



**Montmorency
Eltham RSL**



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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SATURDAY 18th MARCH 2023

**Montmorency Eltham RSL ABN 23 521 968 577
Montmorency Eltham RSL Sub-Branch Inc A0040538C**

References

- A. RSL Victoria Branch By-Law 2 *Standing Orders for Meetings*
- B. RSL Victoria Branch By-Law 10A 21 *Meetings of a Sub-Branch*
- C. RSL Victoria Branch By-Law 10A 21A *Annual General Meeting*
- D. RSL Victoria Branch By-Law 19 (i) *Appointment of Auditor*

Pledge of allegiance

The President, as Chairman of the Annual General Meeting informed all of the following:

In accordance with Reference A, at the commencement of a Sub-Branch Annual General Meeting the League Pledge must be given by group recitation led by the Chairperson. There is a copy of this on your chair. I ask all to recite with me.

I, Glen Ferrarotto, do hereby swear allegiance to the Commonwealth of Australia and its people and do hereby subscribe to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia and the Constitution of the Returned & Services League of Australia and of the Victorian Branch.

Opening

The Chairman welcomed and thanked all for attending and declared the meeting opened at 1108hrs.

Silent Tribute

The Chairman then asked all to stand and led the tribute:

Whilst we are honoured to be here today, we pause to remember those that made the ultimate sacrifice and those that have since passed.

They shall grow not old that we that are left grow old
Age shall not weary Them, nor the years condemn
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning
We will remember Them

Lest We Forget



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Roll Call

The Secretary advised Chairman that 26 Members are in attendance and the breakup has met quorum requirements detailed in Reference B.

A copy of the sign-in register is provided as Annex A to these Minutes.

Apologies

The Secretary advised Chairman the following apologies:

COL(Rtd) Terry Beaton, Kevin Myers, Ralph Boyne, Julie Beattie, John Beattie, Timothy Riley, Alan Field OAM, Ricki Rank, Gordon Murie, Les Lowerson, Peter Randle

The Chairman then proposed the following Motion:

Motion - AGM 01/23: That the roll call and apologies be accepted.

Proposed: Glen Ferrarotto **Seconded:** Michael Ricks

Motion AGM 01/23 was carried.

Confirmation of the Previous AGM Minutes

The Chairman informed all that the Minutes of 2022 AGM have been distributed and asked if anyone had not seen them to have a look and directed people to copies. He stated we will pause for a few minutes to ensure everyone has had a chance to read them.

After a short break the Chairman proposed the following:

Motion - AGM 02/23: The Minutes of the AGM for 2022 held on 4 Mar 22 be accepted as presented and read and a true and accurate transcript of the meeting.

Proposed: Glen Ferrarotto **Seconded:** Shane Murphy

Motion AGM 02/23 was carried.

Matters arising from the minutes/a review of action items.

The Chairman asked the meeting if anyone would like to raise an item from the presented previous minutes and there was nothing raised.



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Reports

The President's Report was presented.

The Annual General Meeting Report 2022 has been disseminated. The President's report is within it.

The Chairman highlighted and summarised his report and allowed time for all to read. The proposed the following motion.

Motion – AGM 03/23: The Members of the Sub-Branch accept the President's Report as presented as read and within the Annual Report.

Proposed: Glen Ferrarotto **Seconded:** Duncan Duke

Motion AGM 03/23 was carried.

The Treasurer's Report was presented.

The President, in the role as Acting Treasurer informed all that the distributed Financials and Treasurer's report contained in the Annual Report as presented and gave all time to read.

He then asked if there were any questions or comments on the report.

MAJ(Rtd) Bob Elworthy asked if the auditors raised any discrepancies in their audit and it was confirmed that they had not but Glen will review this and get back to him.

Duncan Duke asked about the appeals figure, the figure is as of Dec 22 and not correct as of now.

The President in role as Acting Treasurer proposed that the Treasurer's report be accepted.

Motion – AGM 04/23: The members of the Sub-Branch accept the Treasurer's report as presented.

Proposed: Glen Ferrarotto **Seconded:** Hector Hart

Motion AGM 04/22 was carried.

The Welfare and Advocacy Report was presented.

- 👤 The Vice President added that work will continue with the welfare database with structural improvements coming.
- 👤 He also added that we are excited to be having Kevin Myers as an Advocate for the RSL in coming weeks. We will set up a proper Advocates Office and this will put us on the map being able to assist veterans in this capacity.



