



The 'Lest We Forget' Diorama at Diggers Inn

TOUKLEY RSL SUB BRANCH

Newsletter

Issue 48 – June 2019

**From the Acting
President:**



On behalf of President Bob Wilson and the committee, I would like to thank all of those who worked so diligently to make our ANZAC Day memorial service the great success that it was. And to all of those who attended the services, thank you for your support. Thank you for showing that we have not forgotten those who have gone before to make our nation safe from tyranny so that we can enjoy the wonderful life that Australia offers us today.

As this edition of our newsletter prepares to go to press, our Sub Branch President is swanning around California and Hawaii after his cruise in the chilly Alaskan waters. Fortunately, he was not inclined to sightseeing in the light aircraft that ended in tragedy for members of his Alaskan tour group. It will be nice to have him back, safe and sound, at the helm and to see his cheerful, smiling, cherubic face at the June general meeting. We have tried our best to let him have a restful, uninterrupted holiday, but it should come as no surprised that he did keep his finger on the pulse. Once he is back on duty, among other things, it will be full speed ahead on the Cenotaph restoration project and preparations for its Remembrance Day next November. We are hoping for a big turnout so make sure that you mark November 11th on your calendar.

May has been a relatively quiet month with everything ticking along nicely. Diggers is getting more use and that is good to see. Les Jacobs from the Doylo is providing pension support as is our Veteran's Motorcycle group; they are pretty switched on as far as veteran's benefits are concerned so don't let all the talent go unused. If you need any help, get down there, have a chat and they will be happy to help you out. On the subject of helping out, Secretary and Welfare Officers are working hard to look after those in need but they really could use a hand. If any of our members are in a position to do so, their assistance would be greatly appreciated. And don't forget that we are also in need of some volunteer bus drivers.

Tickets are now on sale for popular Christmas in July function, to be held on Sunday 28 July 2019 from 11.00am until 4.00pm. Tables of 8 can be booked – however, **members' & partners' names and money (8 people x \$20.00 per head) must be provided at the time of booking.** Please see Vice President Tom Hobbs for tickets. Why not come along and join in, what is promising to be, a very enjoyable day.

George Meier
Acting President

*Be nice to people on your way up
Because you will meet them on your way down.*

NEW SUB BRANCH MEMBERS

Welcome to the following new Sub Branch Members:

Arnold Lockrey
Robert Kavazos

VALE

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INTERMENT OF ASHES AT THE CENOTAPH MEMORIAL GARDENS

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 28 July 2019 – 11.00am-4.00pm	Christmas in July
Monday 11 November 2019 – 10.40am	Remembrance Day
Sunday 15 December 2019 – 11.00am-4.00pm	Sub Branch Christmas Party
February 2020 – Date to be advised	Sub Branch AGM (includes the election of a new Committee)
Saturday 25 April 2020 – 5.20am	Anzac Day

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.



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.

Puzzle Corner



Trivia

- 1 Where will the 2020 summer Olympic Games be held?
- 2 What is the capital of India?
- 3 What is the name of the train which travels between the east and west coasts of Australia?
- 4 Who was Australia's first Prime Minister?
- 5 When was the Australian War Memorial first opened?
- 6 When was the Sydney Harbour Bridge opened?
- 7 Where did tea originate?
- 8 What is the most populous country in the world?
- 9 What is the capital of New Zealand?
- 10 What is the shortest day in Australia?
- 11 Which continent doesn't have bees?
- 12 What is the most abundant element in the Universe?
- 13 In which country are English and Tagalog official languages?
- 14 Stratus, cirrus and cumulus are types of what?
- 15 Which European capital is known as "The Eternal City"?

Where in the World Am I?



With a population of over 15 million people, I have the largest of any city in Europe, though I am not my nation's capital. I span both sides of the Bosphorus strait and therefore lie in both Europe and Asia. I am home to a grand bazaar, and the Hagia Sophia. Throughout history, I have been known as Byzantium, and as Constantinople while I was the capital of the Ottoman empire. What city am I?

Answers further on in this Newsletter

**If you were born in 1949, you will have celebrated or
Are yet to celebrate your 70th birthday this year!
This will make you a septuagenarian!**



This is what happened in the year you were born:

The average house price was \$1,911.00.

