



TOUKLEY RSL SUB BRANCH

Newsletter

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NEW SUB BRANCH MEMBERS

Welcome to the following new Sub-Branch Members:

Steve Climpson
William Keane

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 4 July 10.30 am
Wellness & Wellbeing Function (Xmas in July)	Sunday 24 July 11.00 am to 4.00 pm
Bus trip Williamtown Fighter World Museum. Cost \$12.00 pp. Names to Bob Swift 0432 362 475	Friday 24 June 8.00 am to 4.00 pm approx
Bus trip History & Heritage Hawkesbury River Ferry Tour. Cost \$40.00 pp. Names to Bob Swift 0432 362 475. Limited to 19 people.	Friday 29 July 8.00 am to 4.00 pm approx

Toukley RSL Sub Branch President's Report:



The Memorial Gardens continue to look a picture, some six weeks after Anzac Day, thanks to The Ary's contract gardeners who take pride in keeping the lawns and gardens in tiptop condition.

As previously advised to members, the Sub Branch has been successful in securing a Grant for two new plaques for the cenotaph and seating. The Committee is awaiting designs and costings from Central Coast Memorials for the Afghanistan and Iraq plaques and investigating the best seating type and location in the grounds of the cenotaph. We will come back to the members once more details are known.

A Grant under the Community War Memorials Fund has recently become available and I have submitted an application for safety/security walkway lighting at the cenotaph. Applications close on 25 July 2022, so we will not know whether or not we are successful until later in the year.

As previously advised, the National Servicemen's plaque and Ex-Servicewomen's plaque were inadvertently switched after being taken away and cleaned in 2019. Central Coast Memorials has advised that the two plaques will be returned to their correct positions once the weather improves, at no cost to the Sub Branch.

The common fence between the Police Station and Sub Branch carpark, behind the bus shelter, has recently been dismantled and is being replaced with a security fence, at no cost to the Sub Branch. This work is being undertaken by contractors for the New South Wales Government. The fence between the Police Station and The Ary's carpark is also being replaced at the same time. In discussions with the Contractors, I was advised that these new fences are part of several upgrading projects at Police Stations around the State. It will have no impact on our mural behind the podium.

At the May Committee Meeting, the proposed renovations to Diggers' Inn were discussed at length. A Grant towards the renovation costs has been submitted to the Federal Government, and the Committee has agreed to put our plans on "hold" until we receive advice on our Grant application. It also gives the Committee further time to consider the conceptual plans drawn up by the Architect and put forward any new ideas for improvement.

Following approval by the members at the May 2022 General Meeting, the Committee has been in contact with Central Coast Memorials, to provide a quotation for supply and installation of a Commemoration plaque at Porter's Creek Public School. This plaque will be identical to the one installed by the Sub Branch at each school in our area in 2015. The school has voiced its appreciation and approval of the Sub Branch's offer.

Sub Branch bus trips have now recommenced. If you are interested in joining any of the monthly bus trips, please see Bob Swift for details and to reserve a seat on the bus.

Tickets for our Wellness & Wellbeing Function (Christmas in July) to be held on Sunday 24 July 2022 from 11.00am through until 4.00pm are now on sale. Cost is \$20.00 each per member and partner and includes a 3-course luncheon with refreshments and entertainment. 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.** Please see Tom Hobbs for tickets at the June or July General Meeting or any Thursday from 10.00am to 12 noon in the Sub Branch office.

The Annual RSL State Congress and AGM will be held at the Newcastle Entertainment Centre on Monday 31 October 2022 and Tuesday 1 November 2022. Registration will commence in August 2022 for delegates and alternate delegates.

The interment of ashes service for Rex Wayne Robertson is to be held at **10.30am on Thursday 9 June 2022** at the cenotaph. All are welcome to attend.

A further reminder that our next Annual General Meeting will be held on **Sunday 19 February 2023**. At this AGM all positions will be declared vacant. Please consider volunteering to serve on the Committee. This is your Sub Branch: have a say in ensuring that we have a future and leave a legacy. Elections are held every three years. I am more than happy, at any time, to answer any questions or concerns that you may have, or to explain what is involved.

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.

MEMBER PROFILE: Allan Love

Allan was born on the 8th October 1957 and spent his early years at Blacktown N.S.W.

He attended Blacktown Primary School until 1968 and then the family moved to North Entrance and he attended school at The North Entrance Public School and also the The Entrance High School. Alan attended Henry Kendall High School in 1970.

The family moved to Goomeri, Queensland in 1975 where Allan joined the regular Army and then moved back to Gorokan in 1976.

Became an apprentice boiler maker in Sydney as well as various jobs on the coast.

In 1973 Allan joined the 17th Infantry Battalion at Erina and Pymble also full time service at Land Command H.Q. at Victoria Barracks, Sydney. Transferred to Combat Support Service Battalion at Adamstown. Allan obtained the rank of Corporal.

Allan follows the Parramatta Eels.

Played Soccer with Budgewoi and Toukley and also refereed.

Joined Toukley R.S.L. Sub Branch in 1989.