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The Commemorations Report was presented.

- The Chairman added that he wanted to thank again Tim for his work in Commemorations area and his work integrating the Community.
- The Vice President reminded all of the major Commemoration events this year including a 50th Anniversary since end of Vietnam Service on Vietnam Veterans day on 18 Aug 23.

The Appeals Report was presented.

- The Vice President added that a schedule for upcoming ANZAC Appeal is on tables for people willing to volunteer time.

The Memorabilia Report was presented.

- The Chairman acknowledged all the work Peter has done over many years and reiterated the RSLs thoughts and prayers are with him over this period.
- He advised the Meeting that the Eltham Honour Board will be presented to Nillumbik Council for placing in Eltham Library with a display controlled by our RSL

The Membership Report was presented.

The General Managers Report was presented.

- The Chairman again thanked Michael for all his work putting the RSL in a stronger position every year.
- He added he wished to congratulate Maddy and James on now being full-time employees and how much their impact is felt around the Club.

Elections

The Chairman handed over to the Vice President Affiliate to control the elections as he was not up for re-election. He stated that the following nomination for positions were received and as there was no other nominations, they stand and so reappointed for two years:

Position	Member
President	Glen Ferrarotto
Senior Vice President (Service)	Andrew Hall
General Committee	Michael Ricks
General Committee	Jim Gronbach
General Committee	Shane Murphy

As there was no nomination for Secretary, Andrew Hall has volunteered to do this again in 2023 and as has done both positions in 2022. This position will be open for election in 2024.



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The following members nominated for positions on the committee and as there was no opposed nominations they are so appointed and take up the relevant positions unopposed, as they are new members to committee these are for 12 months:

Position	Member
Treasurer	Mark Hookey
General Committee	Mathew Loughman

The Chairman welcomed the new members and thanked them for volunteering in joining our exciting committee and also thanked all they stood for their positions.

The Chairman also thanked Kevin Myers for his years on the Committee although he is standing down officially, as we have discussed he will be very active as Advocate for the RSL, a role we have needed for a long time and will benefit the RSL for years to come.

Peter Randle has also stood down from the Committee but will volunteer to remain as Memorabilia Officer reporting to the Committee as required.

General Business

Special Resolution for the Amendment of the Rule of the Montmorency Eltham RSL Sub-Branch Inc

The Chairman handed over to the Secretary who informed the Committee that we had to hear and approve an omnibus motion amending the Rules of the Montmorency Eltham RSL Sub-Branch Inc Volume 3.7 (which will become Volume 3.8 when submitted and approved by CAV).

Attached at Annex B is this resolution which was read and when asked there was no questions, so the following was proposed.

Motion – AGM 05/23: That the Special Resolution as presented be approved for amendment to the Rules of the Montmorency Eltham RSL Sub-Branch Inc.

Proposed: Andrew Hall **Seconded:** Bob Elworthy

Motion AGM 05/22 was carried.

Appointment of Auditor

The Chairman also informed the meeting that in accordance with Reference D, a process of the AGM is to approve appropriate auditors and the expenditure on an annual basis. In line with this requirement, he proposed that E.F. McPhail and Partners (Suit 12, 302 Whitehorse Rd, Mitcham, Vic, 3132) be again employed as the Montmorency Eltham RSL official auditors.



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Motion – AGM 06/23: That E.F. McPhail and Partners (Suit 12, 302 Whitehorse Rd, Mitcham, Vic, 3132) be used for 2023 as the official Sub-Branch auditors.

Proposed: Glen Ferrarotto **Seconded:** Hector Hart

Motion AGM 06/23 was carried.

Nomination for Life Membership of the Montmorency Eltham RSL

The Vice President advised that he had received a formal request for approval for Life Membership of the Montmorency Eltham RSL for MAJ(Rtd) Hans Vanzwol OAM. The Secretary read his history and the proposed the following:

Motion – AGM 07/23: The Sub-Branch Life Membership be honoured to MAJ(Rtd) Hans Vanswol, OAM.

Proposed: Andrew Hall **Seconded:** Michael Ricks

Motion AGM 07/23 was carried.

Question by Terry Barnes

The Chairman then asked Terry Barnes to propose his question he added to the Agenda.

