

**RETURNED & SERVICES LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA (QUEENSLAND BRANCH)  
CALOUNDRA RSL SUB BRANCH INC  
MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING  
SATURDAY, 17<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

HELD AT THE CALOUNDRA RSL SERVICES CLUB INC. MAIN STAGE AREA

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**OPENING:** The meeting opened at 0845hrs. Senior Vice President Heather Christie in the Chair.

**WELCOME:** The Senior Vice President welcomed members to the meeting and informed all of the fire exits and fire evacuation procedure.

**SILENCE:** In memory of fallen and departed Comrades. The Senior Vice President asked members to remember those who had passed away since the last meeting.

Bill Gatton            Navy WWII  
Ivan Angel            Navy NZ

**ATTENDANCE:** Members as per attendance sheet: 41 members, Senior Vice President, Treasurer, Committee members, Secretary.

**APOLOGIES:** Geoffrey Gardiner, Janice Thorne, Barry Johnson, Arthur Fry, Peter Keddie, Allan Guild, Ted Baldwin, Len Lambert, Darrel Clarke, Doug Bowtell, Arthur Powter, Peter and Kay Weller Brian Bell, Lin Ballinger

“That the apologies be accepted”.

**MOVED:**                    Anthony Young                    **SECONDED:**                    Helen Smith  
**CARRIED**

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 have been circulated and read.

“That the minutes of September, 2020 meeting be received as a true record”.

**MOVED:**                    Kenneth Priest                    **SECONDED:**                    Ian Collinson  
**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

Nil

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Heather Christie:** All correspondence has been actioned by the committee.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT:**

**Heather Christie:** The President’s Report was read by Heather Christie, Senior Vice President on behalf of the President.

**MOVED:**                    Heather Christie                    **SECONDED:**                    Anthony Young  
**CARRIED**

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

**Ian Harrison:** Tabled the financial report.



**Heather Christie:** Thank you very much Ian. And thanks for updating everyone on the situation regarding negotiations. I would just like to say both the Board and the Committee are all trying our hardest so we can keep both the Club and the Sub Branch going.

## **RSL ACTIVITIES REPORT**

### **WELFARE AND PENSION ACTIVITIES**

**Ian Harrison:** Continue to go along thanks to the great Welfare and Pension Advocates.

One activity coming up in 2 weeks, Veterans Health Week. Veterans Reconnect. Find out who/what veterans we have in the community, what veterans have businesses in the community and what businesses want to support veterans in the community. We are in partnership with the President of the Sunshine Coast Young Veterans, Peter Kennedy and together we are putting on this event.

**Heather Christie:** Would you like to say something Peter?

**Peter Kennedy:** Hello, I am Peter Kennedy, President of the Sunshine Coast Young Veterans and also a member here. Please get down and support the Young Veterans. They are the future of the RSL and we need to collaborate more with the younger veterans and the RSLs purely for the longevity of organisations like this. This event is for everybody in the community. Over 30 veteran owned businesses on the Sunshine Coast that will be attending, another dozen or so that support veterans and their families.

**Heather Christie:** Thank you Peter.

### **POPPY SERVICES**

**Heather Christie:** A service was held for Bill Galton, WWII Navy and one to be held for Ivan Angell, Navy New Zealand.

“That the reports be accepted”.

**MOVED:  
CARRIED**

Helen Smith

**SECONDED:**

Kenneth Priest

### **NEW MEMBERSHIPS:**

**Jeff Faulkner:** All membership applications received have been sent off just waiting for verification from State. I gave an update slip out today to be completed to update emails.

Renewal period for 2021 is 1 November. Anyone who pays then will be renewed for the following year.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **REUNION DINNER**

**Heather Christie:** As mentioned in the President's Report there are plans underway for the Reunion Dinner. It will be the 74<sup>th</sup> this year and will be held at the Powerboat Club. The Function Centre is unavailable for our use. It will be black tie as usual. I doubt there will be cadets to bring in the flags so closer to the event I may ask for some veterans to bring in the flags. We will not be inviting as many sub branches and external organisations due to restrictions. Tickets are not yet available. Price is yet to be determined.

