



MINUTES OF DAVISTOWN RSL SUB-BRANCH

COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday – 7 May 2024

1. **WELCOME** The Chair opened the meeting at 1407 with the Ode.

- The Chair advised that the meeting is being recorded -

ATTENDEES: Paul Osborn, Mick Allen, Kerry Hutchison, Pete Grothen, Steve Laing, Chris Jones, and Steph Pucek

APOLOGIES: Chris Salakas, Mike Fletcher, Don Molloy, and Ray Bale,

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

BUSINESS ARISING –

- **'Get Well' Cards** - Pete G raised the issue of 'Get Well' cards, expressing concerns over their use and under what criteria they would be utilised, and possibly a change of wording. Paul O as Welfare Support Officer will take the lead on their distribution and recording their use for corro purposes. After much discussion it was:

Moved: Kerry Hutchison **Seconded:** Steve Laing "that 'Get Well' cards, as per the draft example, be procured."
For: 5 Against: 1 **CARRIED**

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING** held on 14 Apr 24 made available at the meeting.

BUSINESS ARISING –

- **John Mathers** - Assistance for John's wife is still be looked into, to see what benefits that she may be able to access.
- **Committee Member** - Paul O raised the point of bringing Steph Pucek in as a Committee Member. It was:

Moved: Steve Laing **Seconded:** Chris Jones "a nomination for Steph Pucek to be elected as a Committee member."
For: 6 Against: 0 **CARRIED**

Moved: Steve Laing **Seconded:** Mick Allen "that the Minutes be received and adopted."
CARRIED

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

BUSINESS ARISING – Nil

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

5. **ANZAC DAY DEBRIEF**

Davo

- * Paul O thanked Mick A, Steph P, Steve L, Ray B for their assistance in presenting an excellent Dawn Service, being one of our largest for many years. Wes W agreed it was a great service with numbers being well over 800.
- * Two complaints received - one being the school kids siting on the ground. The school was approached at the time and offers of seats was declined. The other being no food supplied by the club. We know about the issues with breakfast, and this is not something the club or sub-Branch do since ceasing the 'Gunfire Breakfast' many years ago.
- * The book giveaway was a great success, with many after more. Steph P suggested that this be replicated for future Anzac services. This needs to be investigated.

- * Sound issues resulted in many attendees towards the back being unable to hear much of the service, and several under the veranda also. A letter will be forwarded to the club, officially suggesting that the outside sound equipment be updated.
- * School attendees thanked Paul O for the service.
- * Things to be improved will involve a review of drink and food management, including a cut-off time.
- * John the Piper apologised for his lack of attendance due to ill health (not enough hot air!)
- * Kerry H provided a brief on Anzac Day Appeal results.

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- * David Ferry advised that the service was well received with numbers being over 400.
- * Although it was short notice, it was disappointing that we could not provide a wreath layer.
- * BW Police District Commander, Colin Mott OAM, attended and praised the organisers for a well-presented event.
- * There were issues involving several wreath layers utilising an un-official/unapproved memorial.
- * Mr Hammal did approach David F after the service and congratulated him for the service.
- * The unapproved memorial has now been mounted (illegally) on 'The Green' along with a rose garden consisting of four (4) very large, elevated beds.

6. REPORTS

- a) **FINANCIAL** – Kerry H tabled a financial report to 30 Apr 24.
- b) **WELFARE** – Paul O reported that:
 - * Visited John Mathers a couple of times since last meeting and it not traveling very well.
 - * Mal Brian is having some vertigo issues and undergoing specialist treatment.
 - * All members should be having the shingles jab, as its structure has been updated. You don't want shingles!!
 - * Chris S is still recovering after 35 days of sea-time.
- c) **CCDC** – Steve L advised next meeting will be Mon 10 Jun at Ourimbah/Lisarow RSL.
- d) **BOWLS** – Steve L advised that:
 - * RSL NSW State team which Mike Fletcher was part of, won the 'Jack Hamilton VC Trophy', and came 2nd in the 'Dr. Sydney Krantz Memorial Trophy'. Well done Mike!!
 - * Zone 4 Championships commence at Davo on 17 May. Too late to enter.
 - * Patron's Day is at Davo on Mon 3 Jun. Lists will be up soon. Patron is Mal Brian.
- e) **DISPLAYS** – In Chris S's absence there was no report available. During Chris' leave, Mick Allen was kind enough to ensure that Henry was changed from summer rig to winter rig.
- f) **President** – Paul O thanked Kerry H, Joan B, Leonie O for ordering, and sorting all the badges for the very successful Anzac Appeal. A big thank you also goes to all the badge sellers at all the sites too. A special thanks to Ron Derley, Dave Targett, and Mark Colless for helping on Anzac Day.

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

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

- * **Davo RSL Bowls Club** - Recruiting strategy from Freddy Dowse was discussed with it being agreed that the sub-Branch would support his efforts where possible. It might be possible to facilitate funding from the RSL Sports & Recreation Program.
- * **Asst Secretary** - Paul O thanked Steph P for taking over the reins so well during Pete G's leave of absence.
- * **Morgan Stanley (MS) Investment** - Pete G advised that as of a few days ago, we are still in the 'red' with the investment after approx. 18mths. Suggested that a meeting with MS might be advantageous to see if they can advise us on a better strategy.

NEXT sub-BRANCH COMMITTEE MEETING will be TUESDAY 4 JUN 2024 @ 1400

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 1543.



Paul Osborn
President
Chair



Pete Grothen
Secretary

Enclosure:

1. Monthly Correspondence for April/May 2024