



# MINUTES OF DAVISTOWN RSL SUB-BRANCH

## GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday – 9 January 2024

1. **WELCOME** - The Chair opened the meeting at 1102 with the Ode.

*- The Chair advised that the meeting will be recorded -*

**Attendance:** 30 present, 7 apologies, with 8 guest/visitor(s) as per the attendance book

2. **MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING** held 2 Jan 24 made available to all in attendance.

**BUSINESS ARISING** – Nil

**Moved:** Mal Brian      **Seconded:** Roy Lindsay      'that minutes be received and adopted'  
**CARRIED**

3. **MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING** held 10 Dec 23 made available to all in attendance.

**BUSINESS ARISING** – Nil

**Moved:** Steve Laing      **Seconded:** Kevin Summerson      'that minutes be received and adopted'  
**CARRIED**

4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

A list of correspondence was tabled and members invited to peruse and ask questions.

**BUSINESS ARISING** – Nil

**Moved:** Dave Targett      **Seconded:** Mal Brian      'that correspondence be received'  
**CARRIED**

5. **KOKODA TRAIL PRESENTATION**

Paul O called on Mitch Blyton (soon to be Year 12 student from Kincumber High School) to provide the members an account of his Kokoda Youth Leadership Challenge (KYLC) expedition in Sep 23. Mitch was sponsored by The Davo (trip costs) and the sub-Branch (incidental expenses).

Mitch gave a wonderful 20-minute presentation (including a slideshow) covering each of the 12 days in the itinerary, with 20 complete strangers. They didn't remain strangers for long, as they quickly became 'fellow trekker mates'! Many obstacles were met and overcome both on an individual basis and as a team.

On completion of the talk, Mitch passed a 'stick carving' to Paul Osborn that was reaped from the Kokoda Trail (aka Track) and subsequently hand carved, and presented to Mitch, by the accompanying PNG porters. **Secretary's Note:** The 'stick carving' is adjacent to the KYLC board in the memorabilia display.

Paul O thanked Mitch, and the members and guests replied with a prolonged round of applause, with several members and guests seeking one-on-one time with Mitch after the meeting.

6. **CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION**

Paul O called on Chris S to present an RSL NSW Certificate of Appreciation. Chris explained the purpose of the certificate prior to presenting it to Pete G. The members provided their support with a round of applause.

**Secretary's Note:** Not everyone will be aware that both Paul Osborn and Ian Hutchison were also the recipients of RSL NSW Certificates of Appreciation, which were presented at the sub-Branch Veterans Luncheon in Dec. The certificates were awarded for their outstanding service to the sub-Branch.

7. **REPORTS**

- a. **TREASURER** – Kerry H provided a report on accounts for the period ending 31 Dec 23.

A copy of the Davistown sub-Branch Periodical Financial Report for the month was tabled and is available on request to the Secretary.

This month's collection (door donation) was \$44

- b. **WELFARE** – Paul advised there was nothing further to add to the report in the previous Committee meeting minutes.
- c. **CCDC** – Steve L advised that the next meeting is on Mon 12 Feb with venue TBA.

- d. **BOWLS** – Mike F advised had nothing further to add to the report in the previous Committee meeting minutes, except that Davo now has three (3) teams entered into the Zone 5 RSL Open Triples Championship being held at Umina BC on 17 & 19 Jan.
- e. **DISPLAY** – Chris S had nothing further to add to the report in the previous Committee meeting minutes, except to advertise that the library will be open every Thu morning, and most Tue afternoons. The library is also accessible during meetings.
- f. **President** – Paul O shared his shingles attack from Remembrance Day, and how it affected him, and highly recommended any members eligible to seek out a vaccination. The current vaccination has a higher rate of protection, and shingles is not something you want if you can avoid it.

**Moved:** John Shaw

**Seconded:** Steve Laing

'that reports be received & accounts paid.'

**CARRIED**

#### 8. **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Nil

Paul O thanked the attendance of our special guests, visitors, and Mitch for his presentation.

**Next meeting will be at 1100 on TUESDAY 13 FEB 2024**

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 1136



**P. Osborn**  
President  
Chair



**P. Grothen**  
Secretary