



MINUTES OF DAVISTOWN RSL SUB-BRANCH

GENERAL MEETING

Sunday – 9 March 2025

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

*A minute silence was observed to honour the passing of
Ronald (Ron) George Small (19 February 25)*

- The Chair advised that the meeting will be recorded -

Attendance: 26 / 3 (members/aux), 2 apologies, with 1 guest/visitor(s) as per attendance book.

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

BUSINESS ARISING –

Member Grants - David Cameron raised the matter of member grants for attendance at RSL State Bowls Carnival, stating that he could not see it listed in the minutes. Pete G advised that this matter was addressed in the January minutes. David put forward that there is a perception that these grants are only provided to members on the Committee. Paul O advised that this is not the case, and sought any members present who also held this perception, of which there were none. Paul also stated that of the requests that were submitted only two of the applicants met the criteria, i.e. having attended 50% of regular meetings within the previous 12-month period. Paul O stated that if the other two (who are not committee members) had met the criteria then they would also have been eligible.

Moved: Peter Darling **Seconded:** Ray Bale 'that the minutes be received and adopted'
CARRIED

3. **MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING** held 11 Feb 25 made available to all in attendance.

BUSINESS ARISING – Nil

Moved: Mal Brian **Seconded:** David Harris '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 –

Hearing Australia (HA) – Pete G advised that a representative will be attending the May meeting to provide information under the partnership between RSL NSW & HA. There will also be an opportunity to have a hearing checked.

Trustee Deed – Latest deed has been registered which officially lists Ray Bale as our new trustee.

C09/25 Funeral Assistance for Deceased Veterans – Members should note that there could be assistance available through DVA and RSL LifeCare to access emergency financial assistance and a range of holistic support services.

Moved: Steph Pucek **Seconded:** Steve Laing 'that the correspondence be received'
CARRIED

5. **NEW MEMBER**

Paul O called on Rachael Stokeld and presented her with the RSL NSW welcome pack and a sub-Branch name badge. Rachael was welcomed by the members with a round of applause. On asking which service, Rachael responded 'Navy', which attracted another round of applause from none other than the Navy fraternity, in that Rachael bolsters our Navy numbers.

6. CASUAL VACANCY - ELECTION OF TREASURER

Paul O thanked Kerry for her wonderful work over the past four years, which resulted in a round of applause from the members.

Kerry's resignation creates a 'casual vacancy' which needs to be filled. Paul O advised that Mac McLarty as Asst. Treasurer has confirmed he would fill the role. Members were asked if there were any other nominations from the floor. There being no other nominations, Paul O congratulated 'Mac' on being elected unopposed to the position of Treasurer.

7. CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION PRESENTATION

Paul O called on Steve Laing, presenting him with a Certificate of Appreciation for his efforts within the sub-Branch and RSL bowls activities. The members showed their appreciation with a round of applause. Steve L thanked the members for the camaraderie that exists within the sub-Branch.

8. STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES (SOPs) FOR ADOPTION/APPROVAL

Pete G tabled the sub-Branch SOPs for further consideration and discussion. Paul O offered David Cameron the opportunity to submit an amendment to the Member Grants SOP, which David declined.

There being no questions or suggested amendments of the tabled SOPs, it was **moved** Dave Targett, **seconded** Mike Fletcher "that the ten (10) SOPs of the Davistown sub-Branch dated 9 Mar 2025 be adopted". **CARRIED**

9. REPORTS

- a. **TREASURER** – Kerry H thanked everyone for their support as Treasurer and believes that 'Mac' will do a good job, once some technical issues are overcome. Kerry tabled a report on accounts for the period ending 28 Feb 25.

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 \$26.65

- b. **WELFARE** – Paul O:

- Delivered a Sympathy card to Ron Small's family as there was no memorial service.
- Pete G advised that Jim Smail is off to hospital next Sunday for some heart valve warranty work. Addendum: Yes, I know, a Supply Bob with a heart, who would've thought!

- c. **CCDC** – Steve L advised that:

- Next meeting is at 'The Doylo' RSL sub-Branch on Mon 14 April @1400

- d. **BOWLS** – Mike F advised there was nothing further to add to the committee minutes.

- e. **DISPLAY** – Last call for Fort Scratchley bus trip nominations. **Late mail:** Chris advised that the trip is a no-go as there were only 3 starters.

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

Moved: Mick Allen **Seconded:** Col Beveridge 'that the reports be received & accounts paid.' **CARRIED**

10. OTHER BUSINESS

Anzac Day Appeal 23 Apr – Kerry H reviewed the badge day volunteers. Helpers still required for Cloes at Erina. Please contact me (on 0412 702 700) if you can help with either 0900-1200, or 1200-1500 shift.

Donations – Steve L raised the issue of the deferred motions relating to donations to both the Veterans and Families Hub Wyong (VFHW) and the Kincumber High School (KHS). Steve spoke to the motions that were previously passed at the February Committee meeting, being \$5000 to the VFHW for 'veteran support', \$2000 for 'discretionary use' by the VFHW, and \$2000 for student support at KHS, particularly their attendance at the Kokoda Youth Leadership Challenge which

is held on a yearly basis. The KHS money would be paid on presentation of receipts up to the amount of \$2000. Pete G advised that the mechanisms to pay the KHS funds still needs to be confirmed through CCDC to ensure that we comply with the 'charitable purpose' requirements. The VFHW funds would be paid via the Veteran Support Fund (VSF). Pete G also advised that although these are likely to be ongoing donations, they would be reviewed on a yearly basis when compiling the annual budget to ascertain whether those figures can be supported.

Paul O called for members to speak 'for' or 'against' the proposal. **Chris S** spoke for the proposal, as his interaction with the VFHW over the past several months has been exceptional with respect to their assistance with DVA issues experienced by our members. All we're doing is putting in money to help ourselves. **Don M** spoke in favour as their staff bend over backwards to help you with any issues you may have.

Based on the above it was **moved** Steve Laing **seconded** Ray Bale "that the sub-Branch provide the amount of \$5000 and \$2000 to the VFHW for 'veteran support' and 'discretionary use' respectively, along with 'up to' \$2000 to the successful KHS student selected to attend the Kokoda Youth Leadership Challenge, with these figures to reviewed yearly when compiling the annual budget."

CARRIED

Next meeting will be at 1100 on SUNDAY 13 APRIL 2025

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 1132.



P. Osborn
President
Chair



P. Grothen
Secretary