



Eumundi RSL Sub Branch

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday 28 June 2010 at 7:00pm At The Eumundi School of Arts Memorial Drive, Eumundi

The Ode

The Ode was recited by Mervyn Bignall and members attention was drawn to:

- Darren Smith and Jacob Moreland killed by an IED on 8 June , 2010, and
- Ben Chuck, Tim Aplin and Scott Palmer who lost their lives in the Black Hawk accident last Monday.

Opening

There being a quorum, the meeting was opened at 7:30pm

Attendance

Glenn Brown – President
Ian Riddell – Secretary
Debra Brown – Treasurer
Peter Syson
John Tucker
Mervyn Bignall
Kenneth Tongue

Visitors:

Kerry Cooke – President Sunshine Coast District Branch
Helen Cooke – Welfare Officer Sunshine Coast District Branch

Apologies

Paul Massingberg-Mundy
Michael Gojan
Ross Wakeford
John Turnbull



Welcome

A welcome was extended to Kerry Cooke, RSL District President, Helen Cooke, District Welfare Officer and to John Tucker, a new member to the Sub Branch.

Minutes of the March 2010 Meeting

Moved that Minutes of General Meeting of 9 March 2010 be endorsed.

Moved : Ken Tongue
Carried.

Seconded: Mervyn Bignall

Correspondence

Moved that the inwards Correspondence be received and the outwards endorsed

Moved: John Tucker
Carried.

Seconded: Debra Brown

Presidents Report

We have received notification that our application to the Department of Veteran Affairs for \$1500 for refurbishment of the remaining 15 WWI plaques and plinths has been successful and the money is in the bank.

At the request of the Sub Branch, Council have repaired the WWII 'Mulcahy' tree plaque that was damaged prior to ANZAC Day.

The RSL flagpoles have been installed at the Platform Stage by Council. The Sub Branch is responsible for maintenance of the items.

At the request of the Sub Branch, the Council design team are looking at an appropriate species of tree to replace the failing WWII Black Bean trees.

We have paid for refurbishment of the WWII seats (\$59.45)

We were represented at the Eumundi State School ANZAC Commemoration.

We were represented at the Coolum-Perigian Sub Branch ANZAC Day Dawn Service.

The involvement of the Sub Branch in future Eumundi Community ANZAC Day Commemorations requires considerable clarification. There were several aspects



of the 2010 Service that detracted from the importance of the day. There is a need to clarify whether the community requires an ANZAC Day March, with RSL presence, or an independent RSL Commemorative Service. ANZAC Day is for returned service personnel and they must take precedence before the community.

Ken Tongue attended the State Congress as the Sub Branch delegate.

Treasurers Report

The Treasurers Report was presented and explained by the Treasurer (See Annex A). The following overexpenditure items require ratification:

1. ANZAC Day approved expenditure was \$892.10. We spent \$1134.56. Approval is required for \$242.46. Overexpenditure due to printing of \$231.60 and cost of sound system \$100.00
2. Expenditure for ANZAC Day sale items. Dec 2009 approval was \$400. We spent \$507.12. Overspend \$107.12 due to the purchase of wrong items (ie unpopular) and restocking of sell-out items.
3. Expenditure of \$40 for the purchase of RSL shirts for Kenneth Tongue as the Sub Branch Delegate to the State Congress
4. Expenditure for travel expenses for Kenneth Tongue for attendance at the State Congress will be ratified at the next meeting as receipts were not available in time for this meeting.

The accounts are presently with John Turnbull who is doing an internal audit.

Moved that the overexpenditure be endorsed:

Moved : Peter Syson

Seconded: Ian Riddell

Carried.

That the Treasurers Report be endorsed

Moved: Ken Tongue

Seconded: Peter Syson

Carried.

Executive Committee

There were no nominations for the positions of Secretary or Treasurer of the Sub Branch. The current incumbents were re-instated.



The only nomination for President was from the current President who was duly re-instated.

Delegates

Moved that the appointment of the following Delegate and Co-Delegates be endorsed:

Delegate : Glenn Brown (incumbent President)
Co-delegates: Ian Riddell (incumbent Secretary)
Debra Brown (incumbent Treasurer)
Kenneth Tongue.

Moved : Peter Syson
Carried.

Seconded: Kenneth Tongue

Motions

Remembrance Day

Propose that the Sub Branch commemorate Remembrance Day on Nov 11 in the same format as 2009 and undertake fundraising in support of the day. Expenditure of \$400 is required for fundraising stock, eternal wreaths, and consumables.

Moved that expenditure of \$400 be approved to purchase stock for the 2010 Remembrance Day fundraising effort.

Moved: John Tucker
Carried.

Seconded: Kenneth Tongue

ANZAC Day 2011

Moved that the Sub Branch not apply to the EHA for funds for the 2011 ANZAC Day Commemoration and Service.

Moved: Peter Syson
Carried.

