



MINUTES OF DAVISTOWN RSL SUB-BRANCH

COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday – 6 November 2023

1. **WELCOME** The Chair opened the meeting at 1430 with the Ode.

- The Chair advised that the meeting is being recorded -

ATTENDEES: Paul Osborn, Kerry Hutchison, Pete Grothen, Steve Laing, Mike Fletcher, and Chris Jones

APOLOGIES: Chris Salakas and Don Molloy

2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING** held on 3 Oct 23 made available at the meeting.

BUSINESS ARISING – Nil

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

BUSINESS ARISING – Directed to correct the error nominating Mike Fletcher as the proposer for the Xmas lunch entertainment, when it was actually a Wes Weir recommendation.

Moved: Kerry Hutchison **Seconded:** Chris Jones “that the Minutes be received and adopted.”
CARRIED

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

BUSINESS ARISING –

- * **New RSL NSW Ties** - Order received and will be at a cost of \$30ea
- * **Copa Remembrance Day** - Corro has increased as we approach the service, and the latest ‘letter’ was to be tabled at the next meeting, which it will.
- * **2024 RSL NSW Diaries** - Final orders will be taken at the next meeting.

Moved: Steve Laing **Seconded:** Chris Jones “the correspondence be received.”
CARRIED

5. **CASUAL VACANCY - VICE PRESIDENT**

- * Pete G advised only one nomination has been received, that being for Mick Allen. Mick’s nomination will be tabled at the next General meeting to be ratified.

6. **REMEMBRANCE DAY**

- * Paul O advised that all is arranged. The service will commence at 1050 on Sat 11 Nov. Sub-Branch members and one guest only will be able to partake in a lunch after the service at a cost of \$15pp. Catafalque Party has been confirmed (unsure whether weapons are available).
- * **Poppy Day Appeal** - Finalisation of the appeal volunteers’ roster was attempted with several members to be followed up to reconfirm their availability. They are: Ray Bale, John Brennan, Mac McLarty, Stephan Pucek, and Dave Targett.

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

- * Paul O advised that names and money is to 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 yet to be arranged, but most likely the same as last year, which was very good.
- * Members may do an EFT payment 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 or pay at the next General meeting.

8. DAVISTOWN SUB-BRANCH 75TH ANNIVERSARY

- * Pete G raised the subject of holding a function to celebrate our 75th Anniversary of the sub-Branch which was established and constituted under an RSL Australia Charter dated 17 May 1950. It was agreed the committee would manage the planning of a function to be held on Saturday 17 May 2025.

9. REPORTS

- * **TREASURER** – Kerry H tabled a financial report of accounts to 31 Oct 23.
 - o Kerry H and Mike F to arrange the updating of account signatories.
- * **WELFARE** – Paul O reported that:
 - o John Mathers is still unwell.
 - o Wes Weir has requested a visit however Paul O has been incapacitated himself with a dodgy back. With this in mind Pete G is arranging to get over to see Wes this week.
 - o Chris S is doing really well, but frustration continues as he is still sidelined until 15 Nov.
- * **CCDC** – Steve L advised that:
 - o Gave a small account of Congress happenings. Advising that Day 1 was more an advertisement for several of the agencies, such as LifeCare, etc. Day 2 (was achieved on-line) included voting on motions and it was a very good day with speeches from: DVA Minister Matt Keogh stating that claim backlogs have been halved and is hoping to knock down the rest within the next 6 months.
New RSL NSW President Mick Bainbridge who is heavily committed to championing any causes relating to reducing suicide rates as he has been affected by 8 of his buddies falling to this terrible end.
DPC President Derek Leslie stated that the sub-Branches should delve into the content of SOP2 relating to Memberships, as this is the next SOP which is going under a deep review.
 - o Next meeting is Terrigal Breakers on Mon 11 Dec @ 1400
- * **BOWLS** – Mike F reported:
 - o President's Trophy was held at Raymond Terrace last month with Northern Zones (5, 6, 7, & 8) winning quite comfortably by a couple of hundred shots.
 - o Next RSL & Friends (including Presentation Day) at Terrigal on Mon 11 Dec
- * **DISPLAYS** – In Chris S' absence Pete G read out the following report:
 - o My thanks must go to Pete G and Don M for driving the club bus and organising the trip to Broadmeadow in Newcastle.
 - o One item for the display was purchased. I hope that the trip was enjoyable for all that travelled.
 - o Thanks, must also go to 'The Davo' for the loan of the bus.
 - o Unfortunately, my return has been put off until 15 Nov at this stage. Looking forward to seeing you all soon.
- * **President** – Paul O had nothing further to add.

Moved: Chris Jones **Seconded:** Steve Laing "that reports be received, and accounts paid."

CARRIED

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

- * **Veterans Connect Veterans Health Week Open Day with Crossfit Karuna** - Mike F attended the session and was quite impressed with only 2 vets attending. The major issue was that it is at West Gosford. They stated they have a venue at Terrigal. Pete G will chase up to see if there is one in Terrigal that offers similar activity and whether there is any dedicated program to assist vet fitness.
- * **Broadmeadow 'Private' Museum Bus Trip** - Pete G advised the bus trip took place on Tue 17 Oct with 8 members attending. The display was good with several interesting items. Don procured an F1 replica mounted on a backboard. A good day was had by the attendees, I think!
- * **Executive & Trustee Training Modules** - Pete G implored (which does not always work) several of the Executive and Trustees to consider completing the three on-line training modules covering: 1. Conflicts of Interest, 2. Safety, Risk and Wellbeing, and 3. Governance and Compliance. Only one person has currently completed all modules. Some others lost their links to the training. Pete G will request the links to be re-established.
- * **Request for RSL Bowls Sponsorship** - Steve L submitted a request for an amount of \$200 to assist Zone 5 with the hosting of the RSL Bowls Interzone Carnival to be held at Wyong on 7/8 Feb 2024. Agreed, with request to be ratified at the next General meeting.

NEXT sub-BRANCH COMMITTEE MEETING will be TUESDAY 5 Dec 2023 @ 1400

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 1533.



Paul Osborn
President
Chair



Pete Grothen
Secretary

Enclosure:

1. Monthly Correspondence for October/November 2023