



MINUTES OF DAVISTOWN RSL SUB-BRANCH

COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday – 2 July 2025

1. **WELCOME** The Chair opened the meeting at 1003 with the Ode.

- The Chair advised that the meeting is being recorded -

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

APOLOGIES: Don Molloy, Mike Fletcher, and Kerry Hutchison (Pete G apologised for lack of communication to Kerry H – which had occurred due to an error when updating email contact groups. This has been rectified by adding Kerry to the Committee Group).

2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING** held on 3 June 25 made available at the meeting.

BUSINESS ARISING – Nil

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING** held on 10 June 25 made available at the meeting.

BUSINESS ARISING – Nil

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

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

BUSINESS ARISING –

- **Meeting Bar Staff** – Pete G gave background on the email quoting bar staff for our meetings. It was moved (Pete G) seconded (Steve L) that the quote for continuing the bar staff at our general meetings be accepted. **CARRIED**. Club Ltd would still provide staff for our event days, e.g. Vietnam Veterans Day, Remembrance Day, and Xmas Function.
- **Copa War Memorial** – Pete G sought agreement that a letter from the sub-Branch be forwarded to CC Council in support of the DA. **Agreed**.

Moved: Steph Pucek **Seconded:** Mick Allen *“that the correspondence be received.”*
CARRIED

5. **MEMORIAL WALL MAINTENANCE**

Steve L gave a brief and background on some of the wall issues currently being experienced, i.e. leaching from the crests, lack of a capping on top of the wall, etc. Various options were discussed after consulting with a local painter/original builder. Two quotes will be sought: One for immediate work, i.e. supply and install capping on top of wall, and a paint/touch up to cover the current leach stains, hopefully prior to 18 Aug should weather permit. The second to remove, preserve and reinstall existing crests or procure replacement crests, and do a ‘proper’ paint job with a paint/epoxy to be determined. Should the crests need replacement, this should be achieved under a grant, as the cost is approx. \$2500 per crest. Another issue with crest replacement is that previous research indicates that a ‘Australian Women’s Service’ plaque is not readily available. A decision would need to be made as to whether a ‘Merchant Navy’ plaque could be used, or the legacy torch cavities be filled in and possibly install 5 crests/plaques, being Navy, Army, Air Force, Australian Women’s Service, and Merchant Navy. Further research needs to be undertaken to determine the best way ahead. Attempts to remove the leach stains has been in vain.

Mick A and Steve L will continue the investigation, with the immediate work required to be quoted and accepted as soon as possible.

6. REPORTS

a) **FINANCIAL** – Mac M tabled the report on accounts for the period ending 30 Jun 25.

- A debrief was provided on the Morgan Stanley Quarterly Update which was attended on Fri 27 Jun.
- **Service Cadets and Brisbane School Expenses** – Chris S asked whether any funds had been provided to the Army cadets for services rendered. No funds have been provided this F/Y. Further discussion took place as to whether the other service cadet units, i.e. Navy & Air Force should be provided with funds for services rendered, as should Brisbane Public School.

It was **moved** by Steve L, **seconded** by Ray Bale that 'Funds be provided as follows: 25ACU Erina - \$1000, Brisbane Public School - \$1000, and \$500 each to Naval Sea and Air Force Cadet Units'.

CARRIED

The Naval Sea Cadets viability to be established prior to providing any support. The provision of funds to the above to be investigated to ensure it meets our 'charitable purpose' requirements.

- **Veterans and Families Hub Wyong** – Previously approved funding to be provided to VFH once the method of doing so is received from CCDC. A form/guideline on how this is accomplished has been requested. The amounts involved are \$1500 owing from 2024, plus \$5000 (veteran support) & \$2000 (discretionary) for 2025.

b) **WELFARE** – Paul O reported that:

- 'Vic' Morrow has been in hospital again but has escaped again, for the time being.
- Mal Brian is undergoing some procedures shortly and plans to be at Patron's Day next Monday.

We wish them all well, as we do for any members we don't know about!!

c) **CCDC** – Chris S reported on the June meeting held at the VF Hub at Wyong on 16 Jun.

