



MINUTES OF DAVISTOWN RSL SUB-BRANCH

GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday – 13 May 2025

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

- The Chair advised that the meeting will be recorded

Attendance: 17 / 2 (members/aux), 6 apologies, with 1 guest/visitor(s) as per attendance book.

- A Special Guest was Introduced – Hearing Australia - Paul Wynne.

Paul W provided a brief overview of the services that Hearing Australia could provide to Veterans. In addition to the services discussed, Paul W would remain at the meeting (until 2.00pm) to help any Davistown RSL Sub-branch members with any questions and assistance.

It was noted on conclusion of the General Meeting; several Sub-branch members had approached Paul for assistance.

2. **MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING** held 6 May 25 made available to all in attendance.

BUSINESS ARISING – Nil

Moved: Mal Brian **Seconded:** Noel Murphy 'that the minutes be received and adopted'
CARRIED

3. **MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING** held 13 Apr 25 made available to all in attendance.

BUSINESS ARISING – David Cameron addressed the Sub-branch members noting that an email "Central Coast RSL Bowls" sent to the Davistown RSL Sub- Branch previously, had not been discussed at the last General Meeting.

The overarching discussion ensued on how the Sub-branches (Greater Central Coast) could assist to grow new members (especially younger members from the Defence Forces). David explained it was to promote comradery, health benefits, and skills.

Chris Salakas advised that the Davistown RSL Sub-branch always ask new members if they participate in lawn bowls upon joining. After becoming a member of the Sub-branch, they are encouraged to join the Davistown RSL Bowls Club.

David Cameron reaffirmed his request for any help that the Sub-branch may be able to assist in attracting new Veteran members to the RSL Bowls on the Central Coast.

Moved: Steve Laing **Seconded:** Chris Salakas 'that the minutes be received and adopted'
CARRIED

4. **ANZAC Spirit Awards**

In honour of all the efforts that The Davistown RSL Club staff have assisted the Sub-branch (above and beyond their normal duties), Paul O (President) and Chris S (Vice President) presented to Ian Roberts and Sandra Sherarin, The Anzac Spirit award medallions.

The members applauded in recognition.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

BUSINESS ARISING – Steph P read out a letter of appreciation from the Brentwood Residents Activities Group (Inc) Brentwood Village, thanking the Davistown RSL Sub-branch (with a special thanks to Chris Salakas) for providing ANZAC Day Memorabilia for their ANZAC Day Service.

It was applauded by all members.

Moved: Mick Allen **Seconded:** Mal Brian 'that the correspondence be received'
CARRIED

6. **ANZAC DAY REPORT**

- a. Paul O advised that the ANZAC Day Service was a success from the feedback he had received from veterans at the service and other participants.
- b. Padre Richard Thornton noted the following from the Committee Meeting Minutes 6 May 2025.
 1. He was not happy with the comment about singing and not knowing the words for the National Anthem and confusing the audience, he advised he was a trained singer.
 2. He also wanted a pre planning trial before the official Service (maybe three days before the event), so everyone was on the same page. Much discussion ensued, but all members thought this was a good idea.
 3. Laying of Wreaths, Richard thought it would be dishonorable to not name those laying wreaths, but thought a more efficient way of calling up wreath layers need to be investigated based on his experience. All thought his ideas should warrant investigation.
 4. Richard made a request to all members and the President if his ANZAC Day Service was acceptable. Paul O confirmed it was most appropriate, and all members agreed.
- c. Ray Bale who was the MC for the ANZAC Day service, responded to Richard and advised he did not mean the audience was confused but in fact himself (also a trained singer) who was singing the National Anthem and due to background singing near him (found this distracting.). Richard and Ray both agreed a pre planning trial before the Service could iron out these minor problems.

7. REPORTS

- a. **TREASURER** – Mac tabled a report on accounts for the period ending 31 April 25 and noted that the Sub-branch finances were in good shape to full fill the up-and-coming Sub-branch commitments.
This month's collection (door donation) was \$17.00
- b. **WELFARE** – Paul O:
 - Advised that Peter (Vic) Morrow was back in Hospital.
- c. **CCDC** – Steve L advised that there was nothing more to add, in addition to the committee minutes.
- d. **BOWLS** – Steve L advised there was nothing further to add in addition to the committee minutes. However, the RSL Friendship Day Sheet is now on the notice board for the 2 June 2025 Ourimbah event.
- e. **DISPLAY** – Chris S advised that he had nothing to add in addition to the committee minutes.
However, Chris S did present to the Sub-branch members an "Australian Flag Memorial in a beautiful timber box with a clear front engraved with the "RSL Emblem" and "Lest We Forget". He advised this would be made available to all Sub-branch members families in honour of the passing member.

- f. **President** – Paul O Advised that there was nothing further to discuss.

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

8. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Steve Laing advised the Sub-branch members that the Royal Australian Navy Band will be performing at the Club Umina on the 21 May 2025.
- b. Kerry Hutchinson thanked all Sub-branch members who participated in the selling of badges for ANZAC Day and she noted that the sales were the largest she has known over the last 15 years.

It was received by the Sub-branch members with great applause.

- c. Steph P advised that Zane Foulis (from Kincumber High School) had been selected to participate in the Kokoda Challenge September 2025. It was an extremely difficult decision to

be made from the six candidates who applied. The Sub-branch will now provide financial assistance up to \$2000 (based on receipts) to Zane assisting with his journey.

Next meeting will be at 1100 on Tuesday 10 Jun 2025

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 12:06.



P. Osborn
President
Chair



S. Pucek
Assistant Secretary