Hanson
Members Toolkit
Board Communique
2023 Community War Memorial Fund grants now open
Paradise FM
Wording of Lord's Prayer
RSLNSW Sport and Rec Program
3 new member applications (and a welcome to Tony & Alanna)
Letter from Legacy Laurel club with a donation.
Draft letter to Lismore sub-Branch
Transfer of member Graham Moss to Avoca Beach

MOTION: That the Inwards correspondence be adopted, and the Outwards correspondence be endorsed

Moved - John Gordon

Seconded – Phil Skinner

CARRIED

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented the Revenue statements and accounts as at 30 April and the Accounts for payment.

MOTION: That the Revenue Statement as at 30 April be accepted, and the Payment of Accounts for April/May be approved.

Moved – Garry **Seconded** – Blue Skimmings

CARRIED

Brian Partridge asked what did Events Hire charge for the hire of equipment for ANZAC Day? Answer was around \$1100.

State HQ – Nothing to report

FNCDC –

The next FNCDC Meeting is 28 May, Motions for congress will be considered.

Welfare & Hospital visits

Grahame Gooding reported that visits to St. Vincent's are still ongoing, an average of 5 DVA clients. No other matters.

Hall Bookings

All renters are now back on deck, Brainstorm have booked for 2 Jan – 9 Feb 2024.

Membership:

Membership is now 73 with 3 to add when membership approved.

Memorabilia

10% stocktake completed.

Fundraising

A very special thank you to everyone who assisted with the Badge Sales, especially to the ladies of the Laurel Club, it would be very difficult without your help.

General Business

- **ANZAC Day** – A team effort that was very well received! Thank you to everyone!
- **Commemorative Services coming up** –
 - Korean Veterans Day 27 July.
 - Vietnam Veterans Day 18 Aug
 - We just missed Victory in Europe Day (VE Day) 8 May.
- Social Events Committee – Blue Skimmings, John Gordon, Fozzie Milne and Rob Wilson will form this committee, co-opting anyone else as needed! Expect to be asked!!!
- Crockery – Secretary spoke on his feelings about our current table settings (the words BBQ were mentioned!) and asked that the members approve up to \$500 be spent on purchasing proper settings (dinner plate, side plate and bowl). Seconded by Blue Skimmings – APPROVED
- Tarps for ANZAC Day – Secretary also spoke on the condition of the blue plastic tarps used at EAB for the school kids, they are in a very dilapidated state, with tears and wearing very thin. It was proposed that up to \$500 be approved to purchase new traps of a similar size (7 X 9 M). Seconded Blue Skimmings – Carried
- Beacom Shield – It was contested on 26 April, approximately 50 players, over \$1100 was raised for Legacy, a great day was had by everyone, even those who had never played bowls before! Grahame explained the origin of the shield for those who did not know.
- Mobile Phones – Secretary has purchased two mobile phones, prepaid SIM cards and SD cards for less than \$300, one for him and one for President. The prepaid is monthly, recharge of \$30 each. Brian Partridge mentioned that the 12 monthly cards would be better, members agreed, secretary will investigate and arrange.
- EAB Park Stage 2 upgrade – Council have advised they now have the money to complete the proposed works (removal of garden beds and installing pathways, and they will commence work soon, hopefully completed before Remembrance Day, but other arrangements may have to be made.
- An additional 20 names for the memorial plaques have nearly been reached which will fill up the bottom plaque.
- Roof Repair Grant – It has been approved, just waiting for the funds to arrive.

- Motion for Congress – Secretary moved that the Motions re: - Auxiliary members holding office and the change to Affiliate members be approved for submission to District Council for endorsement. Seconded Phil Skinner – CARRIED
- PARADISE FM Friend – Secretary asked if members wished to re-activate this, it lapsed, approval was given, Secretary will organise.
- NR Times ad will be adjusted with new meeting times/date.
- Alan Brown asked if a letter of appreciation for the Highschool assistance for ANZAC Day be sent – members agreed and approved.
- Lunch menu for today is Beef Stroganov with Steamed Rice followed by cake & custard! Bon Appetit!

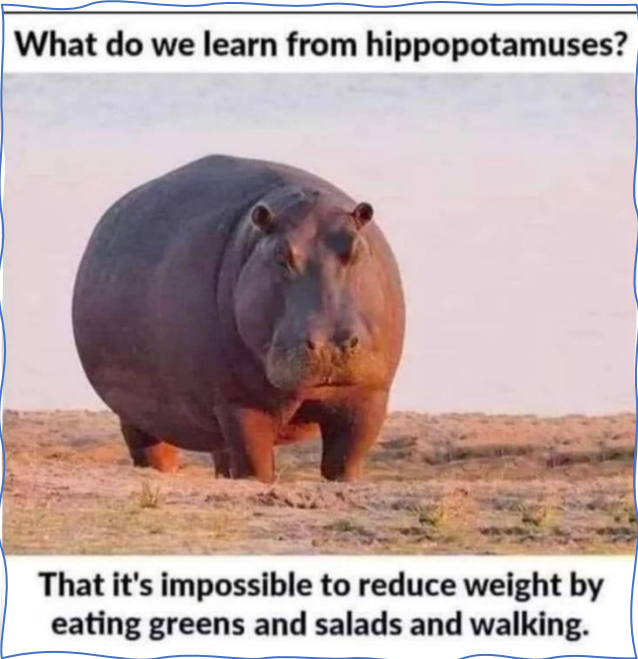
Meeting closed at 1152.

Next Meeting: 1100hrs on Wednesday 13th June.



Happy 97th birthday to Sid Lewis...@ The Crossing Alstonville

The funny side of life:



Happy birthday in June for:

David Scott	02 Jun
Ted Dann	05 Jun
Alan Partridge	06 Jun
Rod Clavan	12 Jun
Phil Ollett	23 Jun
Gordon King	25 Jun
Garry Henderson-Smith	30 Jun

Information:

DVA – Lismore VAN Office:
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To check for your entitlement complete the DVA form D3057 “Application for a Gold Card for Veterans of Australia’s Defence Force”. Those under 70 and not in receipt of any DVA payment can complete DVA form D0506 “Claim to determine Qualifying service by current or ex-member of the ADF”.

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Please call:

Ross - 0488078987 or Kim - 0400 983 113

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RSL Tibouchina Day Club

When: Wednesdays @ 10:00am

Where: Rous Mill Hall

What: Enjoy good company, live entertainment, light exercise (suitable for the elderly)
Mental stimulation activities, morning tea, lunch
A bus will pick you up and return you to your home within the Alstonville / Wollongbar villages for a \$10:00 contribution.

Who: For members of our community who are looking for social interaction in a friendly welcoming environment.

Contact Marett for more details: **0421 272 643**