**Cathy Stamp:** How many seats are available?

**Heather Christie:** 100 are allowed in the Powerboat Club upstairs.

**Helen Smith:** Have they set a date yet?

**Heather Christie:** Yes, it will be held Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> November.

### **REMEMBRANCE DAY**

**Heather Christie:** We will have a Commemorative Service in the Memorial Garden. Due to COVID restrictions there will no cadets therefore no Catafalque Party. We are still investigating if wreaths can be laid without the Catafalque Party, so on 11 November, 10.30am in the Memorial Garden, everyone will need to sign in as they arrive and practice social distancing. Any questions regarding Remembrance Day?

**Wal Farquhar:** Previously Legacy has held a Remembrance Day service in the Buderim Maroochydore area. A popular event and a fundraiser for Legacy. Due to COVID there will not be the concert or audience participation so this year, the concert and various singers will be videotaped before Remembrance Day and will be available for streaming on the day. I will advise the details to the Secretary and perhaps advertise it in a forthcoming magazine.

**Heather Christie:** I would suggest you send the information to Terry O'Connor as he is the Editor and he

will get it into the Newsletter.

## **MEMORIAL GARDEN**

**Heather Christie:** You may have seen in the news the State Transport Minister announced funding for the road coming through from Nicklin Way which has impacted greatly on our plans for the fight for the Memorial Garden. At the moment funding is only for the part through Ben Bennet Park and stops at the top of Arthur St. The Council did reduce the land required from 7.5 mtrs to between 2.34 mtrs at the southern end and 3.8 mtrs at the northern end which together insured the RAAF Helicopter, the two Bofor Guns and the Flag Pole remain intact resulting greatly reduced impact on the Memorial Garden. This is not good enough. Anything they take from the garden impacts the garden and our veterans. We have a small subcommittee and will continue the battle with your support. Any suggestions you have, please email me. This is everyone's fight. If we do not negotiate, the council can resume the land without any compensation. If we negotiate now and we have to move the garden the council will assist with payment for it.

**Cathy Stamp:** Heather can you please explain who is paying for what? I believe the council will pay for the upgrade of Third Ave.

**Heather Christie:** Third Avenue is a council road.

**Cathy Stamp:** Then the rest from the end of Third Ave. right through Nicklin Way is state.

**Heather Christie:** The road through Ben Bennet Park is a state government road.

**Cathy Stamp:** Now the state has all the money for that and they are waiting for the Sunshine Coast Council to get their money?

**Heather Christie:** Correct. The Council has indicated they have it and would start the financial year 2021-2022.

**Terry O'Connor:** Can I just add to that, the State Govt. has the money and does not necessarily need the council. They are capable of doing the road through from Nicklin Way to Arthur St. without any joining up with Third Ave. Not saying they will, they are quite capable of doing it.

**Heather Christie:** We continue to ask council why Arthur Street is not on their plans and we will continue to push for an answer.

**Helen Smith:** President of the Women's Auxiliary. I'd like to thank the Sub Branch and the Club for their support for the Women's Auxiliary. Due to COVID we are unable to have our markets this year, we will be having a major raffle and the Club has agreed we can sell raffle tickets out the front Thursday, Friday from the end of November to the beginning of December. I would like to sell raffle tickets at the next meeting as our funds go to support the Sub Branch. Each year we give so much back to the Sub Branch. One year it was for the Museum, another it was for the Memorial Garden. We realise the Sub Branch does need the money so we will support the Sub Branch.

**Heather Christie:** Thank you Helen, we will take it to the next Committee meeting and will also ask if tickets can be sold at the Reunion Dinner.

**Tony Young:** This regards the Sub Branch lounge. A large number of members have indicated they have no intention they will be coming back until the lounge is open. I'm not talking about the bar just talking about the space. Get rid of all the furniture in there and we can have 35-40 people in there as indicated by the Club. I'm not talking about Friday nights, that's going to have to wait but for the rest of the time, why can't the members have the facility they are due.

**Heather Christie:** This question is constantly being raised and has been put to the Services Club and will be put to them again. We know people want to get back into the Sub Branch lounge. It is our lounge and a place where we as veterans feel comfortable and safe. I feel it is a priority that the Services Club need to address to ensure we get our Sub Branch lounge back.

**Tony Young:** I would suggest the \$2.5 million dollars would be an incentive.

**Heather Christie:** On a personal note, I would like to thank everyone for their support following the passing of my Mother.

**NEXT MEETING:**           **21<sup>st</sup> November, 2020**

**CLOSURE:** There was no further business and the meeting closed at 0930hrs.

Certified as a true and accurate record.

Confirmed..... President / /

..... Secretary / /