



MINUTES OF DAVISTOWN RSL SUB-BRANCH

GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday – 11 February 2025

1. **WELCOME** - The Chair opened the meeting at 1104 with the Ode.

- The Chair advised that the meeting will be recorded -

Attendance: 15 / 1 (members/aux) present, 19 apologies, with 0 guest/visitor(s) as per attendance book.

2. **MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING** held 4 Feb 25 made available to all in attendance.

BUSINESS ARISING – Paul O spoke to Mick's query of the RAAF pilot Leonard Davey who was just shy of 104yo. Leonard did end up as a POW even though this was not reflected in his ADF eulogy report. It seems his Lysander aircraft (thanks to Peter Darling's knowledge) was shot down on a mission in Germany. Leonard went on to have a very interesting life and finished with a lovely memorial service. Even though the family dog hated anyone in uniform, the family's concern on his return from war was allayed when the dog ran and jumped into his arms. Addnl info: The Lysander was controlled by the Special Operations Executive and flew clandestine missions supplying resistance forces and transporting agents to and from occupied Europe.

Moved: Dave Targett **Seconded:** Steph Pucek 'that the minutes be received and adopted'
CARRIED

3. **MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING** held 14 Jan 25 made available to all in attendance.

BUSINESS ARISING – Chris S reiterated how well the DVA White Card assistance by DeeJ (DJ) from 'The Hub' has been embraced by the 12 members who attended. Some have already received their White Card.

Moved: Steph Pucek **Seconded:** Fred Shaw 'that the minutes be received and adopted'
CARRIED

4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

A list of correspondence was tabled, and members invited to peruse and ask questions.

BUSINESS ARISING – Copa progress is slow but seems to be moving in the right direction, with support from Councillor Sharon Walsh and Mayor Lawrie McKinna who were in attendance prior to a Copa Community Group meeting last Mon. There will be a plaque affixed to the memorial, and we (the sub-Branch) have been asked to offer suggestions on the content of the plaque. Final acceptance will be from the Copa Community.

Moved: Frank Latham **Seconded:** Peter Darling 'that the correspondence be received'
CARRIED

5. **STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES (SOPs) FOR ADOPTION**

Pete G spoke to the SOPs that were tabled for member feedback. There was no comments/feedback provided. Although a quorum exited, it was decided to defer any motion on their approval until the March meeting, which would also allow time for members to further review the SOPs. Members were requested to provide comment/feedback prior to the next meeting so that it may be assessed for inclusion in the SOPs prior to that meeting.

Pete G drew attention to SOP10 (Member Grants) and recommended that the 50% criteria for attendance be reduced to 25% (i.e. three (3) meetings). This was agreed and will be reflected in SOP10 when they are tabled next month.

6. **DONATION MOTIONS FOR RATIFICATION**

Pete G spoke to the motions that were listed in the Committee meeting minutes, and it was again agreed to defer any ratification until the March meeting, except for the Motion relating to the payment of the \$1500 (which was previously approved for 2024) to the Veterans and Families Hub at Wyong (VFHW).

Moved: Chris Salakas **Seconded:** Steph Pucek "that the \$1500 owing to VFHW from 2024 be paid".
CARRIED

The details of how this needs to be processed (i.e. to VSF, or direct) is to be confirmed prior to payment.

Kincumber High School donations/grant/whatever still needs to be investigated to see how and if this can be achieved under the ACNC rules. It is believed it can be accomplished; it's just a matter of how. So, this motion will be revisited once that information/guidance becomes available.

Don F spoke to the need to get involved in educating schools on our country's history in conflicts. Chris S advised that this has been occurring, but after much discussion and anecdotes it can be seen there is a greater need to increase the education into the term 'Lest We Forget', and why it is used.

7. REPORTS

- a. **TREASURER** – Mac M tabled a report on accounts for the period ending 31 Jan 25.

Ensure the expense for 'Welfare White Card Presentation' of \$488.80 is split into the correct expense lines to ensure that the budget is not 'inflated' or 'under inflated' in particular expense lines.

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 \$32

- b. **WELFARE** – Paul O:

- Welcomed 'the piper' back to our midst from an agonising leg issue. Fred thanked Paul O for the 'Get Well' card.
- 'Vic' Morrow is an apology as he is off for a head op today.

- c. **CCDC** – In Steve L's absence Pete G advised that:

- Kristin Pitt from VFHW presented their achievements since opening back in Sep and provided a look into their future goals. Some of this will be sent out shortly.
- Jake from Crossfit West Gosford gave a brief on what they are doing to assist the veteran community. Info will be disted shortly.
- Greg Mawson (CCDC Pres) was likely to be ousted due to the 9yr rule. However, it seems he will be around for another 3yrs if he gets voted in at the next AGM, as the 9yr rule only came into effect in 2019.
- Boundary drafts are still being investigated for our 10 sub-Branches, to see which schools and facilities fall within a particular sub-Branch's area. This shouldn't affect us in that there may be only minimal overlap with Gosford sub-Branch.
- Saluting Their Service Fun Day flyer for Sun 2 Mar at 'The Ary' Toukley will be sent out.
- DVA Planning Ahead book will be sourced for handing out to 'plan ahead'. Paul O advised members to ensure they have a 'current' Will and a Power of Attorney (POA).
- Next meeting is at 'The Doylo' RSL sub-Branch on Mon 14 April @1400

- d. **BOWLS** – In Mike F's and Steve L's absences due to Zone games in Yamba, there was nothing further to add to the committee minutes.

- e. **DISPLAY** – Chris S had nothing further to the committee minutes. Handed out VFHW contact cards. Also requested members to put their names in if they wish to do the road trip to Fort Scratchley in Newcastle.

- f. **President** – Paul O

Moved: Don Frohmuller **Seconded:** Kevern Rowe 'that the reports be received & accounts paid.'

CARRIED

8. OTHER BUSINESS

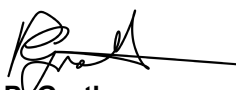
- **2025 RSL Diary** – Pete G advised there is one spare diary avail at the cost of \$5. This is a bargain as this year they cost us \$9.84.
- **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** – Reminder to get motions, etc. in within 14 days of the meeting.

**Next meeting will be at 1100 on SUNDAY 9 MARCH 2025,
immediately followed by the Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 1147.



P. Osborn
President
Chair



P. Grothen
Secretary