Seconded: Kenneth Tongue

WWI Memorial Refurbishment

Move that Geoff Mason be employed to refurbish the remaining WWI plaques.

Moved: Mervyn Bignall
Carried.

Seconded: Peter Syson



Eumundi State School Bursary

Moved that a sum of \$250 be approved for a Eumundi State School Bursary.

Moved: Peter Syson
Carried.

Seconded: John Tucker

Any Other Business

Membership

Members were reminded that new members were always welcome and to encourage any ex-service personnel towards the Sub Branch.

“Happy Hours”

The Executive Committee propose that the Sub Branch hold regular get-togethers (coffee/tea, wine etc, finger food) in Eumundi on at least a monthly basis. This will only succeed if there is support. Details of the first get-together will be advised.

ANZAC Day Service Format

The President highlighted difficulties that were experienced during the 2009 ANZAC Day Community Service and expressed concern that aspects of the commemoration detracted from real meaning of the day.

This year for ANZAC Day, the Sub Branch sponsored the Eumundi Commemoration, with the original intention of the event being an RSL commemorative event with community participation. However, due to the involvement of community organisers and other interest groups, this did not eventuate with resultant over-expenditure and programming malfunctions. This caused ill-feeling in the lead-up to ANZAC Day to the extent that, the President states that he is no longer willing to participate in the organisation of future Eumundi Community ANZAC Day events. The President stated that the RSL is responsible for conducting an ANZAC Day befitting of the occasion and this is accomplished as a Dawn Service. There is nothing to stop the Community from conducting its own commemorative service but this should not interfere with or detract from the RSL service.

The meeting discussed the format of the 2010 ANZAC Day Service and agreed that for 2010, the Sub Branch will conduct its own Dawn Service with participation in the community service as requested by the community organisers.



The President asked for, from those present, a volunteer to act as liaison with the Eumundi Community for the Community Commemoration. Peter Syson, agreed to be the buffer.

Cenotaph

The President asked the meeting on their feelings about establishing a single cenotaph in Eumundi for commemorative purposes. Currently, for ANZAC Day wreaths are laid on the "MacIntyre Tree" as a central commemorative point. This did not seem to be proper as the dedication should be equally applied to all the fallen equally. The meeting agreed that the idea had merit. The President undertook to liaise with the Sunshine Coast Regional Council (SCRC) with the placing of a suitable structure. Costing for the cenotaph would be sought from the Department of Veteran Affairs Saluting the Service Grant programme, the SCRC and the State Government. In the first instance, however, as the cenotaph would be on Council land, Council agreement and approval would be required. The President advised that he would initiate the appropriate actions.

Reunions and Functions

The meeting were reminded of the forthcoming Reunion Luncheon on Saturday 24 July 2010. As it is a Reunion function, the cost will be subsidised by the Sub Branch.

Next Meeting

Subject to venue availability, the next meeting will be held on Monday 11 October 2010.

Closure

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 2010 hours.

Glenn Brown
President

Ian Riddell
Secretary

ANNEX A. Treasurers Report.

**ANNEX A****FINANCIAL STATEMENT
31 MAY 2009 – 31 MAY 2010**

<u>Opening Balance</u>			1906.52
<u>Income</u>			
Memberships		380.00	
Donation EHA ANZAC Day		1000.00	
Donation EHA Memorials		500.00	
Poppy Sales 2008		16.45	
Poppy Sales 2009	561.20		
	775.40		
	<u>46.00</u>	1382.60	
Purchase Billings Hats		24.45	
ANZAC Day Sales 2010			
	270.80		
	<u>620.50</u>	891.30	
ANZAC Day Donation		<u>106.25</u>	<u>4301.05</u>
			6207.57



Expenditure

Memberships		496.00	
PO Box		79.50	
Bench donation		850.00	
Insurance		7.00	
Stationery		20.90	
Care Package		50.00	
Memorial Repairs		500.00	
School Donation		50.00	
Christmas lunch		50.00	
Bench Repairs		54.95	
Billings Hats		24.45	
Remembrance Day 2009			
Bamboo Holders	14.00		
Fence	20.10		
Posters	31.00		
Advertising	59.40		
Consumables	<u>35.00</u>	159.50	
ANZAC Day Sale Items			
Pens	44.26		
ADCC	290.48		
Flags	47.50		
ADCC	<u>124.88</u>	507.12	
ANZAC Day Expenditure			
Advertising	168.30		
Printing	210.00		
Pipe Band	200.00		
Advertising	168.30		
Traffic control	42.99		
Wreaths	92.50		
Sound System	100.00		
Printing	21.60		
Cups/plates	31.37		
Wreaths	<u>99.50</u>	<u>1134.56</u>	<u>3983.98</u>
			2223.59
Plus unrepresented cheques			<u>173.37</u>
Bank Balance			<u>2396.96</u>

The only outstanding liability is a membership payment for Ben Millar of \$135.00