



MINUTES OF DAVISTOWN RSL SUB-BRANCH

COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday – 2 December 2025

1. **WELCOME** The Chair opened the meeting at 1329 with the Ode.

*A minute silence was observed to honour the passing of
Peter 'Vic' Morrow (18 October 25)*

- The Chair advised that the meeting is being recorded -

ATTENDEES: Paul Osborn, Chris Salakas, Mick Allen, Mac McLarty, Pete Grothen, Steph Pucek, Don Molloy, Ray Bale, Mike Fletcher and Kerry Hutchison

APOLOGIES: Steve Laing

2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING** held on 5 November 25 made available at the meeting.

BUSINESS ARISING – Nil

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING** held on 11 November 25 made available at the meeting.

BUSINESS ARISING –

Veterans Luncheon – Final discussions WRT the luncheon occurred with 53 members/guests attending. Some late entries required some table shuffling by Kerry.

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

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

BUSINESS ARISING –

- **PicRights Letters re: Copyright Breach** – Pete G drew attention to the letters which relate to his clumsy use of several licensed items in newsletters from Jul and Sep 2024. Actions are being taken to reduce the impact of these lapses, one of which is the removal of all newsletters from our website. No more will be posted at this stage pending a format review. Pete G apologised for his poor judgement, with the committee providing its support should the need arise to pay compensation for use of the imagery.

Moved: Mick Allen **Seconded:** Mike Fletcher *"that the correspondence be received."*
CARRIED

5. **ANNUAL BUDGET 2026**

Pete G tabled a draft Annual Budget for consideration and its presentation to the next general meeting for approval. After some discussion and adjustment of several items, it was decided that once the agreed changes are made, the draft budget be tabled at the next general meeting for member endorsement/approval. It was also suggested that should catering expenses increase in 2026, there may be a need to increase the member subsidy from \$10 to \$15, with a possible offset being the inclusion of raffle tickets. The budget is to be submitted to RSLNSW by 31 Dec.

6. **REPORTS**

- a) **FINANCIAL** – Mac advised that the report on accounts for the period ending 30 Nov 25 was not yet available.

- Mac has been having issues with Tyro Corp and their accounts and how they are administered, with charges, etc. No further action is required until Mac resolves the matter with Tyro.

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

- Several of us had been trying to contact Peter Morrow, and his passing was only found by accident. There has been no information received from family etc.
- A visit was carried out at Estia Health Terrigal (previously known as Arrum) for a coffee and chat with Graham Moss. This was just after Remembrance Day, and will visit again in the New Year.

- c) **CCDC** – Pete G reported:

- Next meeting is at The Entrance/Long Jetty on Mon 8 Dec with Chris S & Pete G attending

d) **BOWLS** – Mike F advised that:

- Nomination sheet for RSL Triples Championship for 12 Jan at Umina is on the noticeboard
- Next RSL & Friends Day will be in March with venue TBA

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

- Firstly, I would like to say thank you to all the members that have helped me during the last year with the display, and I wish all subbranch members and their families a very merry Christmas and a very healthy and safe New Year in 2026
- I have asked the Australian Light Horse association for a copy of the Charge of the Anzacs
- There has been a setup of the 12-light horse Regiment in the last window. This unit was raised locally and was involved in the charge of Beersheba on 31 October 1917
- Looking forward to a good outcome for the display in 2026
- Requested approval for two (2) name plaques for new framed items, and two (2) to replace Kerry H's one and Mark Lang's plaque that was removed/damaged by person(s) unknown. **All agreed**
- There was also a report of vandalism to the iMac in the sub-Branch office. Investigations are continuing to identify the vandal.

f) **President** – Paul O thanked all the committee for their work throughout 2025. A special thanks to the main auxiliary members of Kerry H, Joan B, and Leonie O. A thank you also to the members themselves as without them there could be no sub-Branch.

Moved: Ray Bale

Seconded: Mac McLarty

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

CARRIED

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

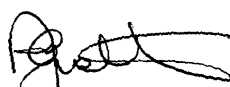
- **Insurances** – Paul O advised that if one is taking out insurance policies, it may be prudent to list yourself as 'non-binary'. It seems that doing this can reduce your premiums drastically.
- **Chris Jones Memorial Trophy** – Chris C tabled a suggestion for a perpetual trophy to commemorate Chris Jones' contribution to the RSL Bowls and the sub-Branch. Cheryl J's proposal includes figures of a bowler and a soldier. Details of how the trophy is played for are still to be sorted. It was **moved** by Chris S and **seconded** by Kerry H, that "the sub-Branch sponsor the provision of a perpetual trophy for Chris Jones, to a cost of ~\$100." **All agreed**
- **25ACU Perpetual Trophy** - Chris S proposed the creation of a perpetual trophy for presentation at the 25ACU Annual Parade. The trophy may in some way may honour one of their previous cadets who was recently killed in a workplace accident in Newcastle. He was also at the unit during the same period as Mark Lang. The CO (Capt. Diana Woods) has been asked to provide a proposal and cost for consideration by the committee.
- **RSL sub-Branch Bowls** – Mike F gave some background into the support that Bendigo Bank has provided over many years to our sub-Branch bowlers who have attended RSLNSW bowls events, for fees, travel, meals, etc.
- **Anzac Day Dawn Service @ Copacabana** – Mick A stated that David F is standing down from Copa duties and queried what the future looks like. This will be raised at the next CCDC as a plan needs to be devised and implemented by Feb.
- **Veterans Luncheon Raffle** - Kerry H raised the lack of items that are held for the luncheon raffle and requested consideration that some money be provided to procure some more items. It was agreed to provide an amount of \$300.

NEXT sub-BRANCH COMMITTEE MEETING will be TUESDAY 6 JANUARY 2026 @ 1330

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 1459



Paul Osborn
President
Chair



Peter Grothen
Secretary

Enclosure:

1. Monthly Correspondence for November/December 2025