



Air Force Association (NSW Division) - RADAR Branch

Minutes of the RADAR Branch Committee Meeting

Held at Stockton RSL, 29 Douglas Street, Stockton NSW
on Friday 7th February, 2020.

ITEM 1: Meeting Opening and introduction

The Chair declared the meeting open at 1110 and called for one minutes silence for deceased comrades.

ITEM 2: Attendees and Apologies

Members Present

Bruce Niblett	President	Chair
Tony Rogers	Treasurer	
Ian Gibson	Secretary	
John King	Committee Member	
Jim Stewart	Branch Historian	
Narelle Owen	Committee Member	

Apologies

Bob Treloar	Patron
Diane Taylor	Events Officer
Howie Campbell	Asst Historian
Dave Bowden	Patron

ITEM 3: Acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held at Belmont 16ft Sailing Club, The Parade, Belmont NSW on Friday, 13th December 2019 had been distributed via email. There were no issues raised regarding the minutes.

Motion: That the minutes from the 13th December 2019 meeting be accepted.

Moved: Bruce Niblett **Seconded:** Tony Rogers

Motion Carried

ITEM 4: Business arising from the minutes of the 13th December 2019 meeting

- a. **Action 2/5/19:** Ray O'Donoghue to contact Division to confirm FSME status for some RADAR Branch members.

Closed

- b. **Action 1/6/19:** Ian Gibson to draft letter of thanks to Stradbroke Is council and RSL Sub-Branch for signature by Bruce Niblett. Ian will also attempt to contact the Flight Sergeant who initially emailed the Branch about the issue to apprise him of the outcome.

The letter has not been drafted yet, however Ian reported that he had contacted FSGT David Bell. This led to a discussion over the proposed disposition of the (now refurbished) old plaque. Tony Rogers suggested that the Hughie Edwards VC memorial park just to the north of Canberra following his involvement in the establishment of a memorial in this location for RAAF RADSCHOOL. Also discussed was the possibility that the Australian War Memorial might be involved. There was mention of Mr Brad Manera, who runs the Hyde Park memorial. Also, Bob Treloar had discussed with Tony and Bruce Niblett some involvement with the Monty Webb Museum, although Tony believes it now no longer exists.

New Action 1/1/20: Tony Rogers to investigate how RADSCHOOL Ballarat arranged their memorial and dedication at Hughie Edwards VC memorial park and report back.

- c. **Action 2/6/19:** Ian Gibson to provide Howie Campbell with the original email from Mr Chris Boyd, Vice-President of the Edge Hill/Whitfield Progress Hall Association, looking for information about RAAF Unit No33 ZFC 1942-1944.
Closed
- d. **Action 3/6/19:** Ian Gibson to advise John King of the meeting's decision regarding the preferred location of the 'old' plaque from Stradbroke Island following its removal.
Closed

ITEM 5: Correspondence

The secretary had not received or sent any correspondence since the last meeting.

- John King tabled printed copies of an email he had received from Doug Roser regarding a reunion being held in Newcastle for RAAF Apprentice courses 12 and 13, of which Doug had been a member. The email also invited RADAR Branch members to catch up with those attending this reunion.

ITEM 6: Office Bearers Reports

Treasurer's Report (Annex A)

Tony Rogers advised that the current report is for the end of the FY (Jan-Dec 19) and will be the same as the one to be presented at the Branch AGM, although there will also be a year to date report prepared for the AGM. The current status provides some leeway for the purchase of book presentations for the RADAR Branch Awards (Ulett, Pithe and Stuchbury). Tony noted one correction to his report: the Allowance for Capitation should be for 2020, not 2019. Jim Stewart commented that he had paid his subs for the next three years by cheque (after a brief discussion it was determined that he had mailed the cheque to Ray O'Donoghue's address). Tony also noted that we are eight members 'short'; ie not paid yet, compared to last year, although we have more cash at bank than this time last year, notwithstanding that expenses have been higher this year. Bottom line, we're doing alright!

Motion: That the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

Moved: Tony Rogers **Seconded:** Jim Stewart

Motion Carried

Tony then commented that for Ray O'Donoghue's Membership Report, we have 32 paid up (financial) members, including several multiple members.

There were no other reports for consideration.

ITEM 7: General Business

Narelle Owen asked if the AGM would be held at Stockton RSL: in the absence of any offers from HQ 41WG (as had occurred during Spike Davies tenure as OC), the AGM would be held at Stockton.

This led to a discussion about the upcoming RADAR Branch Awards to 41WG and 44WG personnel and Jim Stewart noted that WOFF Scotty Doring was no longer the Wing WOFF at 41WG - he was now at HQ SRG. We will need to contact his replacement to coordinate the awards and also 41WG support to the Branch for ANZAC Day.

New Action 2/1/20: Ian Gibson to contact 41WG (Ulett and Pither) and 44WG (Stuchbury) to arrange Branch award coordination and ANZAC Day support.

ITEM 8: Other Business

– Planning for Branch Function (Diane Taylor)

In Diane's absence, Ian Gibson read the minutes from the 13th December meeting where Diane had commented that '*she had sent out 30 odd invitations for today's meeting and Xmas lunch, and...she had not received any responses, which made her doubt the viability of holding a Branch function*'.

As a result of this lack of interest, today's meeting largely agreed that there might be no value in pursuing a reunion function, and there could be a concomitant risk of losing money from deposit funds if planning proceeded. Bruce commented that it 'could be disastrous' and Tony, not wanting to sound negative, doesn't think it worth doing. All agreed that Diane had done a good job in attempting to organise the event, but the general lack of support for the Branch (apart from the usual seven or eight members who regularly attend meetings) and lack of interest in attending functions, showed the 'writing on the wall'; the consensus therefore was to shelve planning.

– Jim Stewart noted that he is working towards publishing the Autumn Bulletin.

ITEM 9: Next Meeting

The next meeting which will be the Branch AGM, will be held on 17th April 2020 at **Stockton RSL, 29 Douglas Street, Stockton NSW**, commencing at 1100.

ITEM 10: Meeting Closure

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 1217.

I Gibson

Secretary

Date:

Annexes:

A. Treasurer's Report

B Niblett

President (Chair)

Date:

**Annex A to
RADAR Branch Committee Meeting
Minutes of 7th February 2020**

The Radar Branch
RAAF Association (NSW Division) Inc.

Statement of Receipts and Payments, Year To 31/12/2019.

RECEIPTS

Balance at Bank 01/01/2019	800.82
Donations	300.00
Subscriptions	970.00
<u>Interest</u>	<u>.51</u>
	2071.33

PAYMENTS

Postage	41.00
Website Fee	113.95
Anzac Day Awards: Plaques	150.00
Books	200.11
Engraving	<u>30.00</u>
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Anzac Day Wreath 2019	50.00
BOB Newcastle Wreath 2019	50.00
Commemoration Tribute RAAF Birthday 2019	57.68
<u>Capitation NSW Div.</u>	<u>442.00</u>
	1134.74
Balance as per Bank	936.59

SUMMARY

Balance	936.59
Allowance Advance Subs Capitation	(26.00)
Allowance For Capitation 2020	<u>(299.00)</u>
	611.59
Petty Cash	100.00
Cash Reserve	<u>5289.10</u>
Total Funds Available (Less November Reserve A/C Interest)	6000.69