



MINUTES OF DAVISTOWN RSL SUB-BRANCH COMMITTEE MEETING Tuesday – 3 October 2023

1. **WELCOME** The Chair opened the meeting at 1403 with the Ode.

- The Chair advised that the meeting is being recorded -

ATTENDEES: Paul Osborn, Pete Grothen, Mike Fletcher, Don Molloy, and Chris Jones

APOLOGIES: Mal Brian, Chris Salakas, Kerry Hutchison, and Steve Laing

2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING** held on 5 Sep 23 made available at the meeting.

BUSINESS ARISING – Nil

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING** held on 10 Sep 23 made available at the meeting.

BUSINESS ARISING – Nil

Moved: Don Molloy **Seconded:** Mike Fletcher “that the Minutes be received and adopted.”
CARRIED

4. **CORRESPONDENCE** – Pete G tabled the ‘In’ & ‘Out’ sheet for questions.

BUSINESS ARISING –

- **Swiss 8** founder requesting funds (which is not a VSF initiative) for veteran support. The emails have an ‘unsubscribe’ option. It was agreed to utilise this option.
- **VSF List** - sub-Branches will be provided an updated list on 1 Nov.
- **State Congress** - Registrations required by Mon 9 Oct. Attendees yet to be determined, and whether it is virtual or face-to-face.
- **Governance and Compliance Course** needs to be completed by Executive and Trustees.
- **ADF Ceremonial Support** - Request submitted for Anzac Day 2024.

Moved: Chris Jones **Seconded:** Don Molloy “the correspondence be received.”
CARRIED

5. **CASUAL VACANCY - VICE PRESIDENT**

- Paul O spoke to Mal Brian’s resignation as Vice President due to continuing health issues. Paul thanked Mal for all his work he has done over the years for the sub-Branch. Due to the timing and notification requirements, the casual vacancy cannot be filled until the November general meeting. Nominations for position of Vice President are to be provided to the Secretary no later than 1200 Mon 6 Nov. Proposer and seconder must be ‘Active’ sub-Branch members. A nomination form will be included within these minutes.

6. **GENERAL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2024**

- Pete G advised that this will be tabled again at the 10 Oct general meeting. It should be noted that the average numbers for Tuesday vs. Sunday meetings is 26.2 and 22 respectively.

7. **REMEMBRANCE DAY**

- Paul O advised that all is arranged apart from ordering the wreaths. The service will commence at 1055 on Sat 11 Nov. Members and one guest will be able to partake in a lunch after the service at a cost of \$15pp.

MC - Ray Bale
Padre - Richard Thornton
Piper - John Shaw
Flags - Mike Fletcher and Don Molloy

8. **VETERANS LUNCHEON (10 DEC)**

- Paul O suggested that names and money be submitted no later than Friday 24 Nov. This is required for catering purposes. Tables of 10 can be nominated (if required) and may be decorated individually if you so desire. Cost remains the same as last year which is \$30 per person. Each member may bring one guest. Meal is yet to be arranged.

- Members may do an EFT to BSB: 633 000 Acct No: 159 163 112 and placing 'Xmas + Your name' in the reference field. If you cannot or do not wish to do an EFT, please call 0412 702 700 for other arrangements to be made.

9. REPORTS

- **TREASURER** – In Kerry H's absence, Pete G tabled a financial report to 30 Sep 23.
 - Funds yet to be withdrawn from a term deposit which matures this week.
 - Mike F sought provision of an investment list. Pete G advised that this is available through the Bendigo Bank app. Access for Mike F needs to be arranged.
- **WELFARE** – Paul O reported that:
 - Visited John Mathers and he is hoping to attend the next meeting depending on transport.
 - Ray Bracken hasn't been doing too well.
 - Wes Weir has requested a visit. Wes is still going in and out of hospital.
 - Paul O suggested that where a member needs a carer to attend a meeting with them, that we provide the carer with a meal providing the member also dines. Will be taken to the members for consideration.
 - Pete G advised that Chris S was discharged from hospital today after negotiating an obstacle course (steps).
- **CCDC** – Pete G advised that:
 - Next meeting is Doylo on Mon 9 Oct @ 1400
- **BOWLS** – Mike F reported:
 - Greg Adams and myself played and won the State Pairs quarterfinal at Cabramatta on 13 Sep, but were unfortunate to be narrowly beaten in the semi-final.
 - Next RSL & Friends Day is at Munmorah BC on Mon 16 Oct, with entries closing on Sun 8 Oct.
 - Bus trip to Dee Why on 25 Sep for Zone 5 vs. Zone 4. Zone 5 won both Men's and Women's Trophy. Good day had by all!
 - The President's Trophy (Northern vs. Southern Zones) will be played at Raymond Terrace on 11/12 Oct. Only 8 players are selected to represent each Zone. Davistown have two representatives in Steve Laing and myself.
 - Reminder that the nomination sheet for State RSL Selection Trials is on the notice board, with a closing date of Tue 24 Oct. Trials are to be held at Maitland on 18/19 Nov.
- **DISPLAYS** – In Chris S' absence Pete G read out the following report:
 - My thanks to Ian the Bear Hutchison for moving the library into the sub-Branch office. Tracey took some photos for me, and all looks fantastic.
 - Received an email from Sherry McCourt who if you remember was with the Korean Film crew who spent time covering the sub- Branch display. The film crew have passed on a thank you in the guise of a friendship bell which will be incorporated into our display.
 - Don Molloy and Pete Grothen will be looking after the trip to Broadmeadow, which is now on 17 Oct. Don will be looking to purchase some items if they are deemed to be okay. Paul Thrift is the name of the display owner. Address: - 102 BROADMEADOW ROAD, BROADMEADOW NSW 2292.
 - Don will be putting in a PTA for the Japanese Arisaka 99 rifle to be placed into the display. Don advised that the license 'account' needs to be sorted out to make the submission of forms, and their subsequent approval easier. This is necessary as the previous hardcopy path has not proved very efficient.
- **President** – Paul O had nothing further to add, other than advising of the attendance at an RSL Admin Workshop at The Entrance/Long Jetty on 21 Sep. The refresher was quite worthwhile.

Moved: Mike Fletcher **Seconded:** Don Molloy "that reports be received, and accounts paid."
CARRIED

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

- **Broadmeadow 'Private' Museum Bus Trip** will take place on Tue 17 Oct (full bus). With Chris S in rehab, Don M has been designated as the scrounger for any appropriate items for the display. The bus will depart at 0730 from The Davo, and plan to return no later than 1430.

NEXT sub-BRANCH COMMITTEE MEETING will be MONDAY 6 Nov 2023 @ 1400

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 1506.



Paul Osborn
President
Chair



Pete Grothen
Secretary

Enclosure:

1. Monthly Correspondence for September/October 2023
2. Nomination Form