



## Coffs Harbour District RFPA Branch

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**Newsletter/Gazette:** Garry Heskett JP - (M) 0414 512 302  
**Branch Auditors:** Dave Morris, and John Reid  
**Committee Members:** John Reid and Bruce Bell

## APRIL - MAY 2024 NEWSLETTER

Greetings Coffs Harbour Branch RFPA Members, RFPA State HQs, as well as our Coffs/Clarence Current Serving Members.

### **Notice of Annual General Meeting of the Coffs Harbour Branch of the RFPA NSW.**

**Date:** Tuesday/18<sup>th</sup> June 2024  
**Time:** 10.30am  
**Place:** Sawtell RSL

**Attached are:**

- The agenda for this meeting
- The minutes of the last AGM

**At the meeting, members will be asked to vote to:**

- Accept the minutes of the last AGM 2023
- Accept the President/Secretary's Report
- Accept the annual financial statements.
- Election of Branch Committee Members

## **AGENDA**

### **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE COFFS HARBOUR BRANCH OF THE RETIRED/FORMER POLICE ASSOCIATION OF NSW HELD AT THE SAWTELL RSL CLUB ON TUESDAY THE 18<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2024**

#### **TIME COMMENCED:**

#### **PRESENT:**

#### **VISITORS:**

#### **APOLOGIES:**

#### **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM:**

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ that the minutes  
be accepted. Carried.

#### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

#### **CHAIRMANS REPORT:**

#### **TREASURES REPORT:**

#### **SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

#### **ELECTION OF BRANCH COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

All positions were declared vacant and \_\_\_\_\_ acted as the  
returning officer for the purposes of the election of the Branch Committee  
Members.

BRANCH CHAIRMAN

Nominated by

and seconded by

BRANCH DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

Nominated by

and seconded by

BRANCH SECRETARY

Nominated by

and seconded by

BRANCH ASSISTANT SECRETARY

Nominated by

and seconded by

BRANCH TREASSURER

Nominated by

and seconded by

BRANCH SOCIAL SECRETRY

Nominated by

and seconded by

BRANCH WEFARE OFFICERS

Nominated by

and seconded by

TWO FULL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Nominated by

and seconded by

AUDITORS

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

BRANCH LIAISON OFFICER

CHAIRMAN'S CLOSING REMARKS

**MINUTES OF THE AGM OF THE COFFS HARBOUR BRANCH OF THE  
RETIRED/FORMER POLICE ASSOCIATION OF NSW HELD AT THE  
SAWTELL RSL CLUB ON TUESDAY/20th JUNE 2023**

TIME COMMENCED: 11.25am

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM

Moved by Garry Heskett and seconded by Hedley Gleave that the AGM Minutes of 2022 be accepted. Carried

## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: Nil**

**PRESIDENT/SECRETARY REPORT:** The President reported that the attendance at Social Functions had diminished somewhat, when one takes into consideration that, we have approximately 90 x former members who have retired in our region which includes spouses. Regardless, to wave the carrot for want of a better word, we have dismissed all official Meetings off the calendar, and going totally social apart from an AGM, we can only manage to get around 22 x plus members at functions per se. No offence intended, I know elderly members are not well, but I appreciate those that do attend, and I thank you for your support. The main purpose of our RFPA is to inspire camaraderie. I am also fully aware, that many members have struggled when out of the job with mental disorders like PTSD, etc, and wish to remain anti-social from Police albeit Current/former, as their presence at any of the events I organise can activate their negativity which they can carry. The President thanked those members present for their support since the last AGM and stated that it has been an honour to serve you all. The President also gave notice that this will be his last term as President/Secretary and will be stepping down from these roles at the 2024 AGM.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Hon.Treasurer Hedley Gleave and Assistant Treasurer Barbara Gleave presented the Treasurers Report for the Coffs Harbour Branch of the RFPA Inc. Our financial statement for the year ending 30/6/2023 showed the following. Balance as at 14/6/22 = \$1990.73

**Income for financial year = \$986.60**

**Expenditure for Financial year = \$1413.40**

**Balance as at the 30/4/23 = \$1563.93**

The Auditors subsequently signed the Treasurers Report as a true and correct statement of the present financial position of our RFPA Branch. The Hon.Treasurer further spoke on behalf of himself and his lovely wife Barb who operated and served us under the cloak and dagger shadow of a wonderful, loving supportive wife, but was the Assistant Treasurer. He thanked everyone for their support whilst they served in their elected roles of Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, and further stated if they were younger, they would continue. However, the time had come to step down, and transfer the mantle on.

