



MINUTES OF DAVISTOWN RSL SUB-BRANCH

GENERAL MEETING

Sunday – 13 July 2025

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

- The Chair advised that the meeting will be recorded -

Attendance: 20/3 (members/aux), 7 apologies, with 1 guest/visitor(s) as per attendance book.

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

BUSINESS ARISING –

Moved: Peter Darling **Seconded:** Mal Brian 'that the minutes be received and adopted'
CARRIED

3. **MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING** held 10 Jun 25 made available to all in attendance.

BUSINESS ARISING – Nil

Moved: Steph Pucek **Seconded:** John Ware '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 –

Pete G requested approval to provide a positive review for Kimberlee Sings Vintage to be used on her new website. All agreed.

Moved: Kev Rowe **Seconded:** Dave Targett 'that the correspondence be received'
CARRIED

5. **BEN BRADLEY PRESENTATION**

Paul O called on Ben Bradley. Chris Salakas along with Paul presented Ben with a 'Spirit of Mateship' figurine for his assistance provided to the sub-Branch whilst in his role of GM for the Club Ltd. Ben spoke briefly on his time (20yrs) at Davo, which followed his time at Gosford RSL for a total of approx. 33yrs, and thanked the members for the presentation and hospitality. The members showed their appreciation with a round of applause.

6. **GENERAL MEETING FORMAT/SCHEDULE**

The proposed format for General Meetings was discussed, which involved moving to a schedule of two (2) Tuesdays followed by one (1) Sunday which would commence from Aug. This change would assist in reducing overall meeting costs, whilst also retaining the option for members still serving or still working to attend a non-weekday meeting. It was **moved** by Chris Salakas, **seconded** by Steph Pucek that 'General Meetings be held on the 2nd Tuesday and 2nd Sunday of the month as follows: two (2) Tuesdays followed by one (1) Sunday, etc'

CARRIED

The Secretary will promulgate a new schedule for the remainder of 2025.

Pete G raised an issue brought to light by Mac M, with respect to the cost of meetings. The subsidy paid by members partaking in lunch and/or beverages at meetings, which is currently \$10, may need to be addressed in the New Year. **N.B.** There is no cost to members not partaking of a meal and/or beverages.

7. **STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE (SOP) CHANGES**

Pete G spoke to the tabled changes proposed for SOPs 3 and 9 which address the need to formalise that a Vice President will be responsible for the management of the Memorabilia Display, by ensuring its continued maintenance and compliance with the NSW Firearms Act, with respect to the control and storage of the firearms/weapons. **Moved** by Pete Grothen, **seconded** by Mal Brian that 'tabled changes for SOP 1 to reflect meeting changes, and SOPs 3 and 9 governing responsibilities for the Memorabilia Display be accepted and approved'.

8. REPORTS

- a. **TREASURER** – Mac M tabled a report on accounts for the period ending 30 Jun 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 for Display Maintenance was \$45.50
- b. **WELFARE** – Paul O reported that Joan Brian has had a recent operation which went well, and to keep it in the family, Mal has also had some recent work done.
'Vic' Morrow is back in hospital and hopes to visit him this week.
Members wished everyone well!
- c. **CCDC** – Pete G advised that the next meeting is at Ourimbah RSL on Mon 11 Aug @1400
- d. **BOWLS** – Paul O advised that there is an RSL & Friends Day at Gwandalan on Mon 4 Aug, and the signup sheet is on the noticeboard.
- e. **DISPLAY** – Chris S advised there was nothing further to add to the committee minutes.
- f. **President** – Paul O had nothing further to add to the committee minutes, except that planning for Vietnam Veterans/VP/Long Tan Day is still being finalised.

Moved: Don Molloy **Seconded:** Ron Derley 'that the reports be received & accounts paid.'

CARRIED

9. OTHER BUSINESS

- Paul O called on John Ware and presented him with his sub-Branch name badge.
- **Fighter World Bus Trip (Tue 29 Jul)** – Chris S spoke on the bus trip, which still has 2 spots vacant. Ten (10) are needed to have a tour guide. Cost of the trip is \$10.
- **British Forces Defence Medal** – Chris S provided information on a new medal available to British Forces members who have completed >30 days service.
- **DVA White Card** – Chris S provided information for members (self-funded retirees or still working) with a White Card that they can apply to DVA for a pharmacy allowance of approx. \$7/fortnight.

Next meeting will be at 1100 on TUESDAY 12 AUGUST 2025

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 1131.



P. OSBORN
President
Chair



P. Grothen
Secretary