



TOUKLEY RSL SUB BRANCH



Newsletter

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NEW SUB BRANCH MEMBERS

Welcome to the following new Sub-Branch Members:

Timothy Wilson

VALE

Theodore Lange

Lest We Forget



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



**Sub Branch General Meetings are held on the first Sunday of each month,
Starting from 7 March 2021.**

**At 10.30am in function room at The Ary, with the exception of January.
All Members are invited to attend.**

Monday 15 March 2021 – 10.30am	Committee meeting
Sunday 4 April 2021 – 10.30am	General Meeting
Sunday 18 April 2021 – 9.00am	Anzac Day Service Wallarah Bay
Sunday 25 April 2021 – 5.20am	Anzac Day
Sunday 25 July 2021 – 11.00 am	First Wellness & Welfare Activity
Thursday 11 November 2021 – 10.40am	Remembrance Day
Sunday 19 December 2021 – 11.00 am	Second Wellness & Welfare Activity

. 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.

Reminder from Editor/Membership Officer :

Another reminder that 2021 fees are now due.

As at 5 March we have 164 fully paid members, 9 partially paid and 27 that have made no payment at all.

Thank you to George Meier for providing the link to the NSW War Memorial Register for the following article.

Also thanks to Tony Harris for donating a Joke Book to me so I can fill the pages of the newsletter with a bit of humour.

In the diary dates above some will have noticed that we have two “Wellness & Wellfare” functions scheduled this year. These two events replace our normal Xmas party events as RSL NSW have advised us to change the name of the events.

TOUKLEY RSL SUB-BRANCH CENOTAPH



Provided by George Meier, Toukley RSL sub-Branch, 2021

DESCRIPTION

The Toukley RSL sub-Branch Cenotaph is a granite-block wall, positioned on a two-step platform, which is made from the same material. Standing on the front left and right corners of the lower platform are two bronze statues of servicemen in uniform. Several plaques are attached to the cenotaph and a metal sculpture representing an eternal flame sits on the top face. Flanking the memorial are four flagpoles. The two nearest to the memorial each have a plinth at their base, bearing a plaque.

Two granite walkways lead to the front and back of the memorial, and the paving continues around the structure to give full access. The front walkway begins on Main Road, Toukley, near the corner of Holmes Avenue. This walkway is a ramp, giving mobility access to the site. The memorial is bordered by a large lawn and several well-kept garden beds.

Restoration and upgrade

The Toukley RSL sub-Branch undertook the restoration and upgrading of the cenotaph from 2017–2019. The original memorial was a sandstone wall with plaques, as shown in image

11 above. The years had taken their toll on the wall, and the restoration to maintain our respect to those who served our country was mandatory.

Works commenced with the addition of a granite podium and two new flagpoles. The concrete coping, housing the interred ashes of our departed comrades, was replaced with granite and all plaques were renewed and replaced. The sandstone cenotaph was completely restored with granite and the eternal flame sculpture was also added.

The two statues were installed to commemorate 100 years of service by Australian servicemen and servicewomen in the First World War. They stand as guardians to pay a warm tribute to those who rest here, after giving service to their country.

Dedication

The original sandstone cenotaph was dedicated on 17 April 1971 by Mr. Lawrie Flynn, State Councillor Returned Services League of Australia. The upgraded cenotaph was rededicated on Remembrance Day, 11 November 2019.

The gardens

All the gardens on site are kept in immaculate condition and beautiful flowers grace the memorial in the weeks leading up to and after Anzac Day and Remembrance Day. A granite bench sits under the large tree at the rear of the memorial, providing an ideal place to rest and reflect.

A Lone Pine seedling, which was propagated from seeds collected from the original Lone Pine located at the Australian War Memorial, is planted within a decorative garden bed. It is accompanied by a plaque on a low plinth.

Commemorative services

Services are conducted each Anzac Day at dawn, and then later in the morning. The morning service begins with a march through the main streets of Toukley. There is a large turnout from the local community and excellent support from the Australian Army, Royal Australian Navy and Royal Australian Air Force. The Remembrance Day service takes place annually at 10.30am.

Interment of ashes

A small service is conducted by sub-Branch committee and family members, as the remains of Toukley RSL sub-Branch deceased are buried in this sacred place. As at 31 December 2020, the ashes of 419 deceased veterans had been interred on site.

MATERIALS

- Bronze
- Granite

INSCRIPTION

Cenotaph - front

Lest We Forget

Cenotaph - front, plaque

This memorial cenotaph garden is a place where lives are commemorated, deaths are recorded, families reunited, memories are made tangible and love is undisguised.

Communities accord respect, families bestow reverence, and our heritage is therefore enriched. Testimonies of devotion, pride and remembrance are cast in stone to pay a warm tribute to those who rest here after giving service to their country.

This memorial is a history of people, and a perpetual record of yesterday and a sanctuary of peace and quiet today. It exists because every life is worth loving and remembering always.

This cenotaph was re-dedicated by Toukley RSL Sub Branch on Remembrance Day 11 November 2019.

Cenotaph - left end, plaque 1

The Rats of Tobruk Association

Cenotaph - left end, plaque 2

Vietnam 1962-1975. In memory off all veterans who served, suffered and died as a result of the Vietnam conflict. "Lest We Forget"

Cenotaph - right end, plaque 1

MN Australia

Cenotaph - right end, plaque 2

In memory of Korea 1950-56

Original dedication plaque

This memorial was erected by those who returned in memory of those who fought for a cause and gave their lives for it.

