



TOUKLEY RSL SUB BRANCH

Newsletter

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NEW SUB BRANCH MEMBERS

Welcome to the following new Sub-Branch Members:

Alan Thiele

VALE

Terry Zorbas
Lionel Mastello
Terence Parsons
John McVaigh

Lest We Forget



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



**Sub Branch General Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month,
At 10.30am, upstairs in Club Toukley RSL, with the exception of January.
All Members are invited to attend.**

Sub-branch Xmas Party	Sunday 19 December 11.00am to 4.00pm
Next monthly meeting	Monday 7 February 10.30 am
AGM	Sunday 13 February 10.30 am

. 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.



December 2021 – Toukley RSL Sub Branch President's Report:

Well, another year has almost come to an end. I don't know about you but each year seems to go by quicker than the last, and this one is no exception!

With overcast skies and threatening rain, our Remembrance Day Commemoration Service went ahead with around 90 members, partners, invited guests and general public in attendance. Due to Covid restrictions and constantly changing rules, the service was difficult to plan but I am thankful that we were able to commemorate this important day with so many people permitted to attend. Thank you to Emma McBride MP for attending and participating in our service. We appreciate Emma's continuing support of our Sub Branch.

The cenotaph gardens looked an absolute picture for our Remembrance Day service and I, personally, received many positive comments, with some saying that it looked the best ever. I agree!

You would have recently received a letter from the Sub Branch regarding 2022 Sub Branch Membership Fees which will be fee free. If you wish to retain your membership to the Toukley RSL Sub Branch, you are not required to take any action. However, should you wish to discontinue your association, you are required to advise the Sub Branch accordingly, by contacting either Ian Collier or Roy Norman, who will also take any Membership enquiries.

At the present time, the Sub Branch has five interment services for deceased Sub Branch members to be conducted, and these will be scheduled once the plaques have been received. Just a reminder that should you wish for your ashes to be interred in the Toukley RSL Sub Branch Memorial Gardens, **you must be a full service member of Toukley RSL Sub Branch**. A Consent Form (F04) is available for those who wish to do so. This is not a legally binding document but states your wishes for interment. It is also a good idea to also make your family aware of your wishes.

Due to a fault, two of the front floodlights at the cenotaph were recently replaced. I am pleased to report that the lighting problem has now been rectified and the lower lux lights are much better.



For those who would like to attend The Sub Branch Annual Wellness & Wellbeing Function (Christmas Party) on Sunday 19 December 2021 in Celebrations Function Room in The Ary Toukley and you have not purchased tickets, please see Committeeman Tom Hobbs. Tickets are \$20.00 each per Sub Branch member and partner for this popular event. Canapes and champagne will be served on arrival, followed by a three-course luncheon, entertainment and a monster raffle with great prizes! This will be a great opportunity to catch up with other Sub Branch members for a little bit of Christmas cheer and, hopefully, look forward to more freedom next year.

Anzac Day 2022 preparations are well under way and we are already booking in Anzac services at Aged Care Facilities and Schools. We are anticipating conducting 23 services, including the Dawn and Morning Services at the cenotaph. Services are conducted over a 6-week period.

Just a reminder that the Sub Branch Annual General Meeting will be held upstairs in The Ary Toukley on **Sunday 13 February 2022 at 10.30am**. The current Committee has further 15 months to run which means that there will not be an election at this upcoming AGM.

The Annual Merchant Mariners' Day Commemoration Service was held at Norah Head on Saturday 4 December 2021 with a good representation from the Committee. The Sub Branch has been supporting this important commemoration service for many years and we are honoured to be involved.

Central Coast Council Meetings resumed on Monday 29 November 2021 at Wyong with Sub Branch representatives Graham Tredinnick and myself in attendance.

- I received clarification on our request to close a Term Deposit and place the money into a portfolio of our determination. The State's representative said that they approve the process but have some recommendations that we are interested in receiving.
- Membership was high on the Agenda but, unfortunately, I feel that insufficient clarification was forthcoming. Therefore, we will await the outcome of State Congress.
- Central Coast Council has given approval to provide all resources needed to provide a march and services on Anzac Day.

The Annual RSL State Congress will be held virtually on Monday and Tuesday 6/7 December 2021 at which I will be representing the Sub Branch.

2021 has been a difficult year in many ways but I proud of our achievements even though the main Sub Branch office was closed for 15 weeks. The Committee was able to keep the wheels turning by working out of Diggers' Inn during that time, in a reduced capacity, to ensure the continued operation of the Sub Branch. The mural at the cenotaph, from planning through to installation, happened during this time as well.

Next year the Committee will consider the options and viability of renovating Diggers' Inn.

Well, Christmas is just around the corner (again)

To those who have loved ones on the sick list, I wish them a speedy recovery. My condolences and thoughts are with those who have lost someone close to them throughout this year. Sadly, we have also farewelled a number of our members who will be greatly missed.

Please give a thought this Christmas to those serving men and women who are currently on deployment who cannot be with their families and loved ones at this time of the year. To those, we raise a glass and say "thank you for your service".

I would personally like to wish the Committee, members, partners/wives and families all the very best for Christmas and thank you all for your continuing support in what has been a tough year for many.

I look forward to seeing your happy and smiling faces at the next General Meeting which will be on **Monday 7 February 2022** – our first General Meeting of the new year. ***Please note that there will be no General Meeting or Newsletter in January.***

In the meantime, stay safe, happy and healthy and I hope Santa is kind to you.

Merry Christmas to all!