- Discussion on the issues involving Copa War Memorial were discussed WRT the DA submission and a particular Copa resident's displeasure with processes/plans.
- RSL Membership review is being undertaken, with possible reinstatement of a membership fee.
- There is an opportunity to partake in a 'flyover' during memorial events, by up to four (4) WWII aircraft. Events and timing is still to be flushed out to see whether it works for Davo.

It was **moved** Chris S and **seconded** Mick A that 'Davistown sub-Branch commit to the initiative of staging a flyover during events yet to be agreed, at a cost of approx. \$250 for Remembrance Day, and possibly ANZAC Dawn Service, noting that the cost may be higher depending on the number of sub-Branches participating'.

CARRIED

- Attention was drawn to the recent Reveille front page photo which had a couple not wearing RSL badges.
- Boundaries for sub-Branches are still under review.
- A 3D printer has been commissioned at the Hub, with many items available, and at a very cheap rate for items in comparison to other suppliers.
- The next meeting is at Ourimbah on Mon 11 Aug @ 1400.

d) **BOWLS** – Steve L advised that:

- RSL & Friend's Patron's Day at Davo on Mon 7 Jul at 0900 for 0930 start. Our Patron is Mal Brian.
- Steve advised assistance may be required at short notice.

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

- Fort Denison trip is a no go as the restaurant is closed until late 2025.

- Looking at Fighter World Museum at Williamstown. Currently checking on dates at this stage the club has the bus free for the sub-Branch to borrow on Tuesday 29 Jul. Names and numbers to Chris as soon as possible.
- Cost is \$10 per person for the tour. Sub-Branch will buy a pie and coffee for lunch.
- Very quiet now re the display carrying out normal maintenance.
- Still looking for a rifle to fit into the next display window.
- Flag boxes ordered but will be delayed due to Wayne having surgery, and a current lack of flags from Dr G Reid (and are only issued in lots of three, i.e. ANF, AF, & TSIF).

f) **President** – Paul O advised he had a good holiday except for the price of sangas in London.

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

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

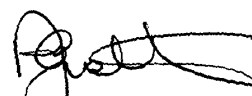
- **Men’s Shed Model Railway** – Ray B advised a letter seeking sub-Branch donations has been redirected to ‘The Davo’ for consideration.
- **Bugler** – Mick A raised the issue of a bugler who has been attending several funerals. It was agreed that the use of the bugler should be left to the family involved.
- **Absences** – Ray B and Steph P will be absent 8-20 Aug
- **Chris Jones Memorial** – Chris S spoke re: some options which are yet TBC with Cheryl. One will include a perpetual trophy for games between RSL sub-Branch and Davo RSL BC.
- **General Meeting Schedule** – Paul O (on behalf of Kerry H) raised a proposal to return General Meetings to a Tuesday only schedule, based on the cost of meals on Sundays. Pete G will do a check of figures, although the attendance figures are similar for each day, it is expected that as per the change to incorporate Sundays, we will gain some and lose some.
Moved Paul O and **seconded** Mick A that ‘General Meetings be moved from a Tuesday/Sunday roster to Tuesday only roster commencing August, apart from Dec which will remain on a Sunday’. **For: 7 Against: 1 Abstain: 0 CARRIED**
- **Vietnam Veterans Day** – The following was collated from discussions on VVD.
 - Commences at 1100 on Mon 18 Aug
 - M.C. – Mick Allen
 - Padre – Richard Thornton (TBC)
 - Piper – John Shaw (confirmed on 4 Jul)
 - Flag Tenders – Ian Hutchison and Mike Fletcher (both TBC)
 - Wreaths (x3) – Ordered 3 Jul
 - Program & Order of Service to be updated
 - Food – Fish n Chips (or sanga if preferred) for \$15

NEXT sub-BRANCH COMMITTEE MEETING will be TUESDAY 5 AUGUST 2025 @ 1100

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 1150



Paul Osborn
President
Chair



Pete Grothen
Secretary

Enclosure:

1. Monthly Correspondence for June/July 2025