This memorial was unveiled by Mr. Lawrie Flynn state councillor, Returned Services League of N.S.W. on 17th. April 1971.

Flagpole plaque 1

A tribute to all women who served with the Australian & Allied Forces in all wars. Toukley & District Ex-Servicewomes Group.

Flagpole plaque 2

To Australia's National Servicemen erected by their comrades Central Coast Sub Branch 14 September 1997

Puzzle Corner



Trivia

1. The movement of pollen from the anthers to the stigma of a flower is known as what?
2. Kuwait City is located in which of these areas of the world?
3. What color are holly berries?
4. What is the Italian word used in English to describe grilled bread with tomato and garlic?
5. You can find the Wailing Wall at which location?
6. What is the medical name for your shoulder blade?
7. What country is Tuscany a region of?
8. What was the cause of Theodore Roosevelt's death?
9. The Gibson desert is found in which country?
10. On what river is the capital city of Canada?

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A leading horse trainer was given an eye-test and presented with a pair of glasses. The optician said they would cost \$300.

“Too much” cried the trainer.

“They’re bi-focal” said the optician.

“I don’t care if they’re by Phar Lap. It’s too much” retorted the trainer.

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“Women have been my downfall” the criminal said to the social worker.

“What kind of women” asked the social worker.

“Those that carry handbags” replied the prisoner.

Regional Seniors Travel Card

With the latest COVID-19 health advice, we strongly advise you to apply online or by calling 13 77 88, rather than visiting a service centre.

Once you receive your card, you need to activate it within 45 days. You have at least 12 months to use your card from the date of activation.

If you have an existing online account for your 2020 card, you'll need to create a new online account with a new username for your 2021 card. Please note the card services website is for the management of the regional seniors travel card. It is not associated with your MyServiceNSW Account.

Applications for 2021 will close on 30 November 2021.

The regional seniors travel card provides eligible seniors living in regional, rural and remote areas of NSW with a \$250 prepaid card to help ease the cost of travel. You can use the card at certain retailers to pay for pre-booked NSW Trainlink Regional trains and coaches, fuel and taxis.

You'll need to activate your card before you can use it

The travel card is valid for 14 months from the date the card is issued. The expiry date is available on the front of the card.

Applications for 2021 (Year 2) opened on 18 January 2021 and will close on 30 November 2021.

2020 card holders

If you managed your 2020 card on the card services website and would like to do the same for your 2021 card, you will need to create a new login with a new username for your 2021 card (you cannot add your 2021 card to your 2020 card login on the card services website).

For more information on using both your 2021 card read the Get started with your regional seniors travel card guide.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the trial, you must:

- have reached the Age Pension age
- live in a designated regional area of NSW outside of Sydney, Newcastle and Wollongong

- be receiving support from either Services Australia or the Department of Veterans' Affairs as follows:

Services Australia

You must be:

- receiving the Age Pension; or
- a Commonwealth Seniors Health Card holder.

Department of Veterans' Affairs

You must be receiving one of the following:

- Age Pension
- Service Pension
- Disability Pension under the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*
- War Widow(er) Pension

Or hold a Commonwealth Seniors Health Card.

- You must also have received your pension or have held your card for at least one month.

Note: Services Australia was formerly the Department of Human Services.

For the Irish :

1. Young Bridie came home and related the awesome news that she was pregnant. "How do you know it's yours?" asked her dad
- 2." Teresa has just had twins" roared Murphy angrily. "Wait till I get my hands on the other fellow"
3. The publican says to Paddy "Your glass is empty Paddy, will you be having another?" "and why would I be wanting two empty glasses?" replied Paddy.
4. Mick " If you can guess how many chooks I have in the bag you can have both of them" "Three?" suggested Shaun.

Two fathers were at the bar of their club sharing their problems. "My son is at college and is always writing home for money. I don't know what he does with it" lamented one father.

"My daughter is at college and never asks for money. I wonder where she is getting it from" lamented the other.

COMMEMORATION OF ANZAC

**March and Service 9.00 am
WBRC Sunday 18 April 2021**



Puzzle Corner Answers



Trivia Answers

1. Pollination
2. Middle East
3. Red
4. Bruschetta
5. Jerusalem
6. Scapula
7. Italy
8. Coronary embolism
9. Australia
10. Montreal

Insults :

1. "Can I have this dance?" asked the young man at the local dance. "Sure, if you can find someone to dance with" replied the young lady.
2. "I would like to buy my girlfriend a ring but I don't know what she'd like" the young man said to the jeweller. "Does she like you" the jeweller asked. "Of course" he replied. "Then she would like anything" the jeweller finished with.
3. An Englishman boarded a train with a large shaggy dog and sat opposite an Irish man. Paddy looked at the dog awhile and then said "What type of dog is that?". The surly Englishman replied "it's a cross between an ape and an Irishman". Paddy was quick to reply "You mean it's related to both of us?".
4. He : "I'm nobody's fool"
She : "Perhaps you can get someone to adopt you"
He : "My mother thinks I'm a great wit"
She : "She's half right"
He : "I manage to keep my head above water"
She : "That's because wood floats"

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