



MINUTES OF DAVISTOWN RSL SUB-BRANCH

GENERAL MEETING

Sunday – 14 June 2026

1. **WELCOME** - The Chair opened the meeting at 1110 with the Ode.

*A minute silence was observed to honour the passing of
William 'Jock' Dalgarno*

- The Chair advised that the meeting will be recorded -

Attendance: 17 / 1 (members/aux), 6 apologies, with 1 guest/visitor(s) as per attendance book.

2. **COPA DAWN SERVICE GUEST** – Mick A welcomed Frank DelBello (from Terrigal RSL) and thanked him for conducting the Copa Anzac Day Dawn Service this year. Frank thanked the sub-Branch for the invitation and spoke briefly on how the service has evolved over the years since he moved to the area. He looks forward to assisting in the future. The members thanked Frank with a round of applause.
3. **COMMITTEE MEETING** was held 14 Jun 26 with the following dot points reported to the meeting.
- Badge appeal committee will consist of Mick Allen, Paul Osborn, and Steve Laing
 - Casual vacancy of Treasurer to be ratified later this meeting
 - Peter Hart to be approached to fill the position of auditor for 2026.
 - Flag boxes to be procured to replenish stocks for future presentations
 - New polo shirt orders to be taken over the next couple of months
4. **GENERAL MEETING MINUTES** held 12 May 26 was made available to all in attendance.

BUSINESS ARISING – Nil

Moved: Dave Targett **Seconded:** Steve Laing 'that the minutes be received and adopted'
CARRIED

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

A list of correspondence was tabled, and members invited to peruse and ask questions.

BUSINESS ARISING –

- **RSL Circ 29/26** relating to ANZAC Art Competition for 2027. It is intended to send this to local schools that we interact with. Depending on the results we may investigate some kind of presentation to any successful entrants.

Moved: Dave Halliwell **Seconded:** David Harris 'that the correspondence be received'
CARRIED

6. **CASUAL VACANCY - TREASURER**

Mick A advised that at the Committee Meeting, Dave Halliwell had been nominated for the position of Treasurer. It was **moved** by Chris S and **seconded** by Steve L that Dave Halliwell be nominated to fill the casual vacancy of Treasurer. Dave Halliwell accepted the nomination, the members voted unanimously in favour. The members congratulated Dave with a round of applause.

7. **REPORTS**

- a. **TREASURER** – Pete G advised that with the help of Steph P and access to Mac's laptop we have assembled and tabled a report on accounts for the period ending 31 May 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 \$36.40

- b. **WELFARE** – Paul O advised that:
 - Stan Burman has been placed into care at Brentwood Village
 - Mac's funeral was well attended with Mick A conducting an excellent RSL tribute
 - Mal Brian has had more skin cancers removed
 - Errol Gray has been having leg/knee issues but is on the mend
- c. **CCDC** – Steve L advised that the next meeting is tomorrow at Wyong RSL with himself and Mick A attending
- d. **BOWLS** – Steve L provided the following:
 - Patron's Day being held at Davo on 6 Jul, names can be added to list on the noticeboard. Mal B is our patron.
 - In July Steph P, Steve L, Ian H, and Freddy D will represent Zone 5 in the RSL State Four's at Raymond Terrace.
- e. **DISPLAY** – Chris S advised that:
 - On the request of the president, Frank Delbello and his wife have been invited to lunch at this General Meeting. This was a thank you for running the Anzac Day Dawn Service at Copa. (He advised he will attend). Frank has agreed to conduct the Remembrance Day Service depending on his work commitments.
 - I have received an 1891 Italian Bayonet from Maggie Shoobert
 - Still looking for a L1A1 (SLR) replica
- f. **President** – Mick A thanked Paul O for his comments, and it was a wonderful turnout for Mac, and the family appreciated the honour guard that was formed on completion of the service. Final thank you to Frank for his assistance with Copa.

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

8. OTHER BUSINESS

- **Kokoda Trail Funding** – Noel M suggested looking into how the participant could be assisted given the issues relating to 'money staying in Australia'. This can be investigated with Club Ltd
- **General Meeting Schedule/Program** – Mal B raised the issue of the meeting schedule and suggested moving meetings to Sundays only. Much discussion ensued with statistics tabled which indicate that Tuesday's have a slightly higher attendance avg. There were several options put forward, with Steve L finally proposing that we retain Tue & Sun on an alternate basis.

Moved: Steve Laing **Seconded:** Noel Murphy 'that the general meeting schedule/program be changed to an alternating schedule of one Tuesday, one Sunday, etc with the day being the 2nd occurrence of each month'

For: 14 Against: 0 Abstain: 3 CARRIED

Based on the above resolution the new schedule will commence from next month (i.e. July), as the next meeting would have been a Tuesday anyway.

Due to changes causing confusion with some of our member base, Pete G will endeavour to be more proactive in reminding members when the next meeting is. Newsletters have been hit and miss lately due to personal issues, so that mechanism may not be the best way.

- **New Polo Shirts** – Chris S displayed the 'new' polo shirt with the new RSL logo. The shirts will have a pocket and will cost \$40 each. Names and sizes to Chris S over the next couple of months so the order can be placed prior to the warmer weather showing up.
- **Free RSL Clothing to a 'Good Home'** – Mal B and Brian W have provided pre-loved RSL clothing to anyone interested.
- **DVA White Card** – Paul O expressed concern that a NATO had recently been told by 'The Hub' that he wasn't eligible for a White Card as he didn't meet the service requirements. Mick A has been waiting approx. 2 years for a White Card that was applied for through 'The Hub'. Chris S

advised that there has been delays in issuing White Cards as it is going through a redesign which will change allow it to change from a 'White Card' to something more PC.

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

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 1157



M. ALLEN
President
Chair



P. GROTHEN
Secretary