



MINUTES OF DAVISTOWN RSL SUB-BRANCH

GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday – 8 October 2024

1. **WELCOME** - The Chair opened the meeting at 1105 with the Ode.

*A minute silence was observed to honour the passing of
Dave Fergusson (17 September 2024)*

- The Chair advised that the meeting will be recorded -

Attendance: 17 / 0 (members/aux) present, 8 apologies, with 1 guest/visitor(s) as per attendance book.

2. **MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING** held 1 Oct 24 made available to all in attendance.

BUSINESS ARISING – Nil

Moved: Mal Brian **Seconded:** John Shaw 'that minutes be received and adopted'
CARRIED

3. **MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING** held 10 Sep 24 made available to all in attendance.

BUSINESS ARISING –

Moved: Steph Pucek **Seconded:** Mac McLarty '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 – Pete G advised there is a mounting influx of corro with respect to the permanent Copa War Memorial project, which is currently nearing the stage of DA submission. The sub-Branch is taking the lead as this provides the best chances of success.

Moved: Frank Latham **Seconded:** Dave Targett 'that correspondence be received'
CARRIED

5. **CASUAL VACANCIES FOR FILLING**

Paul O advised that two (2) positions are to be filled at the next meeting, being Trustee and Treasurer (or more accurately an assistant treasurer pending the resignation of Kerry Hutchison).

Treasurer: Pending the resignation of Kerry Hutchison, Chris Salakas nominated Mac McLarty to a position of Asst Treasurer, with Mac accepting the nomination. It was then **Moved** Ray Bale, **Seconded** Ron Derley "that Mac McLarty be elected as the Asst Treasurer effective immediately, until the Treasurer position becomes vacant".
CARRIED

Trustee: Several members expressed interest in the Trustee position with the expectation that this position will be filled in November. Pete G to forward Trustee Roles and Responsibilities to the members to make themselves conversant with the duties prior to accepting the position.

Micheal Fletcher's letter of resignation as Trustee of our sub-Branch was tabled and read to the members, and subsequently accepted. Pete G advised that the process was conducted within our guidelines for both the Committee and General meetings. Paul O addressed some of the letter's content and rebuked several of the comments. The members supported Paul, and the decision made.

6. **VETERANS & FAMILIES HUB PRESENTATION**

Paul O welcomed Kristin Pitt, The Manager, of the RSL LifeCare Veterans & Families Hub, which recently opened at 31 Hely St, Wyong. Hub is open Mon-Fri 0900-1700.

Kristin provided a thorough brief on the purpose, activities and facilities available to veterans. The recent census showed that the Central Coast has 7835 veterans plus many widows and dependants, and as such, was selected as a site for a future veteran's hub.

The hub helps veterans navigate through the large number of services that are available. The hub opened three weeks ago and have already had 17 requests for advocacy assistance, along with more than 6 wellbeing requests, employment and financial assistance.

There is a possibility of conducting a Davistown day at the hub, with busing available, with an on-site chef ready to provide an awesome barbeque. *This will be investigated by Pete G in the new year.

You can register for the Hub mailing list, and there are also 'What's On' emails that are coming out weekly, which can also be distributed.

What can 'you' do to help the hub, and the best way to do that is spread the word and let other vets know about the hub and that they're there to help.

Kristin detailed a large range of activities, one of which is a 'meat master smoking class' next Thursday with a brisket and pulled pork on the menu. Come along to see how it's done. There may even be some smoked coleslaw!

Any veterans, wives, or dependants are welcome to the hub for a chat on any topics that they feel they need assistance with.

Paul O thanked Kristin for the presentation and the members showed their appreciation with a round of applause.

7. 2025 ANNUAL BUDGET SUBMISSION

Pete G provided the 2025 Annual Budget for members perusal, questions and advised that it will be tabled for endorsement/approval at the November meeting. Budget is to be submitted NLT 30 Nov 24.

8. REPORTS

- a. **TREASURER** – In Kerry H's absence Pete G tabled a report on accounts for the period ending 30 Sep 24.

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

This month's collection (door donation) was \$49

- b. **WELFARE** – Paul O reported:

- Peter Morrow is hoping to escape from hospital today, after a 9-week stint.
- Dave Targett advised that Alf Hill is not doing well after a recent fall.

- c. **CCDC** – Nothing to add to that in the Committee Meeting minutes.

- d. **BOWLS** – No further report as bowls delegates were attending bowls at Ettalong.

- e. **DISPLAY** – Chris S had nothing further to the previous minutes, other than the following.

- Let me say thank you to all who attended the trip to the museum. The trip itself was fantastic. Unfortunately, only six members travelled to the Australian Infantry Museum. The museum is a must for all ex-service members to see.
- My thanks to Mick Allen for driving, also many thanks to the Club Ltd for the use of the club bus.
- Photos of the trip will be put up on the TVs in the display area over the coming weeks.
- Submitting a Letter of Request to Dr Gordon Reid MP to obtain an L1A1 SLR.

- f. **President** – Paul O had nothing further to add.

Moved: Don Frohmuller **Seconded:** Ron Derley 'that reports be received & accounts paid.'
CARRIED

9. OTHER BUSINESS

- **Certificate of Appreciation** – Chris S nominated 'someone' for a Certificate of Appreciation. **Moved** Chris S **Seconded** Mal Brian with members voting unanimously in favour. Recipient details not to be released. **CARRIED**

Next meeting will be at 1100 on SUNDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2024

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 1200.



P. Osborn
President
Chair



P. Grothen
Secretary