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The last meeting for the year was held on Sunday 27th November 2009 at Ringwood RSL, our President, Dave Wilcox, opened the meeting at 13.20 hours with a minute silence for 'Fallen Comrades.

Attending — B. Attwood, A.Boyer, M. Bremner, F.Davies, K.Ekin, Maj. P. Dunlevie, M. Gorham, C. Handoll, K. Harrex, T. Kerry, B. Polkingthorne, Rev. H. McCartney, R. Readings, G. Roman, A. Smith, H. Tear, M. Tucker, D. Wilcox, M. Welton, B. Youngs. Mesdames: Pam Wilcox (Total: 21).

Apologies — T. Boyle, G. Fowler, B. Love, K. Moore, V. Rich, D. Shearwood, T. Webster, J. Wilkinson, (Total: 8)

Minutes — these were taken as being read.

Pat Dunlevie, Alec Smith : Carried.

Matters Arising — None

Correspondance: In - AGM from UK to Taff Boyer. Cards from Bruce Parker, and Lucy Haley who is on holiday in Malta. Foxtel mag. Re: Edinburgh Tattoo. There was no outward correspondence.

Pat Dunlevie, Alec Smith : Carried.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer gave a good outline of the income and expenditure and the Secretary was reimbursed for postage of the newsletters.

Mike Welton, Albert Boyer : Carried

Sick Parade: Sadly, it was reported that Vic Rich was very sick with shingles; Tony Webster was very sick in New Zealand; Bert Love was sitting on a chair which suddenly collapsed causing him to fall and hit his head, and Dave Wilcox announced with much regret that his prostate cancer had returned. [Since the meeting, Dave has very sadly learned that the cancer has gone to his bones.] Our sincere support goes out to our comrades at this time as they approach their illnesses positively.

General Business. Mike Welton, who attended a recent meeting at Anzac House, reported that he was not at all happy with the proceedings and expressed this by politely excusing himself! However, with regard to the number of vehicles needed on Anzac Day next April, he asked for all those who needed that transport in the march to contact him. Taff expressed a vote of thanks to all the girls for their outstanding work at the Birthday Luncheon, and Harry Tear said it was the best food ever and that the service was excellent. Pam Wilcox raised the point about having a dinner in place of a luncheon next year. Taff suggested that this idea, listing several items, should be put in our Newsletter in order to get responses from the members. It was decided to hold the Falklands Commemorative Service at Heidelberg Repat. on 20th June 2010, preceded by our General Meeting in a suitable room there. There'll be no April Meeting as it falls on Anzac Day.

Next Meeting: 31st January 2010 at 13.15 hours at Ringwood RSL. Members are respectfully requested to wear proper attire. After all it is only once a month, so let me encourage you to look smart just as we did during our service days. Thanks!