**MOTION 1** During the Treasures speech, he raised the following motion..... “I would like to move that the money paid for the Coffs Harbour RFPA Christmas Lunch in December 2022 amounting to \$1,025.00 be accepted as a Christmas Gift for a free Christmas lunch - from the Executive and leadership group of the Coffs Harbour RFPA to all the financial members that attended”.

Moved by Hedley Gleave and seconded by Dave Morris that the motion be accepted. Carried

**MOTION 2** “I would like to move motion that Natalie Salters name be added as a signatory”. Moved by Hedley Gleave and seconded by Bob Jones that the motion be accepted due to Hedley Gleave not standing again for the position of Hon.Treasurer. Carried

**MOTION 3** Moved by Hedley Gleave that the BCU Bank be notified that the old name RPA be cancelled and replaced with RFPA for all future Banking business. Seconded by Tony Brown. Carried.

**MOTION 4:** Moved by Garry Heskett that the new Treasurer Natalie Salter attend BCU for the purpose of being a new signatory as Treasurer. Seconded by Bob Jones. Carried.

**MOTION 5:** Moved by Garry Heskett JP that the former Treasurer Hedley Gleave signatory be removed from the Coffs Harbour RFPA, to be replaced by Natalie Salter New Treasurer. Seconded by John Reid. Carried. Moved by Garry Heskett and seconded by John Reid that the Treasurers Financial Report for 22/23 be accepted, Carried

The President thanked all Executive and Committee members for their voluntary service throughout the year, before standing down so that the election of new branch Committee Members could be carried out

**ELECTION OF BRANCH COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** All positions were declared vacant.....

**BRANCH CHAIRMAN:** Garry Heskett JP nominated himself. Seconded by John Reid.

**BRANCH DEPUTY CHAIRMAN:** Nil **BRANCH SECRETARY:** Garry Heskett JP **BRANCH**

**ASSISTANT SECRETARY:** Nil **BRANCH TREASURER:** Natalie Salter nominated herself via proxy seconded by Garry Heskett JP

**BRANCH ASSISTANT TREASURER:** Nil

**BRANCH SOCIAL SECRETARY'S:** Hedley Gleave nominated himself. Seconded by Garry Heskett JP Barry Walker JP nominated himself. Seconded by Garry Heskett JP

**TWO FULL COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** John Reid nominated by Dave Morris. Seconded by Garry Heskett JP Bruce Bell nominated by Dave Morris. Seconded by Garry Heskett JP 5

**BRANCH WELFARE OFFICERS:** Garry Heskett JP, Ian Hodges OAM JP, and Bob Jones, (May he RIP) all nominated themselves – no change. Seconded by Dave Morris.

**AUDITORS:** John Reid, Ian Hodges OAM JP and David Morris. No Change self-nominated. Seconded by Garry Heskett JP

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR:** Garry Heskett JP

**BRANCH LIAISON OFFICER:** Garry Heskett JP

**CHAIRMAN'S CLOSING REMARKS:** The Chairman thanked everyone for their voluntary service and their advice and guidance throughout the year. He welcomed former members back into their respective positions, in particular, he welcomed Natalie Salter (by proxy who was Not Present) at the time for nominating for the position as Hon.Treasurer. Just prior to closing the AGM, the Chairman invited former Hon.Treasurer Hedley Gleave and Assistant Treasurer Barbara Gleave to the front, where he presented both former executive members an Appreciation Certificate for their long engagement and voluntary service to the Coffs Harbour RFPA. After applause all round from those members present, The Chairman closed the AGM at 12pm, whereupon all members present, then enjoyed a lovely lunch from the Club Bristo. Cheers Garry

## **Meeting closed at: 12pm**

Our last get-together was Tuesday/16<sup>th</sup> April at the Boambee Reserve for a BBQ. We were honoured to have the NSW RFPA President Paul Wynne joined by the State RFPA Sub-Editor and 1<sup>st</sup> Lady Sandy Benson together with our State Secretary Ian Lovell APM present at the BBQ. Sandy helped Natalie on the BBQ. It was very appreciative. Also Barbara Gleave as usual jumped on board and helped Nat set up the tables. Thank you to all our wonderful woman for your help, whilst our men gathered and spoke about the weather.

A number of Veterans Certificate were to be presented; however, the recipients were not present at the BBQ.

Unbeknown to me, I was shocked to be presented with a plaque by the State Committee of Management recognizing my voluntary service to our RFPA Branch. I was embarrassed but honoured to be recognized. Thank you for this recognition.



