



MINUTES OF DAVISTOWN RSL SUB-BRANCH

GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday – 14 July 2026

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

*A minute silence was observed to honour the passing of
Stan Burman - 6 July 2026*

- The Chair advised that the meeting will be recorded -

Attendance: 25/0 (members/aux), 3 apologies, with 0 guest/visitor(s) as per attendance book.

2. **COMMITTEE MEETING** was held 14 July 26 with the following dot points reported to the meeting.

- **Donation** – A previously approved donation to TS Hawkesbury (Naval Reserve Cadets) was raised by Steve L after a recent visit to the unit. A lot of work and recruiting has occurred, and the CO would be very appreciative of the donation. It was agreed to provide the \$500 in the coming weeks. Pete G also advised that we would also follow-up on the previously approved donation to the Air Force Cadets.

3. **GENERAL MEETING MINUTES** held 14 June 26 was made available to all in attendance.

BUSINESS ARISING – Nil

Moved: Peter Darling **Seconded:** John Ware '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 –

- **'Unsolicited' Presentations** - Pete G spoke to the increase in 'unsolicited' offers from various organisations. We have had some presentations at meetings, but it is now thought that these offers might be best disseminated to members so they can make their own determination to reach out if they wish to do so.
- **\$5000 DVA Cap on Allied Health Services** – Pete G raised this issue as it affects many of our members. It was agreed that the sub-Branch make a submission to the local member voicing our concerns on this proposed restriction of services. **All agreed**

Moved: Dave Targett **Seconded:** Ian Hutchison 'that the correspondence be received'
CARRIED

5. **GENERAL MEETING SCHEDULE**

Mick A raised the proposal that was moved at the June meeting which was to move meetings to an alternate Tuesday/Sunday schedule. Pete G spoke to the proposal and explained the schedule changes. Members were asked to speak for or against the motion, with the motion then put to a vote as follows.

Moved: Steve Laing **Seconded:** Noel Murphy 'that General Meetings be held on an alternate Tuesday/Sunday rotation commencing with a Sunday meeting from August 2026'
For: 24 Against: 0 Abstain: 1 CARRIED

CARRIED

6. **REPORTS**

- a. **TREASURER** – Dave H tabled a report on accounts for the period ending 30 Jun 26.

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

- **Morgan Stanley** – Steve L raised and spoke to a proposal to increase the current investment by \$100K by withdrawing an amount from a term deposit which is due to mature on 13 Aug. Col Beveridge asked a question which was answered by Steve L. Several other queries were made with explanations provided.

Moved: Steve Laing **Seconded:** Ray Bale 'that the Morgan Stanley investment remain in the 'balanced' portfolio and that it be increased by an amount of \$100K. This is to occur when the term deposit is due to mature on 13 Aug.'

For: 25 Against: 0 Abstain: 0 CARRIED

This month's collection for Display Maintenance was \$27.00

b. **WELFARE** – In Paul O's absence, Pete G advised that Paul:

- Took Noel M to visit Stan B on 17 Jun
- David Harris is home after a hospital visit
- Don M is having some flu issues
- Don Frohmuller, one of our past members who transferred to Gosford recently, is not doing so well and may only be with us for several more months. We offer our condolences to Don and his family.

c. **CCDC** – Mick A advised that topics included the \$5000 DVA Cap and the increase in organisations offering financial and mental health services.

- Anthony Minichiello was a guest speaker to discuss their organisation Club V and 'MiniFit' which is an imitative to help veterans stay active, connected and independent. A brochure

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

- Patron's Day (Patron being Mal Brian) was held at Davo last Monday which was well attended.
- Tomorrow Steph P, Ian H, Freddy D and I will be representing RSL Zone 5 in the State Playoffs for the Fours. The members provided a round of applause and wished them well.

e. **DISPLAY** – Chris S advised that:

- The final shirts order is about to be submitted. Cost is \$40/shirt

f. **President** – Mick A advised that Stan's Memorial Service will be held at Greenway Chapel on Thu at 1200. No wake at Davo, but there will be tea/coffee/snacks in the Greenway Function Centre. If you are going to attend medals should be worn.

Moved: Mark Freeman **Seconded:** Chris Salakas 'that the reports be received & accounts paid.'

CARRIED

7. OTHER BUSINESS

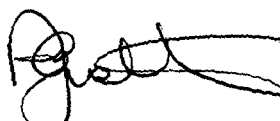
- **Kokoda Trail** – Noel M requested an update into what can be done to maintain our involvement in the Kokoda Youth Leadership Challenge. Pete G apologised for not having followed this up and will do so with the Club Ltd. We will ascertain what the Club Ltd covered for the participant to determine whether we can assist in anyway. It may not be achievable based restrictions on what the money can be spent on.
- **Wartime Novels/History** – Richard T tabled a couple of books written by Patricia 'Trish' Skehan and offered them to the members. The books are 'The Secrets of Anzac Ridge: In Flanders Fields - An extraordinary account of life in and out of the trenches', and 'Frontline of the Pandemic' which offers a powerful glimpse into the realities of the 1919 Spanish flu epidemic through the letters of a young volunteer nurse.

Next meeting will be held on SUNDAY 9 AUGUST 2026 at 1100

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 1148



M. ALLEN
President
Chair



P. GROTHEN
Secretary