



MINUTES OF DAVISTOWN RSL SUB-BRANCH

COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday – 4 February 2025

1. **WELCOME** The Chair opened the meeting at 1100 with the Ode.

- The Chair advised that the meeting is being recorded -

ATTENDEES: Mick Allen, Pete Grothen, Steve Laing, Ray Bale, Steph Pucek, and Mac McLarty

APOLOGIES: Paul Osborn, Chris Salakas, Kerry Hutchison, Don Molloy, and Mike Fletcher

2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING** held on 7 January 25 made available at the meeting.

BUSINESS ARISING – Charitable Fundraising Authority has been restored with an expiry date of 16 Mar 2027.

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING** held on 14 January 25 made available at the meeting.

BUSINESS ARISING – Nil

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

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

BUSINESS ARISING – Pete G advised that some Anzac corro has already been forwarded, with InnerClubs and external groups corro to be sent in the next day or two. Steve L suggested to add Legacy as an invitee. Schools will also be approached to see if they’re interested in participating again.

Moved: Steph Pucek **Seconded:** Mac McLarty *“the correspondence be received.”*
CARRIED

5. **NOTIFICATION OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)**

Pete G advised that this will be considered as the ‘formal’ notification to members that the AGM will be held on completion of the General Meeting on 9 March 2025. Motions for the AGM need to be to the Secretary no later than Fri 16 Feb. Minutes of this meeting and the next general meeting will be snail mailed to those without emails.

6. **REPORTS**

a) **FINANCIAL** – In Kerry H’s absence Mac M tabled the report on accounts for the period ending 31 Jan 25.

b) **WELFARE** – Mick A was unaware of any reportable issues, but wondered how Paul went with the memorial service for the ex-RAAF pilot.

c) **CCDC** – Steve L reported that the next meeting is at Gosford on Mon 10 Feb commencing at 1400. Steve offered his apologies as he will not be able to attend. Pete G will attend, and possibly Chris S.

d) **BOWLS** – Steve L advised that:

- * 1st RSL & Friends Day for 2025 will be at Bateau Bay BC for Cyril Harmon Day on Mon 3 Mar. Sign-up sheet will be on the noticeboard adjacent to the sub-Branch office soon.
- * RSL Zone 5 will be represented by 24 bowlers in Yamba 11-13 Feb for Interzone games, with 8 of those from Davo.

e) **DISPLAYS** – In Chris’ absence Pete G provided the following report:

- * My thanks go out to the 12 members that attended the White Card information day held on 17 Jan. DeeJ (pronounced DJ) from the Wyong Veterans Hub did an excellent job.

- * I have sent a message of thanks to the manager of the Central Coast hub and a reply was quick. Also, there are a few members that have made appointments with the Hub to improve on what was said at the presentation.
- * Please see a form (tabled) that Tracey and I have put together to try and pick up some younger members to the sub-Branch. This ad is to be placed on 'The Davo' social media outlets that younger ex-service people check out.
- * Both Don and I are still chasing up a gun safe. Club Ltd has been advised of our plans.
- * Still looking for starters for a Fort Scratchley road trip.

f) **President** – In Paul O's absence there was no report.

Moved: Ray Bale **Seconded:** Steph Pucek *"that reports be received, & accounts be paid."*
CARRIED

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

- * **Donation Proposals** – Steve L started some discussion on donations for the Veterans and Families Hub at Wyong. As a result of the discussions the following motions were made.

Moved: Steve Laing **Seconded:** Ray Bale *"that an amount of \$5000 be provided to the Veterans and Families Hub Wyong for the direct purposes of Veteran Support, with this to be repeated each calendar year, but reviewed yearly when doing the Annual Budget".*

CARRIED

Moved: Steve Laing **Seconded:** Steph Pucek *"that an amount of \$2000 be provided to the Veterans and Families Hub Wyong for the Hub's discretionary use, with this to be repeated each calendar year, but reviewed yearly when doing the Annual Budget".*

CARRIED

Moved: Steve Laing **Seconded:** Steph Pucek *"that an amount of \$1500 be provided to the Veterans and Families Hub Wyong for the Hub's discretionary use, as previously approved for calendar year 2024. Furthermore, that this commitment, which was ratified by the members at the General Meeting held 8 Aug 23 be rescinded, as the commitment will be superseded by the above motion of \$2000".*

CARRIED

Kincumber High School – The current scheme was discussed with respect to the Kokoda Leadership Challenge and what changes may be made to broaden the scope. The proposed provision of an amount of \$2000 to Kincumber High School to be explored to see how it can be made whilst staying within the 'charitable purpose' rules for donations/grants/gifts(?). This exploration could also revisit the previous scholarship program that was in place, to see whether it fits into the scope of 'charitable purpose'.

The above motions will be tabled at the next general meeting for ratification.

- * **Legacy House Items** – Steve L advised that there is an opportunity to scavenge(?) some items from Legacy House Gosford that have been deemed as of 'no further use', one of which is a large eternal flame. It was suggested that a couple of members liaise with Beetle to check on which items may be of use to us or 'The Davo'. It was agreed to take the 671 books that are in their library, pending agreement from Chris S!

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

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 1222.



Mick Allen
Vice President
Chair



Pete Grothen
Secretary

Enclosure:

1. Monthly Correspondence for January/February 2025