



MINUTES OF DAVISTOWN RSL SUB-BRANCH
COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday – 01 October 2024

1. WELCOME The Chair opened the meeting at 1104 with the Ode.

A Minute Silence was observed for Dave Fergusson

-The Chair advised that the meeting is being recorded

ATTENDEES: Paul Osborn, Mick Allen, Kerry Hutchison, Don Molloy, Chris Salakas, Steve Laing, Ray Bale, Mike Fletcher and Steph Pucek

APOLOGIES: Pete Grothen

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING held on 3 September 24 made available at the meeting.

BUSINESS ARISING – Nil

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING held on 10 September 24 made available at the meeting.

BUSINESS ARISING

- RSL NSW State Congress Motions - Steve L and Chris S to attend the conference and put forward the Sub-branch members' decisions as per the last General Meeting.
- Peter G to confirm the Sub-branch has registered for the conference.

Moved: Don Molloy **Seconded:** Kerry Hutchison *“that the Minutes be received and adopted.”*

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4. CORRESPONDENCE – Steph P tabled the 'In' & 'Out' sheet for questions.

BUSINESS ARISING

- Copacabana Memorial - Discussion ensued about what the cost may be involved for progressing down this path to establish a memorial. It was advised that a Pre-DA meeting was to be held to determine what the memorial would constitute and the associated costs. This would then be put forward to the Sub-branch for approval/Rejection/Modification.
- Peter G to confirm that there is no charge to the Sub-branch for the Pre-DA meeting with the council.
- 2025 Budget - Steve L queried if there was a donation incorporated for the RSL State Bowlers. Otherwise, all Committee members thought it was a good guiding principle for the coming calendar year and understand there may be variations.

Moved: Mick Allen **Seconded:** Steve Laing *"the correspondence be received."* **CARRIED**

5. REMEMBRANCE DAY PLANNING

- Ray Bale to MC the Remembrance Day proceedings.
- Paul O to check with Richard if he is available to carry out the Remembrance Day Service and John the "Piper".
- Meals - Kerry H to check with the new caterers what meals will be available and the price. This will determine the price to Sub-branch members.
- Wreaths - Peter G to order wreaths as previous .
- Badges - Kerry H advised all badges have been received and paid in full.
- Sellers - Kerry H to provide a list of locations and Sellers names to Steph P so he can organise other volunteers at the General Meeting to fill the gaps.

6. CHRISTMAS FUNCTION PLANNING

- Entertainment - KSV (KeyBoard Singers Vintage) booked and confirmed for 8 Dec 2024.
- Meals - Kerry H to check with the new caterers what meals will be available and the price. This will determine the price to Sub-branch members.
- Mal to do the table of Remembrance, depending on his health.

6. REPORTS

a) **FINANCIAL** – Kerry H tabled the report on Accounts for the period ending 30 September 24, however she was still waiting on the Bank Statement to confirm the numbers, as it was only the 1st of October today.

b) **WELFARE** – Paul O reported that:

- Peter 'Vic' Morrow is still in hospital, Paul will continue to monitor.

c) **CCDC** – Steve L reported

- the next meeting will be at Wyong 14th October 2024.
- Davo Sub-branch will be hosting the CCDC meeting on the 9 December 2024, meals to be provided, "only finger food". Sub-branch members are welcome to attend. Auditorium booked by Peter G.

d) **BOWLS** – Mike F advised that:

- Next RSL Friendship Bowls day is at Munmorah BC on Mon 14 Oct.
- Application for RSL State Trials is on the notice board.
- Northern zones versus Southern zones at Raymond Terrace is on the 9th and 10th of October.

e) **DISPLAYS** – Chris S reported that.

- Ships Bell from HMAS Melbourne to be donated to the Davo Sub-branch display from the family of Stan Hears. Is still ongoing but no update.
- Chris attended a couple of auctions but unfortunately sale items were out of our reach.

- Within the next couple of weeks Chris would like a few volunteers to help make ready the display area for Remembrance Day - Mick Allen advised he will assist.
- Chris and 8 other members will be visiting the Australian Infantry Museum on the 2nd October 2024. Thanks to Mick Allen for driving. An update on their return will be provided. Travel costs and a light lunch is to be funded by the Sub-branch for the members.

f) **President** – Paul O

- Paul wanted to wish all members a safe and enjoyable journey to the Australian Infantry Museum.

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

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8. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Steve L advised that the new Morgan Stanley Investment has generated interest of \$2500 since July 2024.
- Chris S provided a copy of the Remembrance Day posters.
- Apologies for the 8th October 2024 General Meeting - Kerry Hutchison, Ian Hutchinson, Mick Allen, Steve Laing, and Mike Fletcher.
- Ray Bale offered to manage the sale of raffle tickets at the next General Meeting.
- Mike F advised that there were possible grants the Sub-branch was able to access from Sports and Recreation, however we need to be registered. Peter G to confirm our registration/apply.
- Mike F and Kerry H requested that the Committee Meeting start time revert back to 1400 as this conflicts Bowls commitments. No resolution was agreed.
- Kerry H advised she will be stepping down from the Treasurer position from March 2025.
- Mike F and Kerry H are opposed to the offer of "Sub-branch Affiliate Member" to Ben Bradley, as they believe all decisions for help that he provided to the Sub-branch had been placed to the Davo RSL Pty Ltd board for approval. Therefore his personal involvement was driven by the board. It was noted, by Kerry H, that it was too late to rescind the offer as it has now been put to Ben (who feels privileged to accept the membership based on Paul O update) and the members at the last General Meeting who voted "unanimously".
- Mike F advised that he would be tendering his resignation of Trustee for the Sub-branch but would like to stay on as a Committee Member.
- Paul O requested Kerry H and Mike F to please provide their respective resignations in writing to the Sub-branch. In order for the Sub-branch to find appropriate replacements.
- Paul O would like to get costing and grant /help for a better PA system - Sub-branch to write a Letter to the Board of Davo RSL Pty requesting assistance for an improved PA system (wireless) for all RSL memorial day services.

NEXT Sub-BRANCH COMMITTEE MEETING will be TUESDAY 5 Nov 2024 @
1100 There being no further business the meeting was closed at 12:13



Paul Osborn President
Chair



Stephan Pucek
Assistant Secretary