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TOUKLEY RSL SUB BRANCH

Newsletter

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From the President:



Welcome to our two new Committee Members - Brian Murphy and Steve Edmunds - who were nominated, and unanimously voted into the roles at the July 2018 General Meeting. Having two more Committee Members will assist us greatly in sharing out the increasing workload, particularly with Anzac Day and Remembrance Day. Welcome on board, Brian and Steve.

We had the pleasure of having Emma McBride MP, Federal Member for Dobell, as Guest Speaker at our July Meeting. We appreciate that Emma took time out from her busy schedule to address our Members, mainly on Health. I am sure that all in attendance gained from her knowledge and what she imparted on the Members.

Our popular Christmas in July function was held upstairs in Club Toukley RSL on Sunday 22 July 2018, and was very well attended by one hundred Members, partners and invited guests. One of our Members, Glen Webster and his wife, Kerry, travelled from Bonny Hills to attend. It was a chance for everyone to sit back and enjoy a fabulous three-course meal, refreshments, entertainment and take part in the huge raffle. From all reports, everyone had a good time – I know I did! The Christmas functions give the perfect opportunity for everyone to have a day out and catch up with fellow Sub Branch Members.

If you enjoyed the day, then make a note in your diary for **Sunday 16 December 2018** for the Sub Branch Christmas party. Another excellent day is assured! If there may be a consensus of opinion on changing our entertainment for the day, please advise, but the majority of the Committee believes that Brassick, and their music selection, suits our age group.

Planning is well under way for the Remembrance Day service which will include the dedication of two bronze statues, commemorating one hundred years since the signing of the Armistice. The statues will enhance the already completed upgrade of the Memorial Gardens and planting of the Lone Pine.

The latest update from the manufacturer was on Thursday 19 July 2018 when we were advised that the casting on the statues is expected to be complete on Friday 27 July 2018. The statues are on track to be in place on the cenotaph by 11 October 2018, in plenty of time for Remembrance Day.

Below is a photograph of how we expect the Cenotaph will look once the statues have been put in place. This will be a lasting legacy for many years to come, and they will serve as guardians for our growing number of members whose ashes are interred at the cenotaph.

It is always pleasing to hear favourable comments, most recently by Emma McBride MP, Federal Member for Dobell, on the upgraded work at the cenotaph, which has been undertaken since 2016.



At State Congress in Albury in May, RSL NSW advised Members that an Extraordinary State Congress would be held later in the year in Sydney. This Extraordinary State Congress will be held on 31 October. RSL NSW is currently preparing a new interim constitution to be presented to members in August/September and voted on at the Extraordinary State Congress. It will be more simply written so it is easier for all to understand and follow.

At the May RSL State Congress a Motion was put forward to change the name of the RSL Womens' Auxiliary to "RSL Auxiliary". This Motion was voted on, and passed, effectively changing the name to "RSL Auxiliary" which it will now be known as.

For those who may not have read the recent Press, the RSL National President, Robert Dick, resigned on the 19th July so the organisation can "build cohesion" under new leadership following systemic governance failings and widespread allegations of misconduct. John King, RSL ACT President is the interim national chair.

The directive by NSW State RSL not to fund raise, remains in force. I do not see that it will change in the foreseeable future.

Bob Wilson
President

NEW SUB BRANCH MEMBERS

Welcome to the following new Sub Branch Members:

Terry PARSONS

Vale

Donald Keith WATTS – 24 July 2018

Lest We Forget

INTERMENT OF ASHES AT THE CENOTAPH MEMORIAL GARDENS

Bette DAVIS – 26 July 2018



Lest We Forget

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



**Sub Branch General Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month,
At 10.00am, upstairs in Club Toukley RSL, with the exception of January.
All Members are invited to attend.**

Sunday 11 November 2018	Remembrance Day/Centenary of the signing of the Armistice/Unveiling of the two bronze statues at the cenotaph
Sunday 16 December 2018 – 11.00am-4.00pm	Sub Branch Christmas Party
February 2019 – Date to be advised	Sub Branch AGM
Thursday 25 April 2019	Anzac Day



If you have an idea which you think could benefit or improve the Sub Branch, please put it in writing or speak to one of our Committee Members. Remember that we are there to represent the members, so if you have any ideas, then please let us know.

Keeping your Sub Branch Details Up to Date



If you have recently moved, or your details have changed, please let the Sub Branch Office know so that we can update your address and contact details.