R Wilson

Bob Wilson
President
Toukley RSL Sub Branch



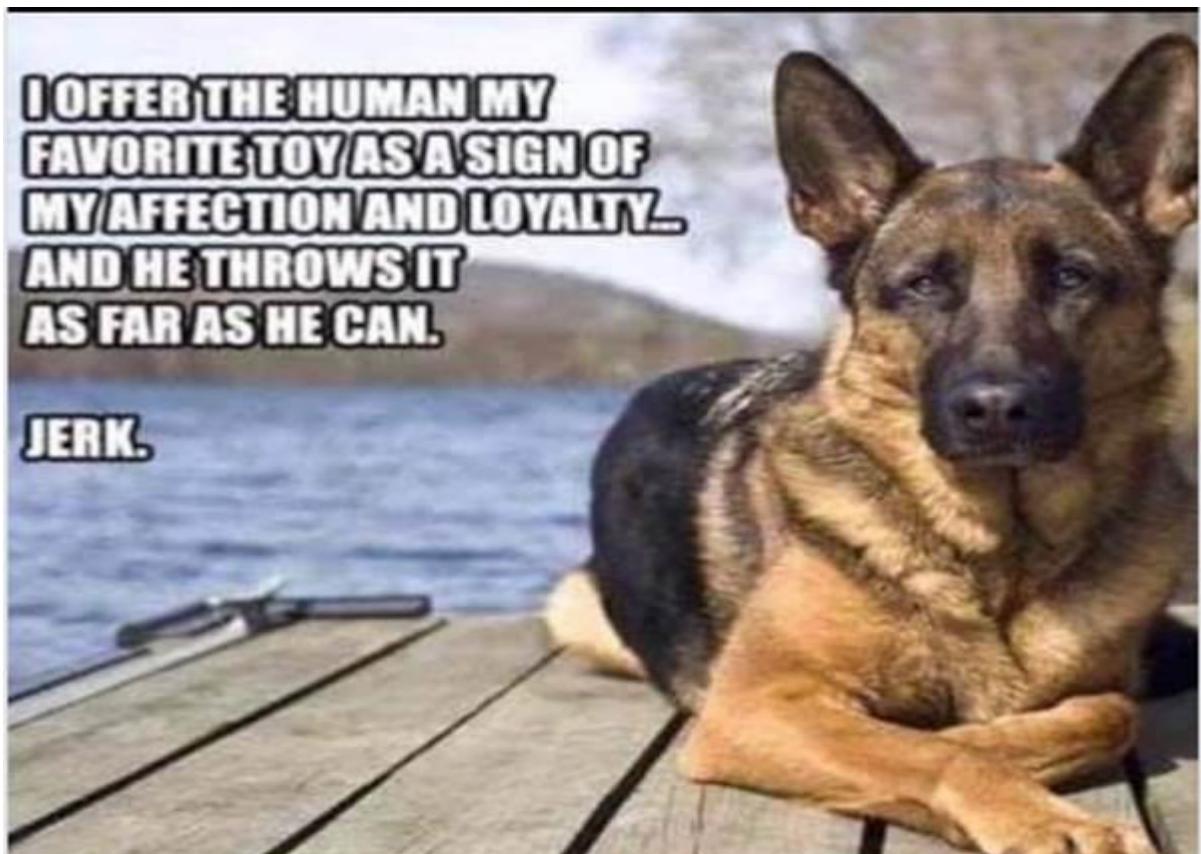


Puzzle Corner



Trivia

1. Batteries convert chemical energy into which kind of energy ?
2. Land that goes into any body of water and is surrounded on 3 sides by water is a what ?
3. Who were Gordon Jenkins and the Weavers saying goodnight to in the 50's ?
4. What meat is used in the French dish Bourbuigon ?
5. What type of food is vichysoisse ?
6. Aioli is mayonnaise flavoured with what ?
7. Risotto originates in which country ?
8. What is the main ingredient of Welsh Rarebit ?
9. What was the surname of Neil – the first man to walk on the moon ?
10. Atomic bombs were dropped on which two Japanese cities ?



Sub-Branch Christmas Party



Sunday 19 December 2021

11.00am – 4.00pm

Canapes on arrival

Champagne for ladies

3 course lunch

Refreshments

Entertainment by Brassick

Monster Raffle

Tickets \$20 per person for members and partners.

Tom Hobbs will be at Sub-branch office on Thursday 9 December for last chance from 10.00 am tickets.

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

Dress : Smart casual

Puzzle Corner Answers



Trivia Answers

- 1 Electrical
- 2 Peninsula
- 3 Irene
- 4 Beef
- 5 Soup
- 6 Garlic
- 7 Italy
- 8 Cheese
- 9 Armstrong
- 10 Hiroshima & Nagasaki



Only 19 sleeps till Christmas

Terry Zorbas was a regular attendee on the Sub Branch members Monthly Bus Trips. On the bus 'going to' or 'coming from' the various venues he would be either 'fast asleep' or 'singing along' in a very loud voice. The older the songs on the CD's, the more he liked them.

Terry enjoyed every trip and he would have a 'selfie' taken of himself participating in the activity connected with the venue we were going to - e.g. At the Reptile Park 'nursing a Crocodile', Maitland Prison 'sitting in a Solitary Confinement Cell', 'Riding a Saddle' at Saddles restaurant, or, 'Inhabiting a steel bed' at the North Head Quarantine Station etc, etc, .

Most of us never got to hear about Terry's ill health and the problems he was having, we only saw the his sunny personality and friendly disposition.

Terry will be sorely missed by so many people and especially his friends on the monthly bus trip.

VALE Terry Zorbas, everybodys friend. – Bob Swift



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