The average cost of a new car was \$1,420.00.

Bananas cost 11 cents per pound.

A loaf of bread cost 8 pence.

A quart of milk cost 11 pence.

The first Volkswagen Beetle, the People's car, was sold in the US.

First 45 rpm Vinyl Record was introduced on January 10.

The first Polaroid camera sold for \$89.95.

The Prime Minister of Australia was Ben Chifley (until 19 December), and Sir Robert Menzies from 19 December.

The President of the US was Harry S Truman

Membership News

The Toukley RSL sub-branch currently has 209 members.

Also the following members who have not renewed their membership for 2019 :

0258797 James Bridge, 0226357 Phillip Clements, 0250032 Kathleen East, 0071944 E H Green, 0254437 Robert Greene, 0072694 Ernest Herman, 0245954 Kenneth Herzog, 0229304 James Lindsay, 0165003 Lawrence McLennan, 0259113 Amy McNair, 0253426 John McVaigh, 0231873 Colin Morrison, 0072238 L T Newton, 0233321 Douglas Pankhurst, 0212858 Carolyn Phair, 0224788 Ian Purdie, 0226136 Kevin Turner, 0205794 Gerald Wade, 0257143 Benjamin Wallace, 0003476 Alan Wilkinson, 0003472 Donald Newling.

If anyone knows these members please give them a reminder that their membership is due for 2019.

Membership Officer



**FIRST RULE OF CLEANING
WHILE LISTENING TO MUSIC
THE TOILET BRUSH IS NEVER
THE MICROPHONE..NEVER**

Toukley RSL Sub Branch Bus Trips



<u>Date</u> <u>2019</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Cost</u> <u>of</u> <u>Entry</u>	<u>Number of</u> <u>Members</u> <u>Attending</u>
<u>June</u> Fri. 21st	Barramundi Fish Farm. Bobs Farm, Nelson Bay. Lunch at Nelson Bay Bowling Club.	\$7.50	
<u>July</u> Fri. 19th	Catalina Flying Boat Museum. Rathmines. Lunch at Catalina "Officer Mess".	-	
<u>August</u> Fri. 16th	Sydney War Memorial Lunch at Kirribilli RSL Club.		
<u>Sept.</u> Fri 20th	Henry Kendall Cottage, Gosford. Lunch at Davistown RSL	\$4 Cons.	
<u>Oct</u> Wed 16th	Wilberforce Pioneer Village. Helen 0438 751775	-	
<u>Nov</u> Fri 15th	Dangle a line off Patonga Wharf 9.30 am to 10.30am, and Lunch at Palm Beach RSL (also, tour of 'Home & Away Site' Palm Beach) RSL 9974 5566.	Cost of Ferry only	
<u>Dec.</u> Fri 13th	Hunter Valley Gardens, Night Visit.	?	

If you are interested in any of the tours, or have any queries regarding bus trips, please contact – Bob Swift, Mobile: 0432 362 475.

**“Learn from the mistakes of others.
You can’t live long enough to make them all yourself” – Eleanor Roosevelt**

Christmas in July



*Sunday 28 July 2019
11.00am - 4.00pm*

*3 course lunch
Refreshments
Entertainment by Brassick
Monster Raffle*

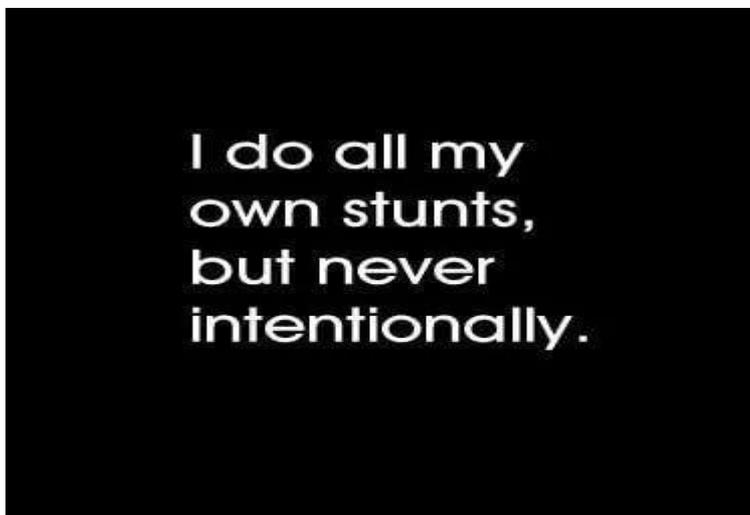
*Tickets \$20.00 per person for members and partners
go on sale at the June 2019 General Meeting.
Please see Tom Hobbs for tickets.*

