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## **HALF YEARLY GENERAL MEETING**

27th of August 2022  
The Buff Club Darwin

### **Minutes**

#### **1. Meeting Opened: 10:09am**

**Ode** – President Stephen Gloster

**1.1** One minute silence – All

#### **2. Apologies**

Frances Faucett

Dan Tellam

Brent Potter

Barbara Geddes

Jeff Bidner

Arsenio De Guzman

Ian Ross

Luke Gosling

#### **3. Confirmation of the previous Half Yearly Minutes.**

Mover: Bev phelts

Secunder: Lyn Pope

Carried: All in favour

#### **4. Welcome – Stephen Gloster**

#### **5. President Report - Attached - Stephen Gloster.**

President to touch on report topics, Report distributed to the members.

Billeroy House: thank you Dan Tellam, Request for volunteers to help out at Billeroy.

Level 4 Advocates: Meetings scheduled for October

Anzac Day: Event was well received. Councils' new procedure advised to members.

Thank you to Bill Buckley who will be now retiring as masters of commemorations.

RSL State Branch: members advised of Duncan Anderson involvement in assisting with starting up an interim committee. This will be financed by RSL Nation.

Stephen advised an interim committee will be setup within the next month. This will consist of the presidents of the NT RSLs.

Don Milford asked what involvement RSL QLD will have.

Scott Perkins advised this is to be negotiated once the state branch is established but this will need to be clarified as the NT state branch will be funded by RSL National.



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Stephen thanked the people who have retired from the Darwin RSL Committee over the past 6 months.

Welcomed the new committee members who have joined in the past 6 months.

Royal commission for suicide awareness- Stephen encouraged members to submit to the royal commission.

Mover : Stephen Gloster seconder: JJ Roncevich Carried: all in favour.

#### **6. Treasurer's Report - Attached**

Scott Perkins to discuss the finance reports.

JJ asked about consult fees:

Scott advised This was for lawyer fees when we got advice regarding the constitution.

Mover: Scott Perkins

Secunder: JJ Roncevich

Carried: All in Favour.

#### **7. Wellbeing Advocacy Report– Attached- Written by Dan Tellam**

Len Anderson Asked if the Level 3 Advocates see the entire claim through

It was advised they do.

Mover: Bev Phelts

Secunder: Jeff Dunn

Carried: All in favour

#### **8. Reconstruction project of Cavenagh Street – Scott Perkins.**

The Subbranch have received some unsolicited proposals.

A closed expression of interest was forwarded to those who were interested in building on Cavenagh street,

There are currently 3 proposals received.

Independent panel has been put together to evaluate the proposals to ensure they are viable.

the first phase of the redevelopment will be completed by the first 2 weeks of September 2022.  
caution:

We are subject to SAs Constitution.

the committee set up for the state branch will develop a plan on how to ensure we can build without south Australia having any involvement.

Is there a timeline for the rebuild?

Scott advised there isn't a timeline for this. However, the EOI did have a timeline.

What is the site currently used for?

Stephen advised we are allowing organisations to park on the site for a donation.

There is currently a plan in place to obtain allowances from planning NT.

JJ advised Paspalis would have leased carparks from the RSL for use he is concerned why no one has utilised this option to earn an income.



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Stephen advised he spoke directly to Paspalis they made no action to lease this  
Len asked how South Australia will stand in the way  
A meeting was held in February 2022 with multiple state branches, Cheryl Cates (SA President) was present and advised she would support the change. Duncan Anderson has advised to RSL SA that RSL National supports this decision as well and will assist with the move.

**Q.** Member asked if there has been a survey to obtain if Cavenagh street is the best option for members to rebuild there.

**A.** Scott advised the name RSL is beginning to remove itself from the club image. they are focusing more in advocacy and wellbeing. In the EIO we have requested that the bottom level is a café or retail shop, and the second level can be fitted out as a club. When there is a full evaluation of what we put there, we will need to confirm where we fit as the site sits in the middle of multiple liquor premises.  
Scott advised once we are in the evaluation phase, we can utilise a survey to members to meet their needs.

Matt Hull advised there is a document from the federal census form which shows the number of veterans within the Darwin area.

Andrew advised he has asked people at Larrakeyah Navy barracks

**Q.** Member asked what other developments will be made to the site?

**A.** Scott advised the RSL should own the first 4 floors and the developer will mostly be for either commercial or residential use.

**Q.** Member has requested to have all questions from the meeting be documented with the responses from the committee members be reflected in the minutes.

Committee meeting minutes- be put on website.

Advocacy for veterans- a list of advocates to be put on the website for veterans to easily view.

Matt advised he will work with Treeti to ensure this is all available to members and veterans.

**9. Meeting closed: 11:00am.**