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The first meeting for the year was held on Sunday 31st January 2010 at Ringwood RSL, our President, Dave Wilcox, opened the meeting at 13.20 hours with a minute silence for 'Fallen Comrades.

Attending — B. Attwood, M. Bremner, M. Gorham, C. Handoll, K. Harrex, Rev. H. McCartney, V. Rich, A. Smith, H. Teear, M. Tucker, D. Wilcox, B. Youngs. (Total: 12.)

Apologies — J. Barnes, A. Boyer, G. Fowler, B. Love, G. Roman, M. Welton, P. Wilcox. (Total: 7).

Minutes — these were taken as being read.

Matters Arising — None

Correspondance: In and out: The President received a letter from Mike Welton regarding those who needed transport at the forthcoming Anzac Day Parade. He enclosed two forms, one offering the transport service by the RACV. It was decided to send copies of these two forms enclosed with this newsletter to our members for them to complete and return to Anzac House as soon as possible. The RACV form would appear to be the better of the two to complete. Our thanks to Mike for his help in this regard.

Winter Newsletter together with the Branch Diary was received by e-mail from Jumper Collins, President of RMA, Exeter, Devon. I replied saying that I knew where they met as I lived in Exeter for 2 years at the Guide Dog Centre. He wrote again to say that, when learning to be an instructor at Lypstone, he had to prepare a 30 minute lecture on a subject of his own choice – so he chose the training of guide dogs and visited the Centre for information and the loan of equipment. He was pleased to say that it went well!

The President moved that the correspondence be accepted, seconded by Vic Rich – Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Our Treasurer, Mark Bremner, reported that he had sent out a kindly reminder to members asking them for their renewal subscriptions, but it was so disappointing that there were no responses. The funds were in good shape and the Secretary was reimbursed for postage of the newsletters.

Mo Gorham, Bert Attwood: Carried

Sick Parade: Nil.

Social Report. Nil.

General Business. Our President, Dave Wilcox, took great pleasure in presenting Vic Rich with a framed certificate in recognition of being made a Life Member of the RMA, and this was supported with acclamation from the members present.

Harry Tear brought along to the meeting three blank wall shields and said that there were four more in the workshop. The Royal Marines badges, obtained from Waverley Trophies, can be attached and presented free to overseas visitors as mementos of their visits to our Branch. The same are available to members at the cost of \$30.00 each.

Harry Tear agreed to lead the Parade on Anzac Day, Sunday 25th April 2010. Keith Harrex offered to write every other month for the Globe & Laurel.

On the Sunday prior to Anzac Day, we will attend the traditional Parade and Service at the Clock Tower, Ringwood, at which young Nickolas has agreed to play the Last Post and Reveille. Refreshments will be served on our return to the RSL, Ringwood.

Because Anzac Day falls on the last Sunday of the month, there will not be a General Meeting on the 25th April 2010.

During the course of the afternoon we had with us a most attractive young lady photographer, Lauren Marshall, who kindly conducted a photo shoot of us all as we went about our business in discussing many topics during our meeting. At its conclusion she took many more shots of particular members with her most expensive digital camera which performed a multitude of operations imaginable! "Nothing but the best" as they say!

Lauren has undertaken a special project on the life and activities of our President, Dave Wilcox, and it was a privilege for us to be photographed with him in this particular setting. Lauren is one of the most charming young ladies one could ever wish to meet. She is to be congratulated on her expertise and we wish her well in all her future undertakings. Many thanks, Lauren.

Next Meeting: 28th February 2010 at 13.15 hours at Ringwood RSL. Once again, members are respectfully requested to wear proper attire. After all it is only once a month, so everyone is encouraged to look smart just as they did during their service days. Thanks!

The Meeting closed at 14.02 hours.
