



MINUTES OF DAVISTOWN RSL SUB-BRANCH

GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday – 14 April 2026

1. **WELCOME** - The Chair opened the meeting at 11:02 am with the Ode.

- The Chair advised that the meeting will be recorded -

Attendance: 21 / (members/aux), 5 apologies, with 1 guest/visitor(s) as per attendance book.

Steph P called up the outgoing President, Paul Osborn, to present Mick Allen his President name badge. All members applauded.

2. **COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES** held 8 Mar 26 was made available to all in attendance.

BUSINESS ARISING – Nil

Moved: Ray Bale **Seconded:** John Shaw
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CARRIED

3. **GENERAL MEETING MINUTES** held 8 Mar 26 was made available to all in attendance.

BUSINESS ARISING – Nil

Moved: Paul Osborn **Seconded:** Noel Murphy

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4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

A list of correspondence was tabled, and members invited to peruse and ask 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. At the recent Committee Meeting, it was unanimously agreed to support the request. It was then put to the Members to vote, and they **unanimously agreed** to provide a \$500 once off payment for assistance.

Moved: Dave Halliwell **Seconded:** Dave Targett

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5. **NEW MEMBERS**

Mick A presented the following:

- Dave Halliwell with his Sub-branch badge.
- Paul Osborn with his Sub-branch Vice President badge

6. **VETERAN LIFE AUSTRALIA/SERVICES PRESENTATION**

Mick A called on Troy Klinar (CEO of VLA/S) to provide a presentation to the members on the services provided by his company. Troy spoke about the following:

- Application Support to DVA – As Veterans themselves. They truly understand the challenges that come with life during and after Service.
- Ongoing Medical Support
- Education Support
- Household Services
- Financial Services
- Standing beside those who stand behind Our Veterans

If you need help or have any queries, please contact Troy through the Sub-branch.

7. **ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE**

Mick A gave a brief on the upcoming Dawn Service:

- **Copa Dawn Service** - Frank Delbello (a member of Terrigal/Wamberal) will be officiating at the Copa service.
- David Harris will be laying a wreath on behalf of the Davistown Sub-branch.

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

Mick A advised that we have all badge sellers allocated but one badge seller for Kincumber in the afternoon of the 24th of April was still needed (that has now been filled).

A few items remain, ie: 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.

9. **REPORTS**

- a. **TREASURER** – 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 and is available on request to the Secretary.

This month's collection for Display Maintenance was \$23.10

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

- 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

- 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 details of the Davistown Sub-branch office bearers for CCDC congress and alternative 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** – Mike F provided the following:

- 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). GO BOYS, WE ARE BEHIND YOU.
- 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 4th of May. The nomination sheet will be on the Notice board 15 April.

e. **DISPLAY** – Chris S advised

- There has been an addition to the display, a set of challenge coins of each infantry battalion that served in Vietnam.
- I am 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 A

- Thanked the members for coming along to the meeting and their on-going support for him (as the new President) and the new Committee.

Moved: Dave Targett Seconded Noel Murphy 'that the reports be received & accounts paid.'
CARRIED

10. OTHER BUSINESS

- Paul Osborn Nominated Mike Fletcher to become a Sub-branch Committee Member and Mike gracefully accepted. Sub-branch Members **voted Unanimously**.
- **Moved: Paul Osborn Seconded John Shaw**

Next meeting will be held on TUESDAY 12 MAY 2026 at 1100

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 11:36 am

M. ALLEN
President
Chair



S. PUCEK
Acting Secretary

