



MINUTES OF DAVISTOWN RSL SUB-BRANCH

GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday – 13 February 2024

1. **WELCOME** - The Chair opened the meeting at 1103 with the Ode.

*A minute silence was observed to honour the passing of
Leighton 'John' Unicomb (26 December 2023)
Ralph Arthur Ryan (28 January 2024)*

- The Chair advised that the meeting will be recorded -

Attendance: 24 present, 7 apologies, with 0 guest/visitor(s) as per the attendance book

2. **MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING** held 6 Feb 24 made available to all in attendance.

BUSINESS ARISING – Nil

Moved: Kevern Rowe **Seconded:** Stan Burman 'that minutes be received and adopted'
CARRIED

3. **MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING** held 9 Jan 24 made available to all in attendance.

BUSINESS ARISING – Nil

Moved: Noel Murphy **Seconded:** Wes Weir '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:** Kevern Rowe 'that correspondence be received'
CARRIED

5. **ASSISTANT SECRETARY**

Chris S raised the issue of Stephan Pucek volunteering to take on the role of Asst Secretary. Stephan ably filled in for Pete G recently on short notice. It was **Moved** by Mick Allen and **Seconded** by Noel Murphy 'that Stephan Pucek's nomination for the position of Assistant Secretary be accepted'.

CARRIED

Chris S welcomed Stephan into the role of Asst Secretary. Members responded with a round of applause.

6. **NEW MEMBERS**

Chris S called on Ken Heylbut (transferred from City of Parramatta) and Kevin Summerson (new) and presented welcome packs which included RSL member cards, RSL badge, and Davo name badges (as appropriate). The members welcomed Ken and Kevin with a round of applause.

Chris also presented Mick Allen with a replacement name badge denoting his recent appointment to the position of Vice President.

7. **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) NOTIFICATION**

Chris S advised members that the 2024 Davistown RSL sub-Branch will be held in conjunction with the General Meeting on Sunday 10 Mar 2024. Pete G stated that these minutes will be snail mailed to members without email addresses to meet the AGM notification requirements.

Please note that there will be no elections at the AGM as the current tenure does not expire until 2026. Anyone wishing to put forward a motion must submit said motion in writing to the Secretary no later than Sun 25 Feb 24.

8. **REPORTS**

- a. **TREASURER** – In Kerry H's absence Pete G provided a report on accounts for the period ending 31 Jan 24.

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 \$45

b. **WELFARE** – Chris S advised.

- Ray Bale is improving but still experiencing knee troubles post-surgery, but is out of hospital.
- Kerry H had a fall on the weekend fracturing her pelvis and will be convalescing for many weeks.
- Pete G is back following complications after cataract surgery.

We wish all of the above a speedy recovery. If anyone knows of anyone needing assistance in any way, please reach out to the club or the contacts listed in the newsletter. Pete G spoke to a suggestion from Mac McLarty with respect to providing member contact details for the purposes of staying connected. This suggestion will be investigated to identify those members who would be happy to have their details listed for welfare purposes.

c. **CCDC** – Chris S provided a summary on yesterday's CCDC meeting at Gosford SB

- Affiliation fee to CCDC is due.
- Central Coast Veterans Hub premises have been identified, and it will be set up in Hely St, Wyong. Further info in relation to address and its grand opening will be provided when known.
- DPC meeting will be held in Sydney on 22 Feb, with many SOPs to be reviewed.
- Terrigal SB is setting up an 'Intro to Sailing' day which will be held at Gosford Sailing Club sometime in Apr. A minimum of 20 participants are required for it to proceed, with numbers required by end of Feb. Contact will be Peter White at Terrigal SB.
- There is an Iconic Jiu Jitsu group out of Berkeley Vale who are doing a veterans training veterans program which has both physical and psychological benefits for those participating. If anyone is interested, flyers are available with more detail.
- Vietnam Veterans are being sought by Damian Thomlinson (0417 273 066) with a view to interviewing them and doing a photo session with photographer Richard Wiesel. If any Vietnam Vets are interested, please contact Damian directly.
- Next meeting is on Mon 8 Apr at The Doylo SB.
- We volunteered to hold the Dec meeting. Members may attend any CCDC meeting.

d. **BOWLS** – Mike F advised that Zone 5 played against 3 other zones at Wyong last week (with 6 teams from each zone). Central Coast came 2nd or 3rd. Mike's team consisting of Mal Brian, Noel Murphy, and Ian Hutchison were one of the best performances in the carnival.

e. **DISPLAY** – Chris S had nothing to add to the Committee meeting report.

f. **President** – Chris S thanked Mick Allen and Steve Laing for their involvement in the RSL tribute at Ralph Ryan's memorial service last week.

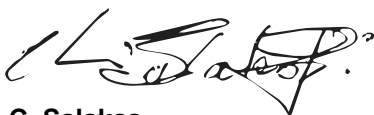
Moved: Peter Darling **Seconded:** Mick Allen 'that reports be received & accounts paid.'
CARRIED

9. **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Wes Weir spoke to an event on 16 Feb 1946 when he commenced his involvement with the British Commonwealth Occupation Force (BCOF) in Japan.
- **DVA Card** - Richard Thornton espoused the work of Veterans Connect and the advocates at The Doylo', who assisted Richard with applying for and receiving his DVA White Card. He also has commenced some DVA claims.
- **Kokoda Track Memorial Walk in Concord** - Richard T reminded members of how brilliant this memorial is, and also suggested that we should investigate becoming a sponsor of the walk.

Next meeting will be at 1100 on SUNDAY 10 MAR 2024 in conjunction with the AGM

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 1135 by ringing the Korean Peace Bell.



C. Salakas
Vice President
Chair



P. Grothen
Secretary