



# MINUTES OF DAVISTOWN RSL SUB-BRANCH

## COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday – 7 January 2025

1. **WELCOME** The Chair opened the meeting at 1055 with the Ode.

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

**ATTENDEES:** Paul Osborn, Chris Salakas, Mick Allen, Kerry Hutchison, Pete Grothen, Steve Laing, Ray Bale, Steph Pucek and Mike Fletcher

**APOLOGIES:** Don Molloy

2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING** held on 3 December 24 made available at the meeting.

**BUSINESS ARISING** – Nil

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING** held on 8 December 24 made available at the meeting.

**BUSINESS ARISING** – Nil

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

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

**BUSINESS ARISING** –

- \* **Copa Memorial Project** – Will be attending a meeting on Fri 17 Jan with CCA to discuss requirements for the DA, based on the Pre-DA meeting minutes from CCC. Pete G and Steph P will attend, with a time TBC.
- \* **NSW Fair Trading** – Chased up the request for reinstatement of our Charitable Fundraising Number (CFN) which was submitted in Mar 23.
- \* **Trust Deed** – Draft copy forwarded to RSLNSW for review/comment.
- \* **C71/24 End-of-year Administrative Requirements** – Reminder for sub-Branches to verify whether members wish to remain ‘Active’. It is suggested that this be used as an opportunity for a ‘welfare check’. Paul O advised he would assist in conducting this check.
- \* **Bowls Subsidy Request** – Letter requesting support for bowlers attending Tweed Heads National Championships was tabled. After discussion including scope of criteria in draft SOPs, it was **moved** by Chris S, **seconded** by Ray B ‘that a grant of \$500 be provided to Mike Fletcher and Steve Laing towards RSL Nationals expenses’. **Vote:** For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 2  
**CARRIED**

**Moved:** Steve Laing    **Seconded:** Steph Pucek    *“the correspondence be received.”*  
**CARRIED**

## 5. REPORTS

- a) **FINANCIAL** – Kerry H tabled the report on accounts for the period ending 31 Dec 24, pending receipt of the official bank statement.
  - \* Term deposit is due for renewal on 13 Jan with an offer of 4.5%. Agreed to roll it over.
- b) **WELFARE** – Paul O reported that:
  - \* Vic Morrow is improving over the Xmas break.
  - \* Pete G advised that Ken Heylbut is still having troubles with a wound that is not healing as well as it should. We wish Ken well with his upcoming treatment.
- c) **CCDC** – Steve L reported that the next meeting is at Gosford on Mon 10 Feb commencing at 1400. Local sub-Branch boundaries are currently being reviewed to reduce any overlap.

d) **BOWLS** – Mike F advised that:

- \* No RSL & Friends social bowls in Jan due to Triples Championships, which are to be held at Davo on Fri 17 Jan, with 3 Davo teams nominated.
- \* First RSL & Friends Day will be on Mon 3 Mar at Bateau Bay.

e) **DISPLAYS** – Chris S provided the following report:

- \* Hope that all sub-Branch members had a nice Christmas and New Year, and hope you are looking forward to a safe year.
- \* Again, this is just a reminder for members who require a White Card that DeeJ from the RSL HUB will be at the club to help on Fri 17 Jan from around 1000. Chris S also requested approval to provide a meal and a drink to the advocate and himself. Agreed.
- \* I am looking at a day trip to Fort Scratchley Museum (Newcastle). Anyone interested in going on this trip could you please see me after the meeting and would like to see the firing of the cannon at 1300 (please note max of 10 members). It is hoped that when members commit to a trip that they show up.

f) **President** – Paul O welcomed everyone back and wished all a Happy New Year! I will be conducting an RSL tribute at a funeral for Leonard Davey, ex-RAAF from WWII who has passed at the age of 104.

**Moved:** Mick Allen

**Seconded:** Ray Bale

*“that reports be received, & accounts be paid.”*

**CARRIED**

## 6. GENERAL BUSINESS

- \* **GM Lunch** – Kerry provided options for lunch, and it was agreed to have a choice of the 2-course meal deal: being Rissole **or** Flathead, with a choice of Carrot Cake, **or** Sticky Date.
- \* **Anzac Day Appeal** – After discussion on options it was agreed that the appeal day will be held on Wed 23 Apr. Due to ongoing issues at Kincumber, it was decided to continue with the two points at Erina Fair, as well as Saratoga, Green Point (Aldi & Coles), and The Davo.
- \* **Xmas Luncheon Debrief** – Much discussion was had with respect to the buffet, and hopefully some issues, one of which was the food running out before everyone got some will be remedied for this year. Maybe the first people through understanding they shouldn't stack their plate would solve some of the shortage, or the committee may have to act as server MP's. The cost was discussed with the thought that it will probably be increased to at least \$40/head this year. The committee has already rebooked last year's entertainment for this year.

**NEXT sub-BRANCH COMMITTEE MEETING will be TUESDAY 4 FEB 2025 @ 1100**

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 1146.



**Paul Osborn**  
President  
Chair



**Pete Grothen**  
Secretary

### Enclosure:

1. Monthly Correspondence for December 2024/January 2025