Allan has held various positions in the Sub Branch including President from 2019-2020.

Allan enjoys attending The Ary and was an active member of the Darts Club until it folded.

Bus trip to Wollombi, Kurri Kurri & East Maitland

On Friday 20 May a group of Sub-branch members and partners travelled to the Wollombi Endeavour Museum. On the way to Wollombi there was an Emu feeding on the side of the road, a very unusual event for this part of the state. Apparently it was a local farmers pet which had escaped.

We visited the Museum (entry fee of \$2.00) which houses many artefacts and relics from the Lower Hunter area. This area was one of the first areas outside of Sydney Town to be provided with land grants. Many of the items in the museum date back to the 1820 – 1830s. Well worth a visit.

Next we visited Kurri Kurri to see the murals (approx. 25 around the town). The two murals below are of the Vinegar Hill Rebellion where Irish convicts staged a rebellion against the NSW Police and State Troopers.

We finished our trip with a visit to the “Windsor Castle Hotel” at East Maitland for lunch. The venue is more like a club than a traditional pub and the meals were thoroughly enjoyed by all of our group.

Thanks to Rod Clark (our Driver). A Great day was enjoyed by all.





Puzzle Corner



Trivia

1. Who played "Dedicated To The One I Love" during the 1960s?
2. Who played "Whole Lotta Love" during the 1960s?
3. Which month of the year is named after the Roman God of War, Mars?
4. Which city is the capital of Chile?
5. Who is the patron saint of Scotland?
6. Continental Drift' is a sequel to which animated film?
7. On which continent did the Renaissance take place?
8. Late Night With... who was first aired in 1982?
- 9 Who is referred to as "King of the Wild Frontier"?
10. What was the government position held by Ronald Reagan between the years 1967-1975?
11. What was the capital of Russia during the reign of the tsars?
12. Which industrialist was imprisoned for collaborating with the Nazis?
13. Which famous rock star was killed in New York City on December 8, 1980?
14. What was Margaret Houlihan's nickname on TV's "M*A*S*H"?
15. What 70's punk band had the hit, "God Save the Queen" ?

Bus Trip to Fighter World Museum Williamtown Cost \$12pp.

On Friday 24 June the Sub-branch Welfare & Wellness excursion (Bus Trip) will visit the Williamtown Fighter World Museum. This is a totally 'hands on' experience. Upon entering you can walk around, touch and view some of Australia's most iconic aircraft plus enjoy the added benefit of sitting in the cockpits of a real Mirage jet fighter and a Macchi jet trainer. There are 18 historic aircraft and replicas on display including the giant F-111C. Inside the main hangar you'll also discover the Norm Forrester Collection, one of Australia's greatest displays of hand built model aircraft. A vast array of weapons, radars and ejection seats adds to the experience and gives an insight into these amazing machines not normally available to the general public.

If you would like to attend please give Bob Swift 0432362475 a call.

Wellness & Welfare Excursion (Bus Trip) July 2022

A History & Heritage Hawkesbury River Ferry Tour

A cruise on the Hawkesbury River has been arranged for Friday 29 July. This trip was supposed to happen in 2021 but Covid prevented it. All reports from people who have been on this trip have achieved full marks. Doyalson RSL excursion group have done the trip once and also give it full marks. We only have 19 places on the bus so it would pay to give your name(s) to Bob Swift A.S.A.P

Places/items of interest include :

WW2 at Woy Woy airfield

History of HMAS Hawkesbury

Rendezvous point for 8 Japanese submarines prior to attacking Sydney Harbour

The West Head defences with the inclined Railway

The 2 Hawkesbury River bridges – Why did the 1st one fail, how were they built

And more

Cost is \$40 per person which includes a morning tea

The cruise includes films, video's and commentary by a local historian.

Contact Bob Swift 0432362475.

Bright House Preschool Buff Point Anzac Cross

Some may have noticed a white cross on the cenotaph on Anzac Day – see photo below.

I am pleased to be able to explain the story behind it. The tribute cross comes from Bright House Preschool at Buff Point. There are 34 children at the preschool and 4 educators – Ersilia, Aimee, Stephanie and Kay. All the staff contributed to the idea. All parents were notified and asked to provide a photo of one of the children's grandparents or other relatives in uniform. These photos were then added to the cross with a note saying which child's relatives they were. The poppies on the tribute were made from egg cartons. The children cut out the poppies and painted them. All should be congratulated on the appearance of the end product.



Puzzle Corner Answers



- 1. The Mamas and The Papas**
- 2. Led Zeppelin**
- 3. March**
- 4. Santiago**
- 5. St. Andrew**
- 6. Ice Age**
- 7. Europe**
- 8. David Letterman**
- 9. Davy Crockett**
- 10. Governor of California**
- 11. St. Petersburg**
- 12. Louis Renault**
- 13. John Lennon**
- 14. Hot Lips**
- 15. The Sex Pistols**

The next three pages are photos of our Sub-branch members taken during the Anzac Services and at the luncheon that followed :







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