This information is required so that we can send any correspondence and membership renewals to the correct address.

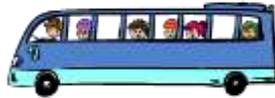
Also, if you know of a member who has moved, either to another area or to an Aged Care Facility, please notify the Sub Branch Office.

TRIVIA TIME

(Answers at the end of this Newsletter)

- 1 When was President Kennedy killed?
- 2 Who invented the electric light bulb?
- 3 When did the second world war end?
- 4 What planet is nearest to the sun?
- 5 Who said $E=mc^2$?
- 6 Who gave his name to the month of July?
- 7 When was Elvis' first ever concert?
- 8 How much does a litre of water weigh?
- 9 What is the first letter on a typewriter?
- 10 What nationality was Marco Polo?

Upcoming Toukley RSL Sub Branch Bus Trips



Friday. 17th August - Newcastle Museum

Bus leaves at 08.00hrs Cost – NIL.

We shall be visiting the Newcastle Museum at Honeysuckle. The artifacts held by the previous Newcastle Maritime Museum have now been amalgamated into the Municipal Museum. They show a very interesting story of the start of the Coal river (now Newcastle) colony.

Lunch will be at Swansea RSL.

Sunday 16th September - Yarramalong Spring Fair

Bus leaves at 09.00 hrs Cost \$5 pp entry into Yarramalong Showground

We travel to Yarramalong to visit the Spring Fair. Places of interest on the way include Alison Homestead, Wyong Cheese and Chocolate Factory and the tree Tops Adventure Park. Along the Yarramalong Valley we will view the individual entries to the annual Scarecrow Competition.

Then we visit the showground to watch, Wood Chopping, Boil the Billy Comp, Wife Carrying Husband Comp, etc, etc. *This trip is almost fully booked.*

Friday 26th October - INVICTUS Games, Sydney Athletic Stadium.

Bus leaves RSL at 08.00hrs. Cost = \$15 per person entry into Stadium.
(Money will be collected prior to day trip)

Watch Track and Field events, like: 100, 200 and 1500 metres races, Discus, Shotput and Long jump events.

If you have any queries regarding any of the abovementioned trips, please see Committeeman Bob Swift.

CYBER ATTACK

For your information

Bob Swift recently received a threatening letter from an unknown hacker.

The person claimed to have knowledge of what Bob was doing on his computer including visiting porn sites. The hacker threatened to display the porn videos on Bob's contact list unless he paid the hacker \$8,000. He was warned not to go to the authorities as the hacker would know and distribute the porn video to all contacts anyway.

Bob immediately contacted Toukley Police station where he was informed that they could do nothing and he would have to contact Australian Cybercrime Online Reporting Network (ACORN). Bob received advice back from this Gov. Org. (see below)

UNCLASSIFIED

Good evening Bob

Thank you for report this incident to the ACSC.

To assist us to investigate this incident further, could you send us the email in question as an attachment please?

I would also recommend not click on any links sent in the email. And if any of your passwords were mentioned in the email, change them immediately.

To be better prepared against malicious actors in the future I would also recommend going onto <https://www.staysmartonline.gov.au/> where they are guides and tips against cyber threats and attacks.

Bi, Ben MR ben.bi@defence.gov.au

If anyone would like to see the Hacker's email see Bob Swift.

Photo Gallery



Guest Speaker at the July 2018 General Meeting, Emma McBride MP, Federal Member for Dobell, Speaks to the Members



Christmas in July function on 22 July 2018



Photos from Christmas in July



Why Veterans Place Their Right Hand Over Their Heart at Ceremonies & Funerals

It will be noticed at Anzac Day, Remembrance Day and Funerals, or when passing a cenotaph, Veterans will place their right hand over their “left side”. Many believing that they were placing their hand over their heart in respect of remembrance of their fallen comrades. This is not so.

The Veterans salute to their fallen comrades originated on Armistice Day in 1920, during the ceremony to unveil and dedicate the cenotaph in Whitehall. At the same time a funeral procession accompanying the remains of the “Unknown Soldier” halted at the cenotaph during the ceremony before proceeding to Westminster Abbey for interment. The Regimental Sergeant Major of the Guard Regiment conducting the ceremony, faced with a gathering of highly decorated and high ranking military men (including many Victoria Cross recipients), all wearing rows of medals, decreed that all would salute the cenotaph as they marched past by placing their right hand over their medals, signifying that “no matter what honours they many have been awarded, they

are nothing compared with the honour due to the soldier who paid the supreme sacrifice”.