**L – R Front Row:** Allan Elsworthy, Barbara Gleave, Sheila Brown, Hedley Gleave, Sandy Benson.  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Row:** Tony Brown, Harley Toms, Rhonda Toms Barry Walker John Reid.  
**Back Row:** Paul Wynne, Garry Heskett, Natalie Salter and Ian Lovell APM.

### **COMMITTEE MEETING.**

At 11am on Thursday/30<sup>th</sup> May 2024 I chaired a Committee Meeting with our Committee Members which was conducted at the CEX Club, Coffs Harbour.

#### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Garry HESKETT JP  
Ian HODGES OAM

#### **APOLOGIES:**

Hedley GLEAVE  
Natalie SALTER

John REID  
Dave MORRIS  
Bruce BELL.

Tony BROWN  
Barry WALKER

**Matters discussed were:**

- Current welfare and health matters of our aging Branch
- My current position for **NOT STANDING** for any Executive position at the upcoming AGM
- The possibility of joining Port Macquarie RFPA Branch?
- Outcome of letters sent by NSW State Secretary Ian Lovell APM to approximately 30 recently retired Police living in Coffs Harbour.
- Any interested responses from current members taking up positions to maintain continuances of our RFPA Branch here in Coffs Harbour.

**WELFARE**

The welfare rounds were done, and I'm happy to say that everyone is surviving, and getting along ok. Peter Chilton has been discharged from Baringa Private Hospital, looking and feeling a lot better than when he was admitted. He received visits from Hedley Gleave, me and Ian Hodges OAM. Barry Walkers wife Charmane is also not well. We wish everyone good health.

Remember any issues give myself, Tony, or Ian a ring. Details below.

**WELFARE INQUIRIES**

Garry Heskett JP	<b>0414 512 302</b>
Tony Brown:	<b>6655 0442</b>
Ian Hodges OAM, JP	<b>6653 2263</b>



**For those of you who are not aware, HOYS Allied Health and Wellness have opened a Gym with 4 x Exercise Physiologists (EP's) present. It is located at 4 Forge Drive near the intersection of Industrial Drive, which runs off Isles Drive.**

## CHAPLAIN'S DETAILS



Coffs Harbour RFPA Branch  
Police Chaplin  
**RICHARD JACKSON**  
**0433603788**



### **JUSTICE OF THE PEACE (JP)**

Garry Heskett JP. 0414512302  
Barry Walker JP. 6658-2908  
Ian Hodges OAM. JP. 6653-2263



### MEDALS – REPAIRS

Brian Duncan OAM. **6568 5379**

If you need to get your medals repaired, Court Mounted in preparation for Anzac Day, Remembrance Day, Police Remembrance Day etc., then give Brian Duncan a call. He does a great job.



**DATE TO REMEMBER**

**AGM**

**10.30am/TUESDAY/18<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2024**



**THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT OUR STATE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY WILL BE PRESENT FOR OUR AGM AT THE SAWTELL RSL.**



JOKES



**Subject: Drinking and Driving.**

I'd like to share a personal experience with my friends about drinking and driving.

This might save you the cost and embarrassment of being arrested for DUI.

As you know, people have been known to have unexpected brushes with the authorities from time to time, often on the way home after a "social session" with family or friends.

Well, this year, it happened to me. I was out for the evening to a party and had more than several margaritas coupled with a bottle of rather nice red wine.

It was held at a great Mexican restaurant. Although relaxed, I still had the common sense to know I was slightly over the limit.

That's when I did something I've never done before...I took a taxi home.

On the way home there was a police roadblock, but since it was a taxi they waved it past and I arrived home safely without incident.

These roadblocks can be anywhere and I realized how lucky I was to have chosen to take a taxi.

The real surprise to me was I had never driven a taxi before. I don't know where I got it and now that it's in my garage, I don't know what to do with it.

If you'd like to borrow a taxi, just give me a call.



**IF THERE WAS A PILL TO CURE  
PROCRASTINATION, I WOULD  
PROBABLY TAKE IT TOMORROW.**





**I GOT IN TOUCH WITH**  
OFFENSIVE HUMOR  
**MY INNER SELF TODAY**

**THAT'S THE LAST TIME  
I'LL BUY 1 PLY TOILET PAPER  
AT THE DOLLAR STORE.**

**Very Short Story** Man driving down road. Woman driving up same road. They pass each other.

Woman yells out window, PIG!

Man yells out window, BITCH!

Man rounds next curve.

Man crashes into a HUGE PIG in middle of road and dies. Thought

For the Day: **If men would just listen**

My neighbor asked if he could use my lawn mower.

I said, Sure, just don't take it out of the yard.



Cheers  
*Garry*



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