



MINUTES OF DAVISTOWN RSL SUB-BRANCH
COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday – 7 October 2025

1. **WELCOME** The Chair opened the meeting at 1340 with the Ode.

- The Chair advised that the meeting is being recorded and to please turn Mobile Phones to Silent -

ATTENDEES: Paul Osborn, Chris Salakas, Mac McLarty, Steph Pucek, and Don Molloy

APOLOGIES: Ray Bale, Kerry Hutchison Steve Laing, Pete Grothen, Mick Allen, and Mike Fletcher

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

BUSINESS ARISING – Nil

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING** held on 14 September 25 made available at the meeting.

BUSINESS ARISING – Nil

Moved: Chris Salakas **Seconded:** Don Molloy *"that the Minutes be received and adopted."*
CARRIED

4. **CORRESPONDENCE** – Steph P tabled the 'In' & 'Out' sheet for questions.

BUSINESS ARISING – Nil

Moved: Don Molloy **Seconded:** Mac McLarty *"that the correspondence be received."*
CARRIED

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

- Due to the small attendance number of committee members, it was agreed to discuss the "Congress Motions" at the next General Meeting where there will be a full complement of committee members plus Sub-branch members.
- Chris S advised that he and Steve Laing would be attending the Congress meeting remotely from the Davistown Sub-branch office. Morning Tea, Lunch and afternoon Tea expenses were granted by the committee for both Chris S and Steve L.

Moved: Paul Osborn **Seconded:** Mac McLarty *"that the request be approved."*
CARRIED

6. **VETERANS LUNCHEON – 14 DEC**

Aspects of the Xmas gathering was discussed as follows:

- Steph P advised in Kerry H's absence, that the members now need to start building their tables of 10 people. Price of \$40.00 per head to be paid to Kerry H by the end of November.

7. **REPORTS**

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

- **Donations** – Mac M advised the payment of \$8500.00 to Hub was completed in September.
 - **Tyro**- Mac updated the current position with Tyro and advised the new Bendigo Bank account has now been set up and active to handle Tyro payments. Mac M and Steph P to now finalise details to implement Tyro before Remembrance Day.
- b) **WELFARE** – Paul O reported that:
- Peter Morrow is still currently bed bound; Paul will continue to follow up with Peter and his welfare.
 - David Harris is currently undergoing Radiation Therapy; Paul will follow up David and his welfare.
- c) **CCDC** – In absence of Steve L, Paul O reported:
- Next meeting to be held at Terrigal/Wamberal on the 13th of Oct 1400hrs.
- d) **BOWLS** – In absence of Mike F, Steph P advised that:
- The next RSL Friendship Day will be held at the Terrigal Bowling Club on the 13 October 25. Registration form is now on the Sub-branch Notice board.
 - Zone 4 versus Zone 5 was held on the 15 September 25. Four (4) Davistown Sub-branch bowlers had been selected to represent the Zone 5. Zone 5 won all three Trophies outright.
 - A Tri-Service competition has been organised to compete in "Yamba NSW" on the 8th and 9th of December 25 (a "very first" organised to incorporate all forces), and if it goes well! It may be the onset of an annual competition. A Registration form is posted on the Notice board for those who are Army/Airforce and want to enter. Steve will pass this information onto the appropriate Services co-ordinators. Navy bowlers please speak to Steve L for registration.
- e) **DISPLAYS** – Chris S advised the following.
- I apologise for not submitting a report over the last couple of months.
 I would like to thank the members who phoned and visited me at home and in hospital.
 I still have a few weeks of convalescence and hope to be on deck early December.
 Hopefully back on Thursdays late October.
 Over the last couple of weeks there has been a small influx of items donated to the display so that means a good start for me going forward.
 If possible, I would like a couple of volunteers to help clean up the display before Remembrance Day.
- f) **President** – Paul O advised the following.
- Report as per his Welfare update.

Moved: Don Molloy **Seconded:** Chris Salakas *"that reports be received, & accounts be paid."*
CARRIED

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Mac M advised that he had attended the Morgan & Staley update regarding the Davistown Sub-branch investment, and our return on investment is looking positive on an annual medium risk profile that we have established. It was also noted that we can increase our investment deposits with no limit. This maybe pertinent in the future as our Bendigo Bank Term deposit interest rates decline. However, Mac M did say that we will still balance Morgan & Staley and Bendigo Bank investments to ensure a balanced profile.

- Chris S tabled a document titled "Protecting the Dignity of the Australian Flag" and would like to present this to the Sub-branch members at the next General Meeting. All committee members thought this to be most appropriate.
- Paul O advised in discussion with Kerry H, the next General Meeting (Tuesday 21st October) the menu choice will be;
 1. Banga's and Mash
 2. Thai Green Curry

NEXT sub-BRANCH COMMITTEE MEETING will be Wednesday 5 Nov 2025 @ 1030

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 1418



Paul Osborn
President
Chair



Stephan Pucek
Asst Secretary

Enclosure:

