



TOUKLEY RSL SUB BRANCH *Newsletter*

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NEW SUB BRANCH MEMBERS

Welcome to the following new Sub-Branch Members:

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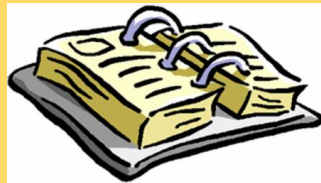
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Barry Mauger

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.

Wellness & Wellbeing Function (Xmas in July)	Sunday 24 July 11.00 am to 4.00 pm
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
Next monthly meeting	Monday 1 August 10.30 am

Toukley RSL Sub Branch President's Report:



It is hard to believe that we are now in the second half of the year! The last six months have passed so quickly.

The Committee is continuing our search for suitable bench seats to be located at the cenotaph and also to look at possible designs for the Afghanistan/Iraq plaque for the cenotaph. This is taking time but we anticipate having these in place prior to Remembrance Day which will enable us to have a Dedication Service in conjunction with our Remembrance Day Service on 11 November 2022.

Central Coast Memorials has advised that the two plaques at the cenotaph which have been inadvertently switched will be put back in the correct positions when next he is in the area.

Work on the new replacement fence between the Police Station and Sub Branch car park, behind the bus shelter, is now complete. As previously advised, this work was undertaken by the New South Wales State Government as part of upgrading Police Station security throughout the State, and there was no cost to the Sub Branch, nor will the fence impact on the mural.

The memorial plaque for Porters Creek Public School has recently been ordered from Central Coast Memorials who advise that they expect the plaque to be in place prior to Remembrance Day.

At the June Committee Meeting, the proposed renovations to Diggers' Inn was again discussed at length. After consideration of all options, it was unanimously agreed that we abandon the idea of renovations, for now, and leave the building as it is. There does not appear to be any interest or support in other veterans' groups using the building in the future and, therefore, there will be no benefit in spending Sub Branch money on major renovations. However, should a Grant become available in the future, we will look at the matter again. The

Architect has been advised of our decision via email and his costs incurred to date have been paid. Diggers' Inn is an asset for the Sub Branch and the space was especially beneficial during Covid lockdown, as we were able to continue Sub Branch operations out of there.

The signage at the front of Diggers' Inn is fading and needs to be replaced. At the last Committee Meeting a Motion was passed to replace the sign. Bob Swift is sourcing a replacement together with costings. The Committee has approved the replacement sign at a cost of \$1420.

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. All prizes have now been purchased for the monster raffle. **If you wish to reserve a table of 8, then money (8 x \$20) with names must be given at the time of booking.** If you are interested in attending this popular function, please see Tom Hobbs for tickets and advise of any special dietary requirements. We will cater to all dietary requirements by providing a suitable meal, if we are made aware of this. With the possible changes being implemented by RSL NSW, it is advisable to enjoy this function while we can.

I have recently become aware that RSL New South Wales has put forward a proposal to abolish meals and refreshments following General Meetings, in conjunction with the regulations laid down by ACNC, with reference to the spending of charitable funds. At the June 2022 Committee Meeting, this was discussed by those in attendance and it was agreed that Sub Branch General Meetings are sometimes the only outing that some veterans are able to attend and look forward to as a way of spending time with other members. To take away finger food and a couple of drinks would discourage some from attending. I have emailed the President of Central Coast District Council voicing Toukley RSL Sub Branch's wholehearted non-support of this Motion, with a request that it be brought to the State's attention. I will keep you updated.

I will continue to remind members of our next Annual General Meeting which 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

. 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.

Quote for the Day

“The only thing that separates us from animals is the ability to accessorise.”

Tom Hobbs City to Surf run

Tom has asked me to let all members know that he is doing the iconic City2Surf run in August for he thinks either the 39th or 40th time.

He wants to let members know that at the August general meeting he will be collecting for the Childrens’ Hospital Westmead and also Bear Cottage.

He will be trying to raise all up \$1000.00 for this very worthwhile cause.

Member Profile : Ray Sutton

Ray was born on the 22nd December, 1940 in Forbes, N.S.W and the family moved to Annandale shortly after.

Ray's primary school education was at Annandale (Forest Lodge) Public school and his secondary schooling was at The Patrician Brothers, Glebe.

