



Gorokan High School 2018 Anzac Service

TOUKLEY RSL SUB BRANCH

Newsletter

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From the President:



Firstly, I would like to welcome George Meier to the Vice President's role. George has been a Committeeman for a number of years and was nominated at the June General Meeting to fill the vacancy following the resignation of Keith Bailey.

This means that a Committeeman's position is now vacant and nominations to fill this role will be taken at the July General Meeting.

From time to time, the Newsletter will contain information regarding eligibility for interment of ashes at the Cenotaph Memorial Gardens. This is to ensure that Toukley RSL Sub Branch Members are aware of their entitlement upon their demise. If you are a member and wish for your ashes to be interred at the Memorial Gardens, please read the information, which is located further on in this Newsletter, and take the appropriate steps to ensure that your wishes are carried out.

Remembrance Day 2018 will also commemorate one hundred years since the signing of the Armistice for the ending of World War 1. Planning is in place for a larger service this year, culminating in the unveiling of the two bronze statues which will be mounted on the cenotaph. The three High Schools in our area: Mary MacKillop Catholic College, Gorokan High School and Lakes Grammar have all expressed interest in attending the service. If you would like to attend, please make a note in your diary for 11 November 2018.

Committeeman Bob Swift has been instrumental in arranging monthly outings in the Sub Branch Bus to varying and interesting places. Please contact Bob if you would like to join him and other Sub Branch Members for any of these outings. A good day out is assured, and it is an opportunity for you to visit places that you may not have previously visited. Seats are limited so get in early if you wish to attend any of these outings.

Tickets for our Christmas in July luncheon are selling fast, so if you would like to be part of this fun day, please get in quickly to get your tickets, which are \$20.00

each per member and partner. A wonderful three course luncheon and refreshments is provided, together with entertainment by Brassick. This is excellent value. A monster raffle will also be held with 40 great prizes.

For those who are interested in attending, Australian Spirit will be holding an event at The Entertainment Grounds Central Coast on 10 November 2018. All Sub Branch Members are invited to attend.

Bob Wilson
President

NEW SUB BRANCH MEMBERS

Welcome to the following new Sub Branch Members:

David WATTS
Rick BOLTON

Vale

Bette DAVIS – 7 June 2018
Kevin LIPMAN – 11 June 2018
Colin Docker – 21 June 2018

Lest We Forget

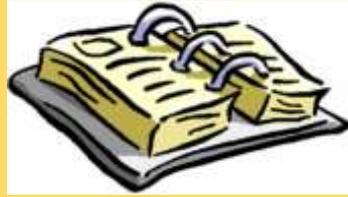
INTERMENT OF ASHES AT THE CENOTAPH MEMORIAL GARDENS

William Edward Benson – 7 June 2018
Brian Robert Ford - 21 June 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 22 July 2018 – 11.00am-4.00pm	Christmas in July
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

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.

The following is for the information and circulation to Sub-Branch Members from the State Secretary, RSL New South Wales:

“Expressions of interest are sought from up to 10 RSL NSW members who would like to have input into the development of the new RSL NSW constitution. If you would like to participate in the consultation process, please register your interest by emailing Leanne Meyer on lmeyer@rslnsw.org.au before 27 June 2018.

A consultation panel will then be selected from interested members. An initial meeting will take place at ANZAC House (with telephone conference facilities for remote participants) in the first week of July (date to be advised).

Following this, the consultation panel will be required to review and provide comments on various drafts of the proposed constitution.

Members interested in being part of the consultation panel must be available to work within tight time frames particularly throughout July. Members with legal or financial expertise or experience working in a member organisation in the charitable sector are encouraged to apply.”

Invictus Member Ticket Offer

“On Friday 26 October Invictus is inviting RSL members to watch the athletics final at the Games. 500 tickets have been held in reserve for RSL NSW to purchase at a discounted price to watch the final of the athletics.

Tickets are for the third session of the athletics on Friday 26 October at Sydney Olympic Park Athletics Centre from 5:00pm – 9:00pm approximately.

To purchase tickets please click on the following link: <http://tickets.invictusgames2018.org/shows/show.aspx?sh=INGATHLC18> and enter the code (RSL2018) in the box above the Get Tickets box – then click the Get Tickets box.

Tickets are \$25 for adults.

These tickets will be held until the 30 June 2018 on a first come basis.”

Eligibility for Ashes Interment At the Toukley RSL Sub Branch Cenotaph

If you are a member of the Toukley RSL Sub Branch, upon your passing, you are entitled to have your ashes interred in the Toukley RSL Sub Branch Memorial Gardens. It is a good idea to make your wishes known to family and the Sub Branch so that relevant people are aware. The Sub Branch form "*F04 Consent for Ashes to be interred at the Toukley RSL Sub Branch Cenotaph*" can be filled out and signed at any time and kept on the Sub Branch file, in the safe.

There are no reserved plots, and all interments are in sequential order, so that the next available plot is used.

Please remember that you must be a full Toukley RSL Sub Branch member to be eligible to have your ashes interred at the cenotaph.

