



MINUTES OF DAVISTOWN RSL SUB-BRANCH

GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday – 17 February 2026

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

- The Chair advised that the meeting will be recorded -

Attendance: 20 / 0 (members/aux), 5 apologies, with 1 guest/visitor(s) as per attendance book.

2. **COMMITTEE MEETING** was held 17 Feb 26 with the following items of interest reported to the meeting.
- Skipped over items that would be duplicated in this meeting.
 - **Bowls Report** was read to members which will be entered into the below reports section, with Central Coast coming 2nd. Noel M advised that a CC team of Mike Fletcher, Mick Allen, Ian Hutchison, and Tony Rickett were the best performed team from Zone 5.
 - **Compensation Advocacy** – Paul O has been approached by RSL NSW Advocacy Support relating to our continued support of Troy Klinar as a sub-Branch Level 1 compensation advocate. This will be investigated further before taking any further action. There were some reservations expressed by members with respect to 'fee-for-service' implications which could cause a conflict of interest.
 - **Display Expense** – Chris S requested consideration of funds to conduct maintenance, which was agreed. This will be ratified at this meeting.
 - **Committee Meeting Minutes** – the minutes will still be produced and distributed.

Moved: Peter Darling **Seconded:** Frank Latham 'that the report be accepted'
CARRIED

3. **GENERAL MEETING MINUTES** held 13 Jan 26 was made available to all in attendance.

BUSINESS ARISING –

Memorial Wall – Col Beveridge requested a status on the memorial wall work. Steve L stated that the original person can no longer do the work, and another resource needs to be identified. After further discussion, the scope of work will be revisited to determine the best path of attack.

Moved: Dave Targett **Seconded:** Col Beveridge '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 –

- **Voyager Commemoration** – The service was conducted on Sat 14 Feb, with a large turnout including Dave Targett and Colin Nuss, who both reported that it was a very good service.
- **Copa Memorial** – DA Planning Panel is now going to take place on 23 Apr. Pete G is unable to attend, and hopefully a representative from the sub-Branch will be able to attend. There is more happening on this front with the various 'duplicated' complaints and the letters of support from both Pete G and the sub-Branch will be addressed at this panel. We are still working with CCA to determine what the plaque will consist of, but it is hoped to have the 3 service, and Merchant Navy Australia logos/crests included.
- **Resignation** - Late mail from Kerry Hutchison advising of her resignation as Auxiliary Coordinator was read to the members, who thanked Kerry for her service and support over a 14-year period with a round of applause.
- **State Bowls Support** – Late mail from Steve L requesting consideration for providing a subsidy towards his and Mike Fletcher's attendance at the RSL National Bowls Championships to be held in Deer Park Vic in May 26. It was moved Chris S and seconded

Steph P that “\$500 be provided to Steve Laing and Mike Fletcher to assist with their costs in attending the Championships in Deer Park Vic in May 26”

CARRIED

Moved: Kevern Rowe **Seconded:** John Shaw ‘that the correspondence be received’
CARRIED

5. **ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE**

Paul O raised the plans for the Dawn Service as follows:

- Richard Thorton will be available to perform Padre duties
- Ray Bale will act as MC
- John Shaw ‘The Piper’ hopes he will be able to pipe
- Wreaths to be ordered when attendees are known, with perpetual wreaths (x6) to be acquired
- Paul O will liaise with Brisbania PS
- Pete G still to forward invites to Inter clubs and other organisations
- Trish Skillion (author) will be approached to provide a talk during the service
- Richard Thorton raised an issue with the speed of the wreath laying process and implored that this be reviewed to make it more efficient
- 25ACU Catafalque Party still TBC
- Issues with running the Copa Dawn Service will be investigated to see how that pans out after David Ferry’s resignation from the CCDC. Actions must be taken to reduce the chances of it being placed into the wrong hands.

6. **ANZAC DAY APPEAL – FRIDAY 24 APRIL**

- Paul O advised that this will be the last activity undertaken by Kerry H, Joan B, and Leonie O. That is, the ordering and collation of the badges for the appeal
- The list of badge sellers was reviewed with all positions filled
- Other actions (bookings, etc) have been put in place by Kerry H

7. **REPORTS**

- a. **TREASURER** – In Mac M’s absence Pete G tabled the report on accounts for the period ending 31 Jan 26

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

This month’s collection for Display Maintenance was \$32

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

- Mac M^cLarty is out of hospital and doing well
- Chris Salakas is out of hospital with less fluid in his lung than when he went in
- David Cameron has done an Achillies Tendon and will be laid up for awhile

- c. **CCDC** – Steve L provided the following on the 9 Feb meeting held at Gosford

- Due to financial issues, it was agreed at the meeting to increase DC affiliation fees from \$60 to \$100 effective from this year
- Bob Dokter (from Doylo) has taken over as Secretary from David Ferry
- advised that the next meeting is at The Doylo RSL on Mon 13 Apr @ 1400

- d. **BOWLS** – Steve L had nothing further to add to the Committee report provided earlier

- e. **DISPLAY** – Paul O requested members ratification of the request by Chris S for an amount of \$400 for display maintenance, that was moved by Mick A and seconded by Don M and carried at the Committee meeting. **CARRIED**

- f. **President** – Paul O had nothing further to add

Moved: Mark Freeman **Seconded:** Ron Derley 'that the reports be received & accounts paid.'
CARRIED

8. OTHER BUSINESS

- **AGM March** – Pete G reminded members that the AGM will be held on Sunday 8 March on completion of the General Meeting, with all positions becoming vacant at that time. Nomination forms were made available to the members.

Next meeting will be held on SUNDAY 8 MARCH 2026 at 1100

and will be followed by the Annual General Meeting (AGM)

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 1148



P. OSBORN
President
Chair



P. Grothen
Secretary