Cenotaph Plaques

Information for your interest:

As most of you will be aware, all of the cenotaph plaques in the Memorial Gardens were replaced in 2016 with a weather resistant material which will stand the test of time. The material was sourced from the United States of America, through Sub Branch Vice President George Meier and his family Company, which supplies and engraves the plaques free of charge to the Sub Branch.

All cenotaph plaques are now in the same format, as shown below. We do not include nicknames or add more information to plaques. A sample of the plaques design is shown below.

If you have any queries, please speak to a member of the Committee.



John Samuel SMITH
Australian Army
Rank - NX00000
01/01/1920 – 31/12/2000

Sample Plaque

HOW OLD IS GRANDPA?

Stay with this -- the answer is at the end. It may blow you away.

One evening a grandson was talking to his grandfather about current events. The grandson asked his grandfather what he thought about the shootings at schools, the computer age, and just things in general.

The Grandfather replied, "Well, let me think a minute, I was born before:

television
penicillin
polio shots
frozen foods
Xerox
contact lenses
Frisbees and
the pill

There were no:
credit cards
laser beams or
ball-point pens

Man had not invented :
pantyhose
air conditioners
dishwashers
clothes dryers
and the clothes were hung out to dry in the fresh air, and
space travel was only in Flash Gordon books.

Your Grandmother and I got married first,... and then lived together.

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Every family had a father and a mother. Until I was 25, I called every woman older than me, "mam". And after I turned 25, I still called policemen and every man with a title, "Sir".

We were before gay-rights, computer-dating, dual careers, Daycare Centres, and group therapy.

Our lives were governed by the Bible, good judgment, and common sense. We were taught to know the difference between right and wrong and to stand up and take responsibility for our actions.

Serving your country was a privilege; living in this country was a bigger privilege... We thought fast food was eating half a biscuit while running to catch the school bus.

Having a meaningful relationship meant getting along with your cousins.

Draft dodgers were those who closed front doors as the evening breeze started.

Time-sharing meant time the family spent together in the evenings and weekends-not purchasing condominiums.

We never heard of FM radios, tape decks, CDs, electric typewriters, yoghurt, or guys wearing earrings.

We listened to Big Bands, Jack Benny, and the President's speeches on our radios, and I don't ever remember any kid blowing his brains out listening to Tommy Dorsey.

If you saw anything with 'Made in Japan ' on it, it was junk.

The term 'making out' referred to how you did on your school exam.

Pizza Hut, McDonald's, and instant coffee were unheard of.

We had 5 &10-cent stores where you could actually buy things for 5 and 10 cents. Ice-cream cones, phone calls, rides on a streetcar, and a Pepsi were all a sixpence. And if you didn't want to splurge, you could spend your sixpence on enough stamps to mail 1 letter and 2 postcards.

You could buy a new Ford Coupe for \$600, but who could afford one? Too bad, because petrol was 11 cents a gallon.

In my day:

"grass" was mowed,

"coke" was a cold drink,

"pot" was something your mother cooked in and

"rock music" was your grandmother's lullaby.

"Aids" were helpers in the Principal's office,

"chip" meant a piece of wood,

"hardware" was found in a hardware store and

"software" wasn't even a word.

And we were the last generation to actually believe that a lady needed a husband to have a baby.

How old do you think I am?

I bet you have this old man in mind...you are in for a shock!

Read on to see -- pretty scary if you think about it and pretty sad at the same time.

Are you ready ?????

This man would be 70 years old today. 70 years ago was 1948.

GIVES YOU SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT. The younger generation would not understand.

If you receive good service from an organization or Company in the area, please share it with your Sub Branch, so that we can all benefit. Recently a group of seven Sub Branch members and friends dined at Noble Thai in Canton Beach Road, Toukley. We all enjoyed the meal, and the staff were very helpful. The Manager advised that any Toukley RSL Sub Branch Member who shows their Sub Branch card, will receive 10% off their meal. If you love Thai food, then give it a try!

Trivia Answers

How did you go??

1	1963
2	Thomas Edison
3	1945
4	Mercury
5	Einstein
6	Julius Caesar
7	1954
8	1 kg
9	Q
10	Italian

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