



MINUTES OF DAVISTOWN RSL SUB-BRANCH COMMITTEE MEETING Tuesday – 14 April 2026

1. **WELCOME** The Chair opened the meeting at 9:32am
- The Chair advised that the meeting is being recorded -
ATTENDEES: Mick Allen, Chris Salakas, Paul Osborn, and Don Molloy, Steph Pucek, Ray Bale and Dave Halliwell
APOLOGIES: Pete Grothen, Mac McLarty, Steve Laing
2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING** held on 8 March 26 made available at the meeting.
BUSINESS ARISING – Nil
Moved: Ray Bale **Seconded:** Don Molloy *“that the Minutes be received and adopted.”*
CARRIED
3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING** held on 8 March 26 made available at the meeting.
BUSINESS ARISING – Nil
Moved: Chris Salakas **Seconded:** Paul Osborn *“that the Minutes be received and adopted.”*
CARRIED
4. **CORRESPONDENCE** – Steph P tabled the ‘In’ & ‘Out’ sheet for questions.
BUSINESS ARISING –
 - Steph spoke to correspondence received from a Sub-branch Member (Freddy Dowse) requesting financial assistance to attend the RSL National State Titles this month in Melbourne, Victoria. In-light of the extenuating circumstances with the war in the Middle East and pushing prices extremely for fuel and other items. It was noted the exceptional service that Freddy has provided to the Sub-branch ie; previous Sub-branch Secretary, Bowls training/assistance to Sub-branch members promoting health & exercise, helping other RSL members from other regions, and the extensive work/program he is doing for the Juniors in bowls to bring through the next generation in supporting the veterans.

The Committee Members, voted unanimously to support the request.

Moved: Paul Osborn **Seconded:** Don Molloy *“that the correspondence be received.”*
CARRIED
5. **ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE**
 - It was noted; between Mick, Chris, Paul, Ray, Mac, Steph, and the fantastic ongoing remote assistance from Pete. All should be well, and we will give it our best shot. A few items remain, ie: one badge seller for Kincumber on the 24th April afternoon, the finalised list of wreath layers for ANZAC Day, and the reduction (time) of the Service Program due to volume of wreath laying and school poems.
6. **REPORTS (where applicable)**
 - a) **FINANCIAL**
 - Steph P tabled the report on accounts for the period ending 31 Mar 26.
 - A copy of the Davistown sub-Branch Periodical Financial Report was tabled.
 - b) **WELFARE**
 - Mac McClarty had only returned from Hospital this morning and was doing well; new medication is now assisting with fluid reduction.

- Dave Cameron is now out of his Moon boot and walking with the aid of a walking stick.
- Chris S advised after talking with Stan Burman's partner, Stan was unlikely to leave hospital until they could place him into Woodport nursing home.

c) CCDC

- Chris S advised, Mick and himself attended the CCDC meeting. There was a lot of drama looking for office bears.
- Chris sent in a report to provide the Davistown Sub-branch office bearers for CCDC congress and alt names and contact numbers.
- CCDC meeting report: - there was two Motions that the Sub-branch voted for, Motion: -
 - 1/ That The RSL NSW request RSL Australia to formally request the Commonwealth Government to introduce into the Federal Parliament a bill to provide a Charter of rights for veterans.
 - 2/ That RSL NSW to request NSW Government to include veteran-specific rights in its existing consideration of the bill in the NSW Parliament for a human rights act.
- Also spoke on trustees re Property dealings, Trustee Training, and Trustee Tenure & Terms.

d) BOWLS

- RSL National Championships Start on the 29th April 26 at Deer Park Victoria. Three (3) Davo Sub-branch members have been selected in the NSW team (Freddy Dowse, Mike Fletcher, Steve Laing).
- RSL Zone 5, Fours (4) Championship nomination sheet will be on the Notice board 15 April. Starts 13 May.
- Next RSL Friendship Bowls Day to be held at Umina Bowls Club on the 4 May. The nomination sheet will be on the Notice board 15 April.

e) DISPLAY

- There has been an addition to the display, a set of challenge coins of each infantry battalion that served in Vietnam.
- I am (Chris) still looking for Navy and Australian Air Force coins and unit coins to complete the series.
- This month we have ANZAC DAY. The landing took place 111 years ago, the landing on the Gallipoli Peninsula April 25, 1915, placed Australia itself before the world. We remember in all wars and conflicts the men and women that gave the ultimate sacrifice also remember the men and women who served and are serving today.

f) PRESIDENT

- Mick asked if all the Committee Members would please assist him as he works his way into the President's role. All Committee Members unitedly confirmed their support and assistance.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Chris S spoke about attending a meeting at the Gosford Police Station regarding preparations for ANZAC Day, all requirements are the same as last year. However, Chris noted; a discussion with the police about the Copacabana ANZAC Service, Insurance cover is held by the Davistown RSL Sub-branch Only for the RSL conducted service. Any service conducted by other individuals not connected

to the Davistown RSL Sub-branch, the Police will be in attendance and enforce this requirement (if no insurance is held).

- Dave Halliwell proposed refurbishment of the two timber benches by the Davo Memorial. He is part of a Men's Shed and would be happy to bring them to a condition more becoming. It was agreed by the Committee that this would be progressed after the ANZAC Day Service.
- Ray B (Trustee and Committee member) advised he attended the previous Morgan & Stanley Investment Presentation regarding the Sub-branch investment Portfolio currently held with them. Ray encouraged anyone from the Committee to attend, as the information was invaluable. He also noted that in discussion with other Trustees, due to the good performance of the Morgan & Stanley Investment, the Sub-branch should consider increasing our Capital Investment. This would be further discussion down the track.
- Chris S raised that the Order of Service for ANZAC Day currently needs to be cut down due to the length of time it will take to complete. It was agreed to lay three Wreaths at a time where appropriate; In addition, reduce the Padre's address to two minutes, this should assist the reduction of time to deliver the Service.
- Chris S raised who would be the entertainment for this year's X-mas party. It was confirmed that the entertainers from last year have been booked.

Peter Grothen to please confirm.

NEXT Sub-BRANCH COMMITTEE MEETING will be TUESDAY 12 MAY 2026 @ 0930

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 10:23am.

M. ALLEN
President
Chair



S. PUCEK
Acting Secretary



Enclosure

1. Monthly Correspondence for March/April 2026