



# TOUKLEY RSL SUB BRANCH

## *Newsletter*

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## **NEW SUB BRANCH MEMBERS**

Welcome to the following new Sub-Branch Members:

### **VALE**

***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.**

Next monthly meeting	Monday 6 June 10.30 am
Wellness & Wellbeing Function ( Xmas in July )	Sunday 24 July 11.00 am to 4.00 pm

## ***Toukley RSL Sub Branch President's Report:***



What a wonderful turnout this year for our march and Anzac Day Commemoration Services at the cenotaph!

Our Schools and Aged Care Anzac Services commenced on 5 April 2022 and will conclude on 3 May 2022. Thank you to the Committee who, between them, attended ten schools, eight Aged Care Facilities, Wallarah Bay Recreation Club plus the Dawn and Morning Services at the cenotaph on Anzac Day.

The inclement weather did not deter the huge crowd in attendance at our very moving Dawn Service and even when the rains set in, almost all of the crowd stayed, most in the drizzling rain, to pay their respects to our Anzacs. Under trying condition the service went very well. Huge crowds also again turned out for the well-attended march from the Village Green to the cenotaph and Morning service.

We are very grateful to have the ongoing support of 381 Squadron RAAF Williamtown and the attendance of 28 servicemen and women on the day. The 236 Army Cadets and Australian Air League Toukley Squadron did themselves proud in assisting as catafalque party and flag party respectively at both services.

The members' breakfast was very well attended and the luncheon was sold out to 130 Sub Branch members, partners and invited guests. The bacon and egg roll, provided by the Sub Branch, to the general public who attended the Dawn Service was also very popular.

We know that people travelled from afar to attend our Anzac Services, including Sydney, and we thank you all for your support. All in all, I am very pleased with the outcome of the day, the most important day on the Sub Branch calendar. The performance of *"And the Band Played Waltzing Matilda"* by Brassick at the Dawn Service and *"I am Australian"* by the Warnervale Public

School choir were outstanding. The Sub Branch has received a lot of positive feedback on the day which is very pleasing.

Photos from the day are posted on Facebook pages of both The Sub Branch and The Ary.

The Memorial Gardens looked a picture for this important day and we thank The Ary for ensuring that it looked at its absolute best.

I am pleased to advise that the Sub Branch has recently been successful in securing a Grant for seating and commemorative plaques at the cenotaph. In the coming months the Committee will look at the best seating design and placement. Further discussion will take place from the Committee regarding the design for the plaques.

The Architect has recently come back to us with the first conceptual drawings for the proposed renovations of Diggers' Inn, and the Committee is currently perusing the drawings and providing feedback on how we can best plan and provide a good multi-use area for now and into the future. Once we have had time to go over the drawings and collated the ideas, we will come back to the members with an update. Diggers' Inn is currently under-utilised and we are hoping that, by renovating and upgrading the premises, it will attract more usage by us, the members, and also other veterans' groups on the Central Coast.

The Sub Branch monthly bus trips will be resuming this month. If you are interested in these trips, please see Bob Swift for details. This is the perfect opportunity to have a day out with your Sub Branch comrades and maybe visit places that have only ever been on your wish (or to-do) list.

Tickets go on sale today for our Wellness & Wellbeing Function (Christmas in July), which will be held on Sunday 24 July 2022 from 11.00am through until 4.00pm. Cost is \$20.00 each per member and partner and will include a 3-course luncheon with refreshments and entertainment. This is excellent value and a popular function. As usual, there will be a monster raffle with fantastic prizes.**If you wish to reserve a table of 8, then money (8 x \$20) with names must be given at the time of booking.**

Although a little way off, don't forget that our next Annual General Meeting will be held on **Sunday 19 February 2023**. At this AGM all positions will be declared vacant. There is time for you to consider whether you would be interested in serving on the Committee. I am more than happy, at any time, to answer any questions or concerns that you may have, or explain what is involved. Please give it some consideration.

*Bob Wilson*

President  
Toukley RSL Sub Branch

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### **. 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 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.

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## **MEMBER PROFILE: Frank Del Riego**

Frank was born in Surry Hills N.S.W. on 29 November 1924.

He lived in Bourke Street and Rainford St, Surry Hills.

His Great Great Grandfather was Spanish.

Frank's father was a Gallipoli veteran.

Frank attended Bourke St, Surry Hills Public School.

He left school and worked at NSW Engineering making hair curlers.

Frank also worked on Milk Carts starting at 4.00 am where he learnt to drive and got his permit and driver's licence on the same day.

Frank joined the A.M.F. before he was called up and was sent to Scheyville for training.

He was posted to the 62<sup>nd</sup> Anti-Aircraft Searchlight Company and sent to Darwin.

Served in Darwin and witnessed the Japanese attacks on Darwin.

Frank has two sons and one grand daughter

Although having grown up in South Sydney district Frank follows the Parramatta Eels .

Is a big fan of Andre Rieu the Dutch Violinist and has a signed autograph of him in his room as well as many DVD's.

Joined the N.S.W R.S.L on the 4<sup>th</sup> October 2000.

Frank is one of our oldest members.

Is a life member of Toukley Senior Citizens.

Lived in Huene Ave Budgewoi for 40 years.

Lives at The Vietnam Veterans Keith Payne Hostel.

# Puzzle Corner



## Trivia

1. Which part of a fish is the roe?
2. What is a spotted dick?
3. Roti is a flatbread from which country?
4. What colour is wasabi?
5. What colour was the Nun who gave her name to a brand of German wine?
6. A 'bunion' is a painful swelling on which joint?
7. Filipino politician Imelda Marcos was famous for collecting what?
8. Haddock is a species of which animal?
9. Stan and Oliver are better known as which comedy duo?
10. The world's tallest breed of dog is a what?
11. Which organ do dogs not have that humans do?
12. What is the world's smallest breed of dog by weight?
13. Where did the Ridgeback dog originate?
14. The tango dance originates in which country?
15. On which continent did the Renaissance take place?
16. Who is referred to as "King of the Wild Frontier"?
17. Sweden's flag is yellow and what other colour?

























# Puzzle Corner Answers



1. Eggs
2. A pudding
3. India
4. Green
5. Blue
6. Big Toe
7. Shoes
8. Fish
9. Laurel & Hardy
10. Great Dane
11. Appendix
12. Chihuahua
13. Rhodesia
14. Argentina
15. Europe
16. Davy Crockett
17. Blue

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**Laughter is the  
best medicine.  
Or wine.  
It might be  
wine.**

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