



MINUTES OF DAVISTOWN RSL SUB-BRANCH

GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday – 12 August 2025

1. **WELCOME** - The Chair opened the meeting at 1106 with the Ode.

- The Chair advised that the meeting will be recorded -

Attendance: 24/0 (members/aux), 10 apologies, with 0 guest/visitor(s) as per attendance book.

2. **MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING** held 5 Aug 25 made available to all in attendance.

BUSINESS ARISING –

Vietnam Veterans Day – Richard Thorton (as Padre) requested information on the service. Paul O gave a brief on the format and advised that a program is available, and Pete G will forward a copy of the Order of Service.

Moved: Mal Brian **Seconded:** Steve Laing 'that the minutes be received and adopted'
CARRIED

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

BUSINESS ARISING – Nil

Moved: John Shaw **Seconded:** Kevern Rowe '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 –

Veterans Support Fund (VSF) Donations – Information received via a telecon with RSL NSW has provided the necessary detail to allow the approved donation to the Central Coast Veterans & Families Hub to occur in the next week or so. It was believed that funds to the Hub could be earmarked for various purposes, however, it has been advised this is not the case. The funds are transferred to RSL LifeCare via the VSF, and it can be nominated that those funds be directed to the Wyong Hub.

Moved: Noel Murphy **Seconded:** Fred Shaw 'that the correspondence be received'
CARRIED

5. **VETERANS LUNCHEON – 14 DEC**

Pete G spoke to the content in the CM minutes and the need to increase the cost from \$30 to \$40 (start saving now!). Further investigation will occur into what that meal will consist of to avoid some of the disappointment that occurred last year.

6. **SUB-BRANCH ACCOUNTS – AUTHORISED SIGNATORIES RATIFICATION**

Pete G requested members ratify the following Executive members and Trustees as being the 'authorised signatories' and hold financial delegation of the sub-Branch bank accounts held at the Bendigo Bank Kincumber, which meets the requirements of RSL NSW Standard Operating Procedures 5 & 7.

Moved Peter Grothen and **Seconded** Richard Thornton 'that the following members be approved as authorised signatories and hold financial delegations for the sub-Branch Bendigo Bank Accounts under ABN 943 082 479 28 (CFN 12777): Paul Osborn (President), Alfred M^cLarty (Treasurer), Peter Grothen (Secretary), Chris Salakas (Vice President), Steve Laing (Trustee), and Ray Bale (Trustee)'.

'Unanimously' CARRIED

7. REPORTS

- a. **TREASURER** – Mac M tabled a report on accounts for the period ending 31 Jul 25.

A copy of the Davistown sub-Branch Periodical Financial Report was tabled and is available on request to the Secretary.

Fighter World Bus Trip – Entry cost was met by the member, with fuel & lunch (\$215.14) and post trip debrief beverage (approx. \$90) expenses met by the sub-Branch.

Morgan Stanley – Steve L spoke to the increase that has occurred over the past 6mths or so since the change in the investment strategy.

This month's collection for Display Maintenance was \$36.45

- b. **WELFARE** – Paul O reported that

- 'Vic' Morrow has been difficult to contact, although recently talked with Pete G and should've been out of hospital yesterday or today.
- David Harris has been undergoing treatment as well.
- Chris Salakas is on his way to hospital tomorrow, and Paul O will arrange a 'get well' card.

- c. **CCDC** – Steve L reported on the meeting held yesterday at Ourimbah RSL

- Central Coast cenotaphs are being collated by CC Council (CCC) to ensure they are all being suitably maintained. CCC is trialing a MOU for cenotaph management which if goes well, will be rolled out statewide. Initial meetings held between CCC and CCDC to discuss the MOU highlighted that CCC thought all sub-Branches 'owned' their club and were raking in heaps from pokies, etc. David Ferry put these thoughts to bed, by advising CCC of how things work.
- CCDC sought information on how many local WWII veterans we still had. It seems there are seven (7) still with us. We lost our last one when Wes Weir departed us in June. Lest We Forget!!
- List of Motions for the Oct Congress should be out sometime this month, so that sub-Branches can meet and discuss and direct the delegate on how to vote on each.

- d. **BOWLS** – Mike F had nothing further to add to the committee minutes other than to thank Steve L for holding down the fort while he was away. Paul O spoke to some medical issues Mike suffered during a fall on his recent Vietnam trip, and how efficient the medical services were over there.

- e. **DISPLAY** – In Chris S' absence there was nothing to add to that in the committee minutes.

- f. **President** – Paul O updated members on Kay (John Mathers partner) with the estate issues she was experiencing. Kay visited legal aid and with their assistance any challenges on John's Will have ceased.

Moved: Col Beveridge **Seconded:** Brian Ward 'that the reports be received & accounts paid.'
CARRIED

8. OTHER BUSINESS

- Nil

Next meeting will be on SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2025 at 1100

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 1136



P. OSBORN
President
Chair



P. Grothen
Secretary