



**MINUTES OF DAVISTOWN RSL SUB-BRANCH
COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday – 6 May 2025**

1. **WELCOME** The Chair opened the meeting at 1103 with the Ode.

The Chair advised that the meeting is being recorded and requested the members place their mobile phone on silent-

ATTENDEES: Chris Salakas, Mick Allen, Ray Bale, Mike Fletcher, Steph Pucek, and Mac McLarty

APOLOGIES: Paul Osborn, Kerry Hutchison, Pete Grothen, Steve Laing and Don Molloy

2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING** held on 1 April 25 made available at the meeting.

BUSINESS ARISING –

Chris Salakas had a discussion with Cheryl Jones about the tribute to Chris Jones, and proposed the following tribute. The Davo RSL Sub-branch to provide a Perpetual Trophy in honour of Chris to Davo bowling club. The Davo bowling club will then provide an on-going Picture Board in commemoration.

All Committee members agreed this would be a befitting honour.

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING** held on 13 April 25 made available at the meeting.

BUSINESS ARISING – Nil

Moved: Mick Allen **Seconded:** Ray Bale *"that the Minutes be received and adopted."*
CARRIED

4. **CORRESPONDENCE** – Steph P tabled the 'In' & 'Out' sheet for questions.

BUSINESS ARISING – Nil

Moved: Mike Fletcher **Seconded:** Mick Allen *"that the correspondence be received."*
CARRIED

5. REPORTS

- a) **FINANCIAL** – Mac M tabled the report on accounts for the period ending 30 Apr 25, Mack advised our operating Cash account is in good shape for the remainder of the year and will meet all our commitments. Additionally, he advised that we had a good income from the ANZAC Badge selling day on the 23 Apr 25.
- b) **WELFARE** – Steph P advised in absence of Paul O the following:
 - * Joan Brian is now out of hospital.
 - * Peter Morrow is now out of hospital but may have to go in again.
 - * Weis Weir is now back in the Woy Woy Nursing Home.
- c) **CCDC** – Chris S reported that the next meeting is at The Hub in June @ date and time to be advised
- d) **BOWLS** – Mike F advised that:
 - * The RSL National Titles were held at Tweed Heads Bowling Club from the 28th of Apr to 1st May 2025.
 - * The tournament was held between all States, with 24 players from each State. Twenty players from each state played for the Jack Hamilton V.C. Trophy, and four players from each state played for the Dr. Krantz Trophy. All States played one game against each other State, and the State that had the most wins was the winner. NSW finished second to Queensland for the Jack Hamilton Trophy. Queensland and NSW finished equal First

for the Dr. Krantz Trophy with 4 wins each. Unfortunately, NSW was relegated to second on a dubious count back system, despite NSW beating Queensland during the tournament. Queensland was hosting the tournament this year, and it is extremely hard to win up there.

- * The RSL Zone Fours Championship start on the 14th May at the Wyong Bowling Club. Davistown RSL has one team competing.
- * Next RSL & Friends Day will be at Ourimbah on Mon 2nd Jun. The signup sheet will be placed on the noticeboard shortly.

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

- * Over the past couple of days I have been asked, why does the club have a display, and my answer was it is to remember the past, look after the present and show the future generations the reason why we all currently live in peace and enjoy our way of life in Australia.
- * My thanks must go to the men who move items from our display to Brentwood village for their Anzac display by all accounts it was well received. Stephan P, Mike A and Colin B. Sean from Avoca surf lifesaving club contacted the club on April 24th asking if we had a spare NZ flag yes, we did and loaned it to the club for their Anzac Day service.
- * Special thanks must also go to Sandra and Rohon for their team's help putting on a great Anzac morning for us to enjoy, also the loan of the club bus to deliver and picking of display items Thursday morning around 09:00.

f) **President** – In absence Paul O, the following members provided an update to ANZAC day proceedings.

- * Mick Allen – Advised the Coppa ceremony was well attended and went well. All Anthems and singing were recorded and was received by the crowd. There were no faction problems in the ceremony. It was to be noted, that next year Dave Ferry more than likely not conduct the ceremony, and the Davo Sub-branch will have to take up this responsibility.
- * Ray Bale – The service at the Davo went well but indicated that the Pardre should not sing the National Anthems as they do not remember the words and confuses the audience over the sound system.

Moved: Mick Allen

Seconded: Ray Bale

"that reports be received, & accounts be paid."

CARRIED

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

- * Ray Bale suggested a final meeting to be held a week prior to any Formal Ceremony (ANZAC Day/ Remembrance Day) to lock in details.
- * Mick Allen requested that more specific Defence Forces badges be provided for Badge sales days (noting that there were no Navy or Airforce badges this year, only Army). It was noted and agreed to investigate badge purchases for the next badge sales days.
- * Mike Fletcher raised the issue that if we had Eftpos machines we could have increased our sales of badges. All Committee members who participated at the Badge Selling agreed they had the same experience. It was agreed Mack M would investigate what we can do with the Bendigo Bank.
- * Steph Pucek proposed after discussion with Rohan Robinson (who indicated that the wreath laying took 18 minutes of the ANZAC ceremony) that the Wreath laying to be announced for the organisation only (with exception State and Federal Members of parliament.) This was to be considered before the next major ceremony (to reduce time for audience participants).


- * Chris Salakis advised he had four Spirit Award tributes that were purchased last year to say thank you to the RSL Club members (Sandra Sherarin, Ian Roberts, Rohan Robinson, and Dave Parrington.). He would like to present these awards at the next General Meeting on the 13th June. All committee members agreed.

NEXT sub-BRANCH COMMITTEE MEETING will be TUESDAY 3 JUN 2025 @ 1100

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 11.55



Chris Salakis
Vice President
Chair



Stephan Pucek
Assistant Secretary

Enclosure:

1. Monthly Correspondence for April/May 2025