



MINUTES OF DAVISTOWN RSL SUB-BRANCH

COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday – 5 August 2025

1. **WELCOME** The Chair opened the meeting at 1325 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, and Steve Laing

APOLOGIES: Don Molloy, Ray Bale, Mike Fletcher, and Kerry Hutchison

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

BUSINESS ARISING –

- **Memorial Wall Update** – Steve L advised that a quote will be received shortly. However, in the meantime a Colourbond capping will be installed on the top of the wall prior to VV Day, and a clean will also occur. The quote for additional works will be reviewed on receipt.
- **Vietnam Veterans Day** – Pete G advised that Richard Thornton has been confirmed as Padre, wreaths ordered, John the Piper confirmed, Order of Service and Program are complete, flag tenders (Ian H and Mike F) still to be confirmed, and lunch subsidy confirmed as being \$15/head (for a member and max 1 guest).

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

BUSINESS ARISING – Nil

Moved: Chris Salakas **Seconded:** Steph Pucek *“that the Minutes be received and adopted.”*
CARRIED

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

BUSINESS ARISING –

- **Presidents Legacy Luncheon** – Paul O to advise on RSVP by 29 Aug
- **Lithgow SAF Heritage Request** – Requested info on the status of the heritage request relating to the Thales owned site. The museum reopening is linked to this request, and assistance in how to obtain an L1A1 may also be forthcoming.
- **Veteran Life Australia** – A request has been forwarded to Troy Klinar to attend a future meeting to provide a presentation on his organisation.

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

5. **STATE CONGRESS & AGM (TAMWORTH) - ATTENDANCE**

In accordance with RSL NSW Circular 33/25, Pete G requested approval for Steve L and Chris S to attend the RSL State Congress and AGM being held on 24-26 Oct (inclusive) at the Tamworth Regional Entertainment and Conference Centre (TRECC). This would be the first attendance in several years and allows interaction with other sub-Branched to better understand how others meet our mission of supporting veterans and their families, whilst also meeting the ‘charitable purpose’ requirements.

Moved by Pete G, **seconded** by Steph P that ‘attendance of Steve L and Chris S at the 2025 RSL State Congress and AGM be approved, and that subsequent expenses e.g. accommodation, fuel, and some meals be considered for reimbursement on presentation of receipts.’ **CARRIED**

6. VETERANS LUNCHEON – 12 DEC

Aspects of the Xmas gathering was discussed as follows:

- **Entertainment** – Kimberlee Sings Vintage Band has been booked, with a \$150 deposit paid this month.
- **Food** – Pete G mentioned the food aspect which will need to be discussed with Kerry H. Much discussion on how the buffet worked last year was somewhat negative as it seemed that 50% of attendees ate 80% of the offerings, which did not leave much for the last 50%. It was suggested that either an alternate drop of two choices (TBD), or a multiple meat roast with veggies be investigated, along with a Christmas pudding, and maybe an entrée. If we were to return to a buffet, then a method of rationing the food would need to occur.
- **Beverages** – Wine management needs to occur to ensure half bottles are shared with other tables prior to requesting another bottle from the bar.
- **Cost** - When discussing the subsidy cost, i.e. cost to the member, looking at the options discussed above from the functions menu it would seem the meal cost might be \$70-90, and drinks might add approx. \$50, being a total of approx. \$140/head. Based on this figure it was suggested that the subsidy cost should be increased to \$40. All agreed
- **Tables** – Members should ensure they talk to each other about who you want to sit with at a table, and submit those wishes when booking. It is such a mess when people want to shuffle seats on the day.
- **Names** – Commences at the next meeting, and money is to be paid NLT the 11 Nov meeting.

7. REPORTS

- a) **FINANCIAL** – Mac M tabled the report on accounts for the period ending 31 Jul 25.
- **Donations** - The donations, totalling \$8500, that have been approved for the CCVFH (via the VSF) will occur as soon as the necessary information is obtained from RSL NSW. Cadet donations also need to be followed up on.
 - **Tyro Tiles** – Mac spoke to the options available for the tiles, which are the remote devices that can be used on the appeal days for ‘tapping’ cards. The technology aspect aside, Opt 4 of those available, being the acquisition of 5 machines (aka tiles), was approved. Use and the surcharge (1.2%) aspects need to be sorted, as does the need to provide a list of ‘authorised signatories’ against our ABN.
- b) **WELFARE** – Paul O reported that:
- Kay (partner of John Mathers) is undergoing issues relating to a contested will.
 - Peter ‘Vic’ Morrow has been difficult to contact and is unsure whether he’s in hospital or not. Chris S has also had problems reaching out to Peter. **Late mail:** I spoke with ‘Vic’ on Wed 6 Aug, and he is hoping to be let out on Mon or Tue.
 - Mal Brian’s doing good and is pumped up!
- c) **CCDC** – Steve L eventually reported:
- The next meeting is at Ourimbah on Mon 11 Aug @ 1400.
- d) **BOWLS** – Steve L advised that:
- The last RSL & Friends Day was held at Gwandalan BC yesterday with a good turnout of 107 players, with 3.25 teams from Davo
 - The next RSL & Friends Day is at Everglades BC on Mon 1 Sep
 - Draw for RSL pairs is on the noticeboard, with a revised calendar for dates/venues
 - Nomination form for the State Trials is also on the noticeboard

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

- A team of 12 sub-Branch members travelled to Fighter World Williamtown in Newcastle on 29 Jul – with several photos posted on the TV adjacent to the display
- My thanks to Sandra for allowing the sub-Branch to borrow the 'DAVO-02' shuttle bus and I would also like to say thank you to Mick Allen for chauffeuring.
- I believe that the members had a very good time and my thanks to Cyclone for his help.
- Over the next couple of months, I hope to plan another trip which may include an overnight stay.
- I must apologise to Steve L for the mix up for lunch.

f) **President** – Paul O had nothing to add to that previously mentioned.

Moved: Steve Laing **Seconded:** Steph Pucek *"that reports be received, & accounts be paid."*
CARRIED

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Nil

NEXT sub-BRANCH COMMITTEE MEETING will be TUESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2025 @ 1330

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 1454



Paul Osborn
President
Chair



Pete Grothen
Secretary

Enclosure:

1. Monthly Correspondence for July/August 2025