



# MINUTES OF DAVISTOWN RSL SUB-BRANCH COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday – 5 November 2025

1. **WELCOME** The Chair opened the meeting at 1025 with the Ode.

*A minute silence was observed to honour the passing of  
Marion Love (24 Oct 25)  
- The Chair advised that the meeting is being recorded -*

**ATTENDEES:** Paul Osborn, Chris Salakas, Mick Allen, Pete Grothen, Steph Pucek, Ray Bale, and Mike Fletcher

**APOLOGIES:** Mac McLarty, Steve Laing, Don Molloy and Kerry Hutchison

2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING** held on 7 October 25 made available at the meeting.

**BUSINESS ARISING** – Nil

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING** held on 21 October 25 made available at the meeting.

**BUSINESS ARISING** – Nil

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

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

**BUSINESS ARISING** –

- Veteran Life Australia (Troy Klinar Director) email was discussed regarding an ongoing relationship with the Davistown RSL sub-Branch. After some discussion, with respect to the obligation that ATDP accredited and qualified advocates associated with an ESO are not permitted to charge a ‘fee for service’, there is a feeling that a grey area exists in that VLA does charge a ‘fee for service’ for some veterans. Based on the above, it was decided that further investigation is needed to determine whether it would be prudent to withdraw our ‘Letter of Authority’ for Troy Klinar to represent Davistown RSL sub-Branch in the discipline of compensation.

**Moved:** Ray Bale      **Seconded:** Steph Pucek      *“that the correspondence be received.”*  
**CARRIED**

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

Chris S gave a debrief that was not very flattering towards the RSL NSW Board. There was also a review of some of the motions that were withdrawn or lost, with all three (3) Central Coast motions from Ourimbah being withdrawn. Some discussion ensued about the treatment of the Australian National Flag, which couldn’t go any further as it apparently involves a change to the Constitution.

6. **REMEMBRANCE DAY**

All is in place for the service, including the revised Order of Service to ensure the ‘minute silence’ occurs at 1100. Flag orderlies still to be confirmed. All were reminded that the General Meeting will commence at 1000. Club access will be from 0945.

7. **VETERANS LUNCHEON – 14 DEC**

Paul O reminded all that names and payments are required by Fri 28 Nov.

8. **KOKODA YOUTH LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE (KYLC)**

Paul O read an email from Zane Foulis (the recipient of the 2025 KYLC funding) thanking Club Ltd. Paul will contact Zane to arrange for the provision of receipts so that we can honour our part of the KYLC sponsorship, up to a maximum of \$2000. Zane will also be invited to participate in the 2026 Anzac Dawn Service.

9. **REPORTS**

- a) **FINANCIAL** – In Mac M’s absence Pete G tabled the report on accounts for the period ending 31 Oct 25.

Will still have outstanding monies to be sent to 25ACU, 311SQN, and Brisbania P.S.

Paul O thanked Steph for assisting Mac with developing a user-friendly spreadsheet, which should assist the generation of the 'budget' and 'sub-Branch Annual Return' each year.

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

- 'Vic' Morrow has been unreachable
- David Harris has just finished another round of treatment
- Chris S is back on his feet, with still some ongoing improvements
- Mac M is not as mobile as he has been
- Ken Heylbut has just come out of an overnight hospital visit for some back treatment

c) **CCDC** – Steve L reported:

- Next meeting is at The Entrance/Long Jetty on Mon 8 Dec

d) **BOWLS** – Mike F advised that:

- Next RSL & Friends Day (including presentation and Xmas Party) is on Mon 1 Dec at Bateau Bay BC, nomination sheet is on the noticeboard

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

- Over the last four years I have been trying to put together a sub-branch history due to circumstances beyond our control it has become very hard to finish. (a lot of information has been lost)
- I was able to get a replacement sub-Branch Charter.
- I have come up with the idea of placing all current sub-branch members on a Pennant to hang in the display with members putting their service number and name onto it. This may take up to one year to complete. This was discussed with a suggestion that the list of names could possibly be added to the display TVs.
- I would like to thank Steve Laing for spending Congress Sunday with me.
- Hoping to get back to normal soon.
- Still looking to put in some time to clean the display windows.

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

**Moved:** Mick Allen

**Seconded:** Ray Bale

*"that reports be received, & accounts be paid."*

**CARRIED**

## 10. GENERAL BUSINESS

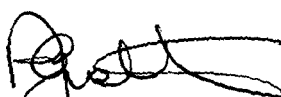
- **RSL State Trials** – Mike F advised that the trials will be held at Davo on 29-30 Jan 26. Cost to hold the trials is approx. \$2000, with Club Ltd and Davo BC offering \$500 each, and asked whether the sub-Branch might consider a \$500 donation. All agreed.

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

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 1131



**Paul Osborn**  
President  
Chair



**Peter Grothen**  
Secretary

### Enclosure:

1. Monthly Correspondence for October/November 2025