*Tables of 8 can be reserved with names and money
(8 x \$20.00 pp) at time of booking*

Dress: Smart casual

The following poem was given to me by one of our members. I am sure it will resonate with quite a few of our members :

Just a line to say I'm living, that I'm not among the dead,
Though I'm getting more forgetful and mixed up in the head.
I get used to my arthritis, to my dentures I'm resigned,
I can manage my bi-focals, but God I miss my mind.
For, sometimes I can't remember, when I stand at the foot of the stair
If I must go up for something, or have just come down from there.
And before the fridge so often, my poor mind is filled with doubt,
Have I just put food away, or have I come to take some out.
And there's the time when it is dark, with my night cap on my head,
I don't know if I'm retiring, or just getting out of bed.
So if it's my turn to write to you, there's no need for getting sore,
I may think that I have written, and don't want to be a bore.
So remember that I love you and wish that you were near
But now it's nearly mail time so I must say goodbye dear.
There I stand by the mailbox, with my face so very red,
Because instead of posting it, I opened it instead.



1891 Australian Shearers' Strike

The 1891 shearers' strike is one of [Australia](#)'s earliest and most important industrial disputes.

The dispute was primarily between [unionised](#) and non-unionised [wool](#) workers. It resulted in the formation of large camps of striking workers, and minor instances of [sabotage](#) and violence on both sides. The [strike](#) was poorly timed, and when the union workers ran out of food, they were forced to come to terms. The outcome is credited as being one of the factors for the formation of the [Australian Labor Party](#) and the rise to power of a pro-Labor Party faction in the Australian Socialist League.

Background

Working conditions for [sheep shearers](#) in 19th century Australia were not good. In 1891 wool was one of Australia's largest [industries](#), but as the wool industry grew, so did the number and influence of shearers.

By 1890, the Australian Shearers' Union boasted tens of thousands of members, and had unionised thousands of sheds. At their annual conference in [Bourke](#) in 1890, the [Union](#) laid down a new rule, which prohibited members from working with non-union workers. Soon after, shearers at Jondaryan Station on the [Darling Downs](#) went on [strike](#) over this issue.

As non-union labour was still able to process the wool, the Jondaryan shearers called for help. The [Rockhamptonwharfies](#) responded and refused to touch the Jondaryan wool. The unionists won the battle. This galvanised the [squatters](#), and they formed the [Pastoralists' Federal Council](#), to counter the strength of the unions. The [Australian Socialist League](#) also involved itself directly with the shearers as the strike loomed (which would lead to its involvement in the foundation of the [Australian Labor Party](#)).

The strike

Many [union](#) shearers were outraged when Logan Downs Station Manager Charles Fairbain asked the shearers to sign a contract that would reduce the power of their union. On 5 January 1891 the shearers announced a strike until the following demands for a contract were met:

- Continuation of existing rates of pay
- Protection of workers' rights and privileges
- Just and equitable agreements

- Exclusion of low-cost Chinese labour, which manifested itself later as [Labor Party](#) policy - the [Immigration Restriction Act](#), also known as the [White Australia Policy](#) - although anti-Chinese demands were opposed by the Australian Socialist League, which was heavily involved with the strike.

The strike started and quickly spread. From February until May, central Queensland was on the brink of civil war. Striking shearers formed armed camps outside of towns. Thousands of armed soldiers protected non-union labour and arrested strike leaders. The unionists retaliated by raiding shearing sheds, harassing non-union labour and committing acts of [sabotage](#), although the incidents of actual violence or arson were few.