We have received requests from the general public, wives and husbands of interred veterans who would like to have their ashes interred at the Cenotaph Memorial Gardens. If they are not a full Toukley RSL Sub Branch Member, it is difficult to explain to them that we are unable to comply with their wishes.

If you have any queries regarding the interment of ashes, please speak to President Bob Wilson or the Sub Branch Committee who will be happy to answer your questions.

TRIVIA TIME

(Answers at the end of this Newsletter)

1. What temperature does water boil at?
2. Which German city is famous for the perfume it produces?
3. When did the First World War start?
4. Where is the smallest bone in the body?
5. Which is the only mammal that can't jump?
6. Who lived at 221B Baker Street, London?
7. How many dots are there on two dice?
8. What is the capital of Nairobi?
9. Who starts first in chess?
10. What language has the most words?

Water in the carburetor

WIFE: "There is trouble with the car. It has water in the carburetor."

HUSBAND: "Water in the carburetor? That's ridiculous "

WIFE: "I tell you the car has water in the carburetor."

HUSBAND: "You don't even know what a carburetor is. I'll check it out. Where's the car?"

WIFE: "In the river"

Toukley RSL Sub Branch & the Lone Pine



The **Battle of Lone Pine** (also known as the **Battle of Kanlı Sirt**) was fought between [Australian](#) and [Ottoman Empire](#) forces during the [Gallipoli Campaign](#) of the [First World War](#), between 6 and 10 August 1915. The battle was part of a diversionary attack to draw Ottoman attention away from the main assaults against [Sari Bair](#), [Chunuk Bair](#) and Hill 971, which became known as the [August Offensive](#). The Australians, initially at [brigade](#) strength, managed to capture the main Ottoman trench line from the [battalion](#) that was defending the position in the first few hours of the fighting; however, the fighting continued for the next three days as the Ottomans brought up reinforcements and launched numerous counterattacks in an attempt to recapture the ground they had lost. As the counterattacks intensified the Australians brought up two fresh battalions. Finally, on 9 August the Ottomans called off any further attempts and by 10 August offensive action ceased, leaving the Australians in control of the position. Nevertheless, despite the Australian victory, the wider August Offensive of which the attack had been a part failed and a situation of [stalemate](#) developed around Lone Pine which lasted until the end of the campaign in December 1915 when [Allied](#) troops were [evacuated from the peninsula](#).

Lone Pine, the Name

The Lone Pine battlefield was named for a [solitary Turkish pine](#) that stood there at the start of the fighting. The tree was also known by the Anzac soldiers as the "Lonesome Pine", and both names are likely to have been inspired by the popular song "[The Trail of the Lonesome Pine](#)". The battlefield was situated near the centre of the eastern line of the Australian and New Zealand trenches around [Anzac Cove](#) on a rise known as "400 Plateau" that joined "Bolton's Ridge" to the south with the ridge along the east side of "[Monash Valley](#)" to the north. Being towards the southern end of the area around Anzac Cove, the terrain in the Lone Pine region was comparatively gentle and the opposing trenches were separated some distance with a flat no-man's land intervening. Due to its location relative to the beachhead and the shape of the intervening ground, Lone Pine's importance lay in the fact that its position provided a commanding view of the Australian and New Zealand rear areas. From the 400 Plateau it was possible to observe as far south as [Gaba Tepe](#) and its possession would have afforded the Ottomans the ability to place the approaches to the Second Ridge under fire, preventing the flow of reinforcements and supplies from the beachhead to the forward trenches.

As a result of the battle's significance to the Australians, Lone Pine is the site of the annual Australian [Anzac Day](#) dawn service at Gallipoli. After the service Australian visitors congregate at the memorial to remember all their countrymen who fought and died at Gallipoli. At the [New Zealand National World War I Museum](#), there is an exhibit for the Battle of Lone Pine, and there is also one in the [Australian War Memorial](#). Memorial "Lone Pine" trees have also been planted in Australia, New Zealand and Gallipoli to commemorate the battle and the Gallipoli campaign in general, seeded from specimens taken from Gallipoli. There are also many places in Australia named after the battle.



The Lone Pine Memorial Cemetery, Gallipoli



Images at ANZAC Cove - Turkey

The Lone Pine at Toukley RSL

Out of respect and appreciation for all of those who died in the defence of Australia in all conflicts, the Sub Branch Committee and members of the Sub Branch voted to upgrade our deteriorating cenotaph gardens. As part of this ongoing project, a Lone Pine Memorial was created at our Cenotaph.

Thanks to the loving care and dedication of Mrs Colleen Porter, we now have a direct descendant of the original Lone Pine tree growing on the grounds of the Toukley RSL Sub Branch Cenotaph. President Bob Wilson killed the first one with kindness so it was decided that a replacement might better be kept in the hands of a green thumb. Mrs Porter stepped up and took it upon herself to nurture tree number two and it now grows happily at the Memorial.