Ray left school in 1956 and became a junior storeman with Campbells at Camperdown.

He joined the Royal Australian Navy in 1958 and done his recruit training at Flinders, Victoria.

Ray has had many postings within his career in the Navy, the first being H.M.A.S. Kuttabul at Garden Island in N.S.W. as a steward

Ray was then posted to H.M.A.S. Voyager for 12 months and done tours to Singapore in 1958 -1960.

This was followed by postings to H.M.A.S. Penguin, H.M.A.S. Kimbla and H.M.A.S. Watson, at Watsons Bay

Ray was then flown to America by Q.A.N.T.A.S. to be part of the crew for the commissioning of H.M.A.S. Perth in bringing her back to Australia.

Ray's last posting was H.M.A.S. Supply as leading steward and was paid off in 1970.

He then began driving buses for the Punchbowl Bus Company followed by a big stint with the N.S.W. Water Board driving trucks until his retirement in 1995.

Ray has been married to his lovely wife Margaret since 1963 and they have three children, two boys and one girl. Ray and Margaret have six grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Ray and Margaret moved to Toukley in 1997.

Ray and Margaret enjoyed caravanning until recently, after deciding to slow down a little.

Ray has been a member of N.S.W.R.S.L. since 18/01/1986 and was a member of Smithfield R.S.L. Sub Branch before joining Toukley R.S.L. Sub Branch in 1997.

He had served on the Toukley R.S.L. Sub Branch committee for 15 years.

Ray volunteered at The Norah Head Search and Rescue as a skipper for a number of years.

Ray follows the Sydney Swans in A.F.L. and the West Tigers in the N.R.L.

Sydney Maritime Museum

Free entry for Australian Defence Force

The Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation (CSC) has partnered with the National Maritime Museum to provide every Defence Force veteran, serving member, and current cadet with a complimentary ticket to the museum.

Simply present a valid ADF ID card, DVA-issued card, service medals, or arrive in uniform to receive your free ticket which allows entry to everything open at the museum on the day of your visit. As a bonus, your accompanying friends and family receive a 50% discount off the same See It All ticket so you can enjoy the day together.

What's included with your free ticket:

Access to all permanent galleries and special exhibitions including:

- Under Southern Skies
- Sydney Harbour Gallery
- The Navy Gallery
- Action Stations
- *Wildlife Photographer of the Year*

You also get access to all museum vessels including:

- The top deck of HMAS *Vampire*. HMB *Endeavour* and Bark *James Craig*
- Steam Yacht *Ena*

Defence personnel also receive a 10% discount at the museum's cafe and store.

As vessel availability and exhibition dates change, please check our What's On section on the day of your visit.

Puzzle Corner



Trivia

1. Who played "Soul Deep" during the 1960s?
2. Who played "I Want To Hold Your Hand" during the 1960s?
3. Who fatally shot Lee Harvey Oswald?
4. Which two candidates for U.S. President were the first to debate on TV in 1960?
5. Who was killed in 1968 after winning the Democratic primary for the presidency?
6. What is the capital city of American Samoa, a group of islands in the South Pacific?
7. Bremen is a city In what European country?
8. How many hours a day on average does a domestic cat sleep?
9. On average, how many hours does a domestic cat spend sleeping?
10. A 'bunion' is a painful swelling on which joint?
11. Haddock is a species of which animal?
12. Fiorello LaGuardia was elected mayor of what city in 1933?
13. Of which country was Ferdinand Marcos President from 1965 to 1986?
14. Henry VIII had Anne Boleyn executed on what grounds?
15. The 'Battles of Concord and Lexington' were fought during which war?

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.

A few funnies to bring a smile to your face :

1. He : I can trace my ancestors back to royalty.

She : To King Kong ?

2. Father : Our son is the image of me !

Mother : Who cares as long as he is healthy !

Bus trip to Fighterworld Museum Williamtown

On Friday 24 June members of the Toukley RSL Sub Branch visited the “Fighterworld” Museum at Williamtown.

Everyone was amazed at the air-force equipment displayed in two very large hangars. A very interesting museum with lots of notes on the exhibits of the history of jets, radar, guided missiles, ejector seats etc.