Card celebrating shearers as Unionist Prisoners after the shearers strike in Barcaldine

One of the first [May Day](#) marches in the world took place during the strike on 1 May 1891 in [Barcaldine](#). The [Sydney Morning Herald](#) reported that 1340 men took part of whom 618 were mounted on horse. Banners carried included those of the Australian Labor Federation, the Shearers' and Carriers' Unions, and one inscribed 'Young Australia'. The leaders wore blue sashes and the [Eureka Flag](#) was carried. The "Labor Bulletin" reported that cheers were given for "the Union", "the [Eight-hour day](#)", "the Strike Committee" and "the boys in gaol" was reported on the march:

In the procession every civilised country was represented doing duty for the Russian, Swede, French, Dane etc, who are germane to him in other climes, showing that Labor's cause is one the world over, foreshadowing the time when the swords shall be turned into ploughshares and Liberty, Peace and Friendship will knit together the nations of the earth.

But the shearers were unable to hold out. The summer had been unseasonably wet, and the strike was poorly timed for maximum effect on the shearing season (winter). By May the union camps were full of hungry penniless shearers. The strike had been broken. The squatters had won this time, but it had proved a costly exercise.

Thirteen union leaders were charged with [sedition](#) and conspiracy, taken to Rockhampton for the trial, convicted, and sentenced to three years in gaol on [St Helena Island Prison](#).

The 1891 shearers' strike is credited as being one of the factors for the formation of the [Australian Labor Party](#).

Three of those imprisoned ([William Hamilton](#), [Julian Stuart](#), and [George Taylor](#)) later became Labor members of parliament – Hamilton in Queensland and the other two in [Western Australia](#).

For Further information, Google - [Australian Shearers' Strike](#)

Reprinted from a newspaper article just before Anzac Day :

The dwindling ranks of Australia’s World War II veterans have been hailed as this country’s “best generation” as we approach Anzac Day.

The extraordinary tribute came from Dr. Brendan Nelson as he contemplated the focus of our yearly remembrance in the aftermath of the World War I centenary.

Dr. Nelson highlighted the morals, modesty and strength of character of the demographic group, now well into their 90’s and called them “the face of freedom”. He noted that while not all conflicts Australia has been involved in have directly impacted on our freedoms, World War II did.

“Young people need to look into the faces of those Second World War veterans because that is the face of freedom”, he said. “They too were once young but they gave their youth, 40,000 of them their lives, and many of them their health for the freedoms we enjoy”.

Asked why he called the veterans of 1939-45 “our best generation”, Dr. Nelson explained that it was about far more than their feats in battle.

“They built the prosperity that my generation in particular has enjoyed and too often taken for granted”, he said.

A quote from John Curtin, prime minister of Australia 1942 :

“Only by an austere way of life can we muster our national strength to the pitch required for victory... Austerity means a new way of life, a new spirit of action to do the things the nation needs and not to do the things that weaken the nation..... The strength of a nation is determined by the character of its people,

so in this hour of peril I call on each individual to examine themselves honestly and having done so, to go to their tasks guided by a new conscience and a new realisation of their responsibilities to their nation and to each individual member of it.”

**MY WIFE JUST STOPPED
AND SAID,
“YOU WEREN’T EVEN
LISTENING WERE YOU?”**

**I THOUGHT...
“THAT’S PRETTY WEIRD WAY
TO START A CONVERSATION.”**

**A Police Officer
came to my house
and asked me where
I was between 5 & 6.
He seemed irritated
when I answered:
"Kindergarten"**

Puzzle Corner Answers



Trivia Answers

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|---|------------------------------------------------------|----|-----------------|
| 1 | Tokyo | 8 | China |
| 2 | New Delhi | 9 | Wellington |
| 3 | The Indian Pacific | 10 | 21 June. |
| 4 | Sir Edmund Barton (1 January 1901-24 September 1903) | 11 | Antarctica |
| 5 | 11 November 1941 | 12 | Hydrogen |
| 6 | 19 March 1932 | 13 | The Philippines |
| 7 | China | 14 | Cloud |
| | | 15 | Rome |

Where in the World Am I?

Answer: Istanbul

**The main function
of the little toe on your foot
is to make sure that
all the furniture in the house
is in place.**

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