1. Monthly Correspondence for September 2025

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER			
IN			
Date	From	Subject	Media
15-Sep	Mark Formston	Request for Advocacy Advise	Phone
15-Sep	Mark Formston	Request for Advocacy Advise - Further Details	Email
15-Sep	ATDP Team	Mr Troy Klinar - Statement of Attainment (SoA) Issued	Email
16-Sep	RSL NSW	Annual Budget Template - Will be advised via Circular IDC	Email
16-Sep	Philip Chin (RSL)	Joint statement of support for Mick Bainbridge and director Paul James	Email
16-Sep	Club Ltd	Davistown RSL - 2026 Sub-Branch Events Calendar RFI	Email
17-Sep	CC Council	Anzac Day 2026 - Event Details Form	Email
18-Sep	RSL NSW	Davistown sub-Branch - VSF Donation - Thank you!	Email
18-Sep	Jo Lloyd (G Reid MP)	Invitation to Remembrance Day Service 2025 - RSVP (Rep TBA)	Email
18-Sep	OVA NSW	Veteran Community Grants Program Open – Grants up to \$3,000 available	Email
19-Sep	Legacy	DVA Deputy Commissioner NSW/ACT Update	Email
19-Sep	Vet Finance Connect	Veteran Aged Care and General Financial Advice	Email
19-Sep	Adam Crouch Office	Invitation to Remembrance Day Service 2025 - RSVP (Rep Jared Wright)	Email
21-Sep	RSL NSW Act CEO	Letter from Trina Constable, Acting CEO RSL NSW, explaining the latest situation occurring within RSLNSW	Email
23-Sep	VPPAA	Invitation to Remembrance Day Service 2025 at Ettalong Beach	Email
23-Sep	DPC President	RSL NSW situation - todays update	Email
24-Sep	Legacy	The National Carers Week Movie Day Out	Email
24-Sep	Stephen Bailey	Flyer - The True Story of The SAS in Afghanistan	Email
24-Sep	Copa Comm Assn	DA/576/2025 - War Memorial Copacabana - Response to CCC Query	Email
25-Sep	YEYS	Salt-e Newsletter: New 2026 Voyages in STS Young Endeavour	Email
25-Sep	Kevern Rowe	Apologies for 21 Oct Meeting still in UK :-)	Email
26-Sep	Military Shop	Military Shop Invoice #INV211367 (Badges Purchase)	Email
26-Sep	FuelYourLife	Veteran Health Week - Offer of Morning Teas, etc	Email
26-Sep	CC Council	Anzac Day 2026 - Event Details Form - Reviewed and complete	Email
28-Sep	Lions Club Avoca/GP	Notified that Lions Club has wound up	Email
29-Sep	CC Council	Event Details Form - Confirmed Receipt	Email
30-Sep	CCDC	Bravery and Betrayal Documentary reminder - 7 Oct Ettalong Paradiso	Email
30-Sep	CCDC	Update on situation at RSL NSW	Email
30-Sep	RSL NSW Chair	Working together to secure the future of RSL NSW	Email
1-Oct	RSL NSW	Remembrance Day kitbag and posters, Anzac Day Schools' Award Winners	Email
1-Oct	Military Shop	Statement for Account	Email
1-Oct	RSL NSW Chair	Update on the latest situation at RSL NSW	Email
2-Oct	Morgan Stanley	30 Sep Update - One year in the balanced model - close to 10.50% returns	Email
2-Oct	Nicole's Flowers	Remembrance Day Wreath Order - Acknowledged	Email
3-Oct	Lions Avoca - Club Ltd	Payment of Wreath Cost & Apologies for delay	Email

OUT			
Date	To	Subject	Media
16-Sep	RSL NSW (A/R)	Davistown sub-Branch - VSF Donation Details & Notification	Email
16-Sep	Vet Life Australia	Advocacy Advice Detail for Mark Formston	Email
16-Sep	Dr Gordon Reid MP	Invitation to Remembrance Day Service 2025 - Davistown RSL sub-Branch	Email
16-Sep	Adam Crouch NSW MP	Invitation to Remembrance Day Service 2025 - Davistown RSL sub-Branch	Email
16-Sep	RSL NSW	Annual Budget Template - Followup	Email
19-Sep	Members	Davistown RSL - 2026 Sub-Branch Events Calendar Provided	Email
19-Sep	Members	Veteran Aged Care and General Financial Advice	Email
21-Sep	Members	Davo sub-Branch General Meeting Minutes Sun 14 September 25	Email
22-Sep	Brisbania Pub School	Remembrance Day Invitation	Email
23-Sep	Bendigo Bank	Davistown sub-Branch Acct Opening Requirements (Documents)	Email
24-Sep	Members	The National Carers Week Movie Day Out	Email
24-Sep	Members	Flyer - The True Story of The SAS in Afghanistan	Email
24-Sep	Copa Comm Assn	War Memorial DA Update - Input to CCC Questions	Email
24-Sep	Advocacy Team RSL	Klinar TD - Letter of Authority for VITA Purposes	Email
25-Sep	Members	Davo sub-Branch 'Pass the Word' October 2025	Email
25-Sep	Members Emailless	Davo sub-Branch 'Pass the Word' October 2025	Snail
26-Sep	Members	Newsletter from the NSW Office for Veterans Affairs	Email
26-Sep	Members	A message from the Acting Deputy Commissioner NSW & ACT	Email
26-Sep	RSL NSW	State Congress Delegate Registration (Virtual)	Portal
26-Sep	Lions Club Avoca/GP	Dawn Service participation - Wreath Invoice Followup	Email
26-Sep	CC Council	Anzac Day 2026 - Event Details Form - Davistown Submitted	Email
30-Sep	Members	Bravery and Betrayal Documentary reminder - 7 Oct Ettalong Paradiso	Email
2-Oct	Nicole's Flowers	Wreath Order for Remembrance Day (4xwreaths)	Email
RSL NSW CIRCULARS/NEWS			
Date	Reference/From	Subject	
15-Sep	C57/25	New videos to strengthen your grant writing skills	
19-Sep	C58/25	RSL NSW partners with the Military Shop	
23-Sep	C59/25	Veteran Community Grants Program 2025 now open	
26-Sep	C60/25	Notice of Meeting for 2025 State Congress and AGM	