



# MINUTES OF DAVISTOWN RSL SUB-BRANCH

## COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday – 5 March 2024

1. **WELCOME** The Chair opened the meeting at 1405 with the Ode.

*- The Chair advised that the meeting is being recorded -*

**ATTENDEES:** Paul Osborn, Chris Salakas, Mick Allen, Pete Grothen, Steve Laing, Mike Fletcher, Don Molloy, Chris Jones, and Steph Pucek

**APOLOGIES:** Kerry Hutchison

2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING** held on 6 Feb 24 made available at the meeting.

**BUSINESS ARISING** – Nil

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING** held on 13 Feb 24 made available at the meeting.

**BUSINESS ARISING** – Mick F advised that the Davo team was the best performed out of the Zone 5 teams.

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

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

**BUSINESS ARISING** –

- \* Davo has volunteered to host the CCDC meeting in Dec. There will be a cost associated to this which is yet to be determined.
- \* Legacy Race Day on 4 Apr will be attended by VP Mick Allen. Further details to be advised.
- \* Veterans Legislation reform will be of interest to many of us.
- \* SBA Return has been completed and ready for tabling at the next meeting.

**Moved:** Chris Jones      **Seconded:** Mick Allen      “the correspondence be received.”  
**CARRIED**

5. **ANZAC DAY PLANNING**

- \* Pete G advised that several inner clubs and local associations have responded with acceptances and wreath orders. Will be approx. 20 wreaths.
- \* Dr Gordon Reid will be attending
- \* Paul O organising with Brisbania PS for poems.
- \* Hopefully MC will be Ray Bale.
- \* Anzac badge appeal will be Fri 19 Apr. There will be a great need for more volunteers as several committee members are away. Kerry will be ordering badges tomorrow.
- \* Chris S will provide instruction on staging the wall area for the service, i.e. the eternal light, shells, helmet, bayonet, etc. Mick Allen volunteered to take carriage of this activity.
- \* Pete G proposed that the sub-Branch cover the cost of a ‘bacon & egg’ roll and soft drinks to 25ACU members (incl their supervisors), as well as to sub-Branch members only. This would be controlled via a ticketing system to be arranged with the bistro.

**Moved:** Pete Grothen      **Seconded:** Chris Salakas      “that a bacon & egg roll and soft drink be made available to 25ACU members (incl supervisors), and that a bacon & egg roll also be made available to sub-Branch members attending the Dawn Service’.

**CARRIED**

## 6. REPORTS

- a) **FINANCIAL** – In Kerry H's absence, Pete G tabled a financial report to 29 Feb 24  
Investigate location of gift cards and wines for a raffle on Sunday
- b) **WELFARE** – Paul O and Chris S reported that:
- \* John Mathers is travelling not so well, but still managed to have a glass of red(?)
  - \* Wes Weir has had a fall spending a wee while in hospital, but he has since escaped
  - \* Kerry is rehabbing at Woy Woy and may be home as early as Friday
- c) **CCDC** – Steve L advised next meeting will be Mon 8 Apr at The Doylo
- d) **BOWLS** – Mike F reported:
- \* On the game as Bateau Bay yesterday, which was very good and attended by 16 Davo bowlers.
  - \* Next RSL & Friends is at Everglades on 22 Apr with form on the notice board this week
- e) **DISPLAYS** – Chris S provided the following:
- \* Chris Knotley has donated boxes of books to the display, which is an open letter poem to the Australian troop Banjo Paterson titled "WE ARE ALL AUSTRALIAN NOW". This is an illustrated book to be given out to the children who attend our Anzac Dawn Service.
  - \* During the past week the display has received two .303 rifles one is a No4 and the other is a battle damaged rifle that has been reconditioned, and put back into service dated 1918, plus a couple of bayonets. All these items will be fitted into the display at some stage. All came from Chris Jones. Paul O thanked Chris for the weapons.
  - \* To all members remember that the library is now ongoing with the hours being Thursday from 1000 to 1145 and Tuesday from 1130 to 1300.
  - \* Don Molloy will apply for two permits to acquire so that the rifles can be transferred into the display.
- f) **President** – Paul O thanked Mick Allen for conducting the RSL tribute at Ralph Ryan's commemorative service. Many praises have been received from various sources, including Paul (Ralph's son-in-law).

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

## 7. GENERAL BUSINESS

- \* **Xmas Entertainment** - Mike F recommended 'Kimberlee Sings Vintage' be booked for the luncheon in Dec.

**Moved:** Mike Fletcher      **Seconded:** Steve Laing      "that Kimberlee Sings Vintage be booked at a cost of \$400 for a 1230-1530 bracket for the Xmas luncheon'.

**CARRIED**

- \* **Kokoda Leadership Challenge Selection** - It was agreed that the process used for 2023 selection should be implemented for 2024. Paul O will discuss with Ben Bradley.

**NEXT sub-BRANCH COMMITTEE MEETING will be TUESDAY 2 Apr 2024 @ 1400**

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 1508.



**Paul Osborn**  
President  
Chair



**Pete Grothen**  
Secretary

### Enclosure:

1. Monthly Correspondence for February/March 2024