

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 21st May 2022

Meeting chaired by President John Lloyd

Vale: Graham Stockton ARMY DOD: 18 May 2022

Ode: Recited by John Lloyd

One Minutes Silence.

Padre: Prayer offered by Rev. Graham Whelan OAM

Meeting Opened: 10.40 a.m.

Visitors: Fred Switzer accompanied by his wife

New Members: Greg Regan

Attendance: 25

Apologies: Raymondo Squires, Steve Conlon, Paul Bamford

Minutes of Previous Meeting: *As provided in type written form to members.*

Moved byJohn LLOYD.....*second by:* *Cliff Smith*.....that the minutes are a true and accurate record of the Meeting held on 16th APRIL 2022. ***Carried.***

Business Arising: ANZAC Day arrangements discussed

Correspondence: *As provided in type written form to members from 18th April till 20th May 2022. Are there any letters the members wish to be read out?*

Moved by. John Lloyd*second by* JJ Williams that correspondence as tabled be dealt with accordingly. ***Carried.***

Business Arising: NIL

Treasurers Report: *All reports provided to Members are in type written form for the Months of March and April 2022.*

March and April 2022

Accounts & Bills to be passed for payment:

Moved: Garry Heskett...that the bills be paid and ratified and that the accounts as tabled are a true and accurate record and be accepted. Second by...Dennis Johnston.....
Carried.

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Volunteer Hours: In accordance with State HQ and the ATO for Not-for-Profit Organisations, the volunteer hours worked by the Sub-Branch members from 15th April till 20 May 2022 was: **Total hours: 388 hours.**

Business Arising: Nil

REPORTS: Visitation Team: Padre noted that nursing homes still maintain strict COVID precautions and that Dr. Barry was assisting in this role. Padre's Post and ChargeSheets were delivered and are very well received.

Business Arising: NIL

RAAF Association: Paul Bamford absent on urgent national business.

OBN Certificates: OBE & OBN John Bertram (ex.post)

General Business:

1. Anzac Day 2022 – ChargeSheet coverage was well received
2. Christmas In July confirmed. Apologies from Col and Garry as they will be away.
3. Motion put by President John Lloyd –“That Coffs RSL Sub-branch donate the amount of \$1,000 to the RSL NSW Disaster Assistance Fund to aid Veterans impacted by the floods” Hon Tres Garry Heskett confirms payment made.
4. Thanks offered to our Padre for his prayers and to Margaret Black for her publicity efforts on 2Air FM.
5. JJ Williams commented that he really enjoys our ‘Coffee@ Cex’ sessions on Thursdays and recommends them to all members and friends.

Raffle Winners: 1st Greg Regan; 2nd Garry Heskett; 3rd Cliff Smith

Guest Speaker: Fred Smitzer, local Navy historian.

Fred gave a very interesting and informative presentation of the history of Naval shipping off the east coast of Australia during WWII. 76 attacks took place from Japanese submarines resulting in 53 vessels damaged including 31 ships sunk (25 off NSW!). The worst known casualty was the sinking on 14 May 1943 of the Australian Hospital Ship the ‘Centaur’ by Japanese Submarine J178 with the loss of 268 lives. 64 persons survived the attack on the clearly identified hospital ship.

Fred illustrated his talk with a detailed map of all sinkings and naval attacks.

Fred’s talk was warmly received.

Next General Meeting Saturday 18th JUNE 2022.

Followed by lunch in the Bistro as per our usual arrangements.

Meeting closed at: 11.30a.m.

Given as a true record of the Coffs RSL Sub-branch Monthly General Meeting held: 21/5/2022.

SGD: J.W. Lloyd Chairman.