Lone Pine in the Cenotaph Memorial Gardens Milton & Colleen Porter at the Toukley RSL Sub Branch Cenotaph Dedication Service following the planting ceremony.

The Magic Bank Account

Imagine that you had won the Following *PRIZE* in a contest:

Each morning your bank would deposit \$86,400 in your private account for your use. However, this prize has Rules:

1. Everything that you didn't spend during each day would be taken away from you.
2. You may not simply transfer money into some other account.
3. You may only spend it.
4. Each morning upon awakening, the bank opens your account with another \$86,400 for that Day.
5. The bank can end the game without warning; at any time. It can say, "Game Over!" It can close the account and you will not receive a new one. What would you personally do?

You would buy anything and everything you wanted right? Not only for yourself, but for all the people you love and care for. Even for people you don't know, because you couldn't possibly spend it all on yourself, right?

You would try to spend every penny, and use it all, because you knew it would be replenished in the morning, right?

ACTUALLY, This GAME is REAL... Shocked ??? YES!

Each of us is already a winner of this *PRIZE*. We just can't seem to see it.

The PRIZE is *TIME*.

1. Each morning we awaken to receive 86,400 seconds as a gift of Life.
2. And when we go to sleep at night, any remaining time is not credited to us.
3. What we haven't used up that day is forever lost.
4. Yesterday is forever gone.
5. Each morning the account is refilled, but the bank can dissolve your account at any time WITHOUT WARNING...

SO, what will YOU do with your 86,400 seconds?

Those seconds are worth so much more than the same amount in dollars.

Think about it and remember to enjoy every second of your life, because time races by so much quicker than you think. So take care of yourself, be happy, love deeply and enjoy life!

Here's wishing you a wonderful and beautiful day. Start spending....

Andrew the drover (Aussie Cowboy) from a huge cattle station in the Australian outback appeared before St. Peter at the Pearly Gates.

"Have you ever done anything of particular merit?" St. Peter asked.

"Well, I can think of one thing," the drover offered.

"Once, on a trip to the back blocks of Broken Hill out in New South Wales , I came across a gang of bikers who were threatening a young Sheila.

I told them to leave her alone, but they wouldn't listen.

So I approached the largest and most heavily tattooed bikie and smacked him in his face, kicked his bike over, ripped out his nose ring, and threw it on the ground. I yelled, "Now, back off!! Or I'll kick the crap out of the lot of ya!"

St. Peter was impressed, "When did this happen?"

"A couple of minutes ago."

"DON'T COMPLAIN ABOUT GROWING OLD
SOME PEOPLE DON'T GET THE PRIVILEGE!"

The road to success is always under construction – Lily Tomlin

Leadership is not about a title or a designation. A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way & shows the way – John C Maxwell

Live, love laugh & leave a legacy – Stephen Covey – author - The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People

A Wife asks her husband, "Could you please go shopping for me and buy a carton of milk and if they have avocados, get 6.

A short time later the husband comes back with 6 cartons of milk.

The wife asks him, "Why did you buy 6 cartons of milk?"

He replied, "They had avocados"

If you're a woman, I'm sure you're going back to read it again.
Men will get it the first time.

He must pay!

Husband and wife had a tiff. Wife called up her Mum and said, "He fought with me again, I am coming to live with you."

Mum said, "No darling, he must pay for his mistake. I am coming to live with you.

Today's Short Reading From the Bible...

From Genesis: "And God promised men that good and obedient wives would be found in all corners of the earth."

Then He made the earth round...and He laughed and laughed and laughed

" I had it ALL"

I talked with a homeless man this morning and asked him how he ended up this way.

He said, "Up until last week, I still had it all. I had plenty to eat, my clothes were washed and pressed,

I had a roof over my head, I had HDTV and Internet, and I went to the gym, the pool, and the library.

"I was working on my MBA on-line. I had no bills and no debt. I even had full medical coverage. "

I felt sorry for him, so I asked, "What happened? Drugs? Alcohol? Divorce? "

"Oh no, nothing like that," he said. "No, no.... I was paroled."

A 79-year-old man is having a drink in a Sydney bar.

Suddenly a gorgeous girl enters and sits down a few seats away.

The girl is so attractive that he just can't take his eyes off her.

After a short while, the girl notices him staring, and approaches him.

Before the man has time to apologize, the girl looks him deep in the eyes and says to him in a sultry tone: "I'll do anything you'd like. Anything you can imagine in your wildest dreams, it doesn't matter how extreme or unusual it is, I'm game. I want \$100, and there's another condition". Completely stunned by the sudden turn of events, the man asks her what her condition is "You have to tell me what you want me to do in just three words."

The man takes a moment to consider the offer from the beautiful woman. He whips out his wallet and puts \$100 dollars in her hand

He then looks her square in the eyes, and says slowly and clearly: "Paint my house."

(Our needs change as we get older)

Trivia Answers How did you go??

1	100c
2	Cologne
3	1914
4	Ear
5	Elephant
6	Sherlock Holmes
7	42
8	Nairobi
9	White
10	English

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