



MINUTES OF DAVISTOWN RSL SUB-BRANCH

GENERAL MEETING

Sunday – 8 March 2026

1. **WELCOME** - The Chair opened the meeting at 1102 with the Ode.

- The Chair advised that the meeting will be recorded -

Attendance: 22 / 2 (members/aux), 7 apologies, with 1 guest/visitor(s) as per attendance book.

2. **COMMITTEE MEETING** was held 8 Mar 26 with the following items of interest reported to the meeting.

- **Dawn Service** – Interest from Erina High School and Holy Cross Kincumber for students to participate in presenting some poems. It has been agreed to include 4 poems in this year's service. Zane Foulis (Kokoda recipient) will also do a short speech.
- **75th Anniversary** – It was raised by Chris S that we neglected to celebrate our 75th Anniversary last year. We will be investigating some way of honouring this milestone.
- **Copa Dawn Service** – We will be working to ensure that this service does go ahead with some liaison from Copa Community Assn. David Ferry is conducting some of the lead in requirements, such as, applications, etc
- **Memorial Wall** – Still awaiting quotes for work on the coping for the top of the wall.

Moved: Mick Allen

Seconded: John Ware

'that the report be accepted'

CARRIED

3. **GENERAL MEETING MINUTES** held 17 Feb 26 was made available to all in attendance.

BUSINESS ARISING – Nil

Moved: Don Molloy

Seconded: Mick Allen

'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 –

- **Lithgow Small Arms Factory (SAF)** – Requested member approval to submit a letter of support from Davistown sub-Branch that the Lithgow SAF be listed on the NSW Heritage Register. **AGREED**
- **Voyager Commemoration** – Steve B raised the issue of sub-Branches not responding to an invite to attend. An RSVP was not specifically required, however, two of our sub-Branch members did attend albeit not as nominated sub-Branch representatives.

Moved: Ray Bale

Seconded: Dave Targett

'that the correspondence be received'

CARRIED

5. **NEW MEMBERS**

Paul O presented the following:

- **Dave Halliwell** although not a new member, Dave was presented with his name badge
- **John Feuerstein** with his welcome folder, including RSL lapel badge and name badge
- **Troy Klinar** with his welcome folder, including RSL lapel badge and name badge

6. **ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE**

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

- Most items covered
- 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.

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

Paul O advised an opening exists for a seller at Kincumber Coles in the PM, and Shaver Shop at Erina PM

8. **REPORTS**

- a. **TREASURER** – Mac M tabled the report on accounts for the period ending 28 Feb 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 \$26.50

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

- Don Frohmuller still undergoing some issues
- Stan Burman is not doing well after a fall in the foyer, and is currently in hospital

- c. **CCDC** – Steve L advised that the next meeting is at The Doylo RSL on Mon 13 Apr @ 1400

- d. **BOWLS** – Steve L provided the following:

- Next RSL & Friends Day is the Anzac Day bowls to be held at Wyong BC on 13 Apr
- Davistown team of Mike Fletcher, Greg Adams, and Freddy Dowse, won the RSL bowls Triples Championship and will be involved in further playoffs later this month

- e. **DISPLAY** – Chris S had nothing to report

- f. **President** – Paul O held his report over to the AGM

Moved: Steve Laing **Seconded:** Chris Salakas 'that the reports be received & accounts paid.'
CARRIED

9. OTHER BUSINESS

- **Life Membership Nomination** – Mal Brian requested Paul Osborn leave the room, prior to reading a spiel nominating Paul for RSL Life Membership.

Moved Mal Brian, **seconded** Mick Allen “that the members of the Davistown RSL sub-Branch formally nominate Paul Osborn for the award of Life Membership”.

For: 21 Against: 0 Abstain: 1 CARRIED

Further to the above – Please consider this as the required minimum 30-day notice to members that there will a nomination at the May General Meeting to be held on Tue 20 May, with speakers for and against, followed by a secret ballot to be conducted by all members present.

- **Social Media Addiction Program** - Steve B (associate to Davo and a Legacy Legatee) spoke on attending a parade at Morrisett by an agency called Veteran Mentors. They run a boot camp for 12-17 y/o males and females from all over Australia, who have become addicted to social media via many devices. This program has approx. 85% success rate in turning their lives around. Through this exposure, Steve was approached by an Army Cadet from 25ACU by the name of Max, who was awarded the Cadet Legatee of the Year. Steve advised that Max is conducting a fundraising venture by selling handcrafted poppies. Steve had some flyers which were made available to the members present (a copy of the flyer is attached to these minutes FYI)
- **Compensation/Wellbeing Presentation** – Pete G advised that the next meeting will include a presentation by Troy Klinar (Veterans Life Australia/Services) on both Compensation and Wellbeing aspects of the organisation. Troy asked if there were any members present who have a need for acute care or information on acute care prior to that meeting, they should see Troy before they leave today.

Next meeting will be held on TUESDAY 14 APRIL 2026 at 1100

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 1128



P. OSBORN
President
Chair



P. GROTHEN
Secretary

THE NEXT GENERATION OF SERVICE

I'm Max, a 17-year-old Army Cadet with a dream of serving in the Australian Defence Force.

In 2025, I was honoured to receive the Legacy Service to the Community award.

To me, service means showing up and making a difference. That's why I'm raising funds to help more families access the life-changing support of Veteran Mentors.

 **Join us**
Be part of the impact

Click on the code to buy your commemorative Poppy



The Junior Leader Program is a lifeline, giving young people the tools to find direction, build discipline, and believe in themselves. It doesn't just change lives—it saves them.

Join me in making an impact. Together, we can help more young people find their strength.

REMEMBER. RISE.

These commemorative poppies are not manufactured.

They were grown, milled and stitched by people who care.

They carry the spirit of a young Army Cadet, the hands of local volunteers, and the support of local organisations.

It reflects the values we honour on ANZAC Day: Service, contribution and standing together.

  

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