Terry asked the Committee if it was a higher direction or internal decision to insert the political crusade on having a welcome to country in commemorative events.

The Chairman thanked Terry for raising and confirmed this was a committee decision to include the welcome to country at the start of certain activities. He highlighted that it offers First Nations some recognition especially Veterans, history, especially in WW1 shown poor treatment of First Nations people who went to fight for their country and were not recognised. This allows reconciliation, does not take away from the commemorative events and also opens children up to education on the matter. He also stated that the Traditional Dawn Service will not be opened with the welcome.

Nomination for RSL Victoria State Executive (STEX)

The Chairman stated that Andrew Hall had raised his hand to be a Metro nomination for STEX. He supported the nomination. He then proposed the following:

Motion – AGM 08/23: That Andrew Hall be nominated by the Montmorency Eltham RSL for STEX.

Proposed: Glen Ferrarotto **Seconded:** Mark Hookey



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Motion AGM 08/23 was carried.

Closure

Prior to closure the Chairman stated that after the meeting we will be raising funds for the Vietnam Veterans Museum in their legal fight.

The Chairman again thanked all for attending and declared the meeting closed at 1211h and invited all to stay around for a social gathering with food and drinks provided.

Glen Ferrarotto
Chairman

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Andrew Hall
Secretary

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Annexes

- A. Attendance Register
- B. Special Resolution

Name		Membership Type	Signature
First	Last		
ANDER	HALL	SERVICE	
Shane	MURPHY	Affiliate	
Hector	KNOT	SERVER	
Menard	RICKS	SERVICE	
Glen	FERRANTE	SERVICE	
SRAMEE Jouleand	LUNARD DURE	REHLINTE Life Service	
LESSON BRADIE	REN BRADIE	SERVICE AFFIC	
LENN	WILGUT	AFFILIATE	
MARK	HOOKET	SERVICE	
HANDS	VANDUWEL	SVC	
BOB	EULOSTANY	SERVICE	
DORRAN	FERRAROTTO	AFFILIATE	
MATHEW	KUCHENMAN	SERVICE	
Jim	MURSH	Affiliate	
Coretta	Sayer	Affiliate	
TERRY	RAMONA	SERVICE	
URBIT	ANNETT	AFFILIATE	
Jan	STILLMAN	AFFILIATE	
Jim	GROENBACH	SERVICE	
Juice	FEECHNER	SERVICE	

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE RULES
OF THE MONTMORENCY ELTHAM RSL SUB-BRANCH INC.
(LICENSED WITH GAMING)**

Omnibus Motion:

That the Rules of the Montmorency Eltham RSL Sub-Branch Inc., Volume 3.7 (which will become Volume 3.8 when approved by CAV), be amended as follows:

a) 5.1 – Definitions and Interpretation

Insert new definition as follows:

“Company Secretary” means the person appointed from time to time under Rule 9.8 of the Rules of the Branch by the State Executive.

b) Clause 10.6 (c) (3) (ii) – Associate Members

Delete the words:

‘Chief Executive Officer’

Replace with the words:

‘Company Secretary’

c) Clause 19 (p) – Sub-Branch Committee

Delete the words:

‘Chief Executive Officer’

Replace with the words:

‘Company Secretary’

d) Clause 19 (t) (6) – Sub-Branch Committee

Delete the words:

‘Chief Executive Officer’

Replace with the words:

'Company Secretary'

- e) **Clause 20 (j) – Elections of the Sub-Branch Committee (see Branch Bylaw 23 for voting detail)**

Delete the words:

'Chief Executive Officer'

Replace with the words:

'Company Secretary'

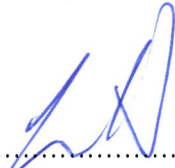
Moved: ANDREW HALL

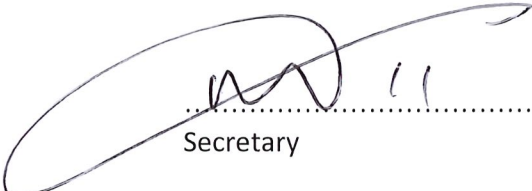
Seconded: BOB ELWORTHY

Result (Carried/Not Carried):

CARRIED

I hereby declare that the Special Resolution was passed at a validly constituted meeting of the members of the Montmorency Eltham RSL Sub-Branch Inc. held on 18 Mar 2023.


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President


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Secretary