Many types of aircraft were on display, from Kitty Hawks from WW1 to many more recent jet fighters and rockets. Many of the aircraft we remembered from our childhood i.e. Vampire Jets, Sabres and even an old prop driven Spitfire. After a very educational tour by a very well informed Guide we headed to Hexham Bowling Club for lunch.

We were advised before hand by our driver Rod Clark that the meals were very well priced and plentiful. All of our members only had good things to say about the meals.

On the way home we relaxed to the sounds of ABBA.

A very good day was had by all.



74 Years Ago .

This is priceless :

A little old lady from Geringong had worked in and around her family dairy farms since she was old enough to walk, with hours of hard work and little compensation. When canned Carnation Milk became available in grocery stores in the 1940s, she read an advertisement offering \$5,000 for the best slogan. The producers wanted a rhyme beginning With 'Carnation Milk is best of all.' She thought to herself, I know everything there is to know about milk and dairy farms. I can do this! She sent in her entry, and several weeks later, a black car pulled up in front of her house.

A large man got out, knocked on her door and said, "Ma'am,.....The president of Carnation milk absolutely LOVED your entry.....So much, in fact, that we are here to award you \$1,000 even though we will not be able to use it for our advertisements!" He did, however, have one printed up to hang on his office wall. (Here it is below:)

True story!



Teacher : When do you like school the best ?

Johnny : When it is closed !

Doctor to woman : Have your eyes ever been checked ?

Woman : No, they have always been brown.

Sergeant : What were you before you joined the Army

Private : Happy Sir.

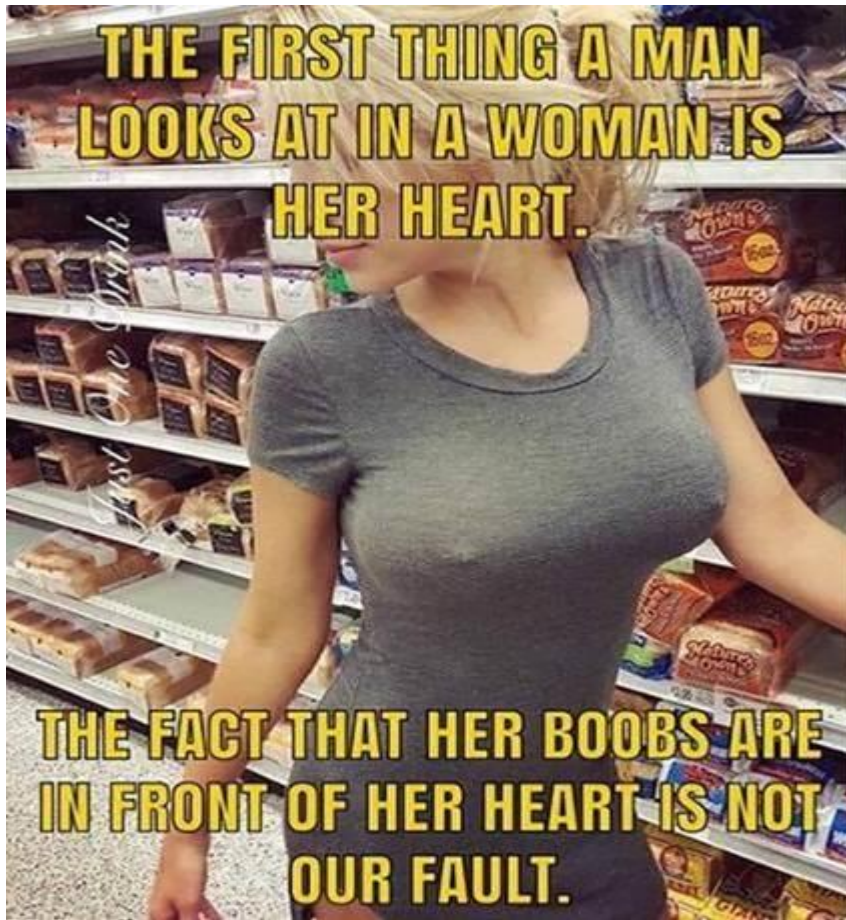
Husband : I've changed my mind.

Wife : Good. Does your new one work better than the old one ?

After her first week at school the five year old said to her mother " I am wasting my time at school. I can't read, I can't write and they won't let me talk".

If you sleep like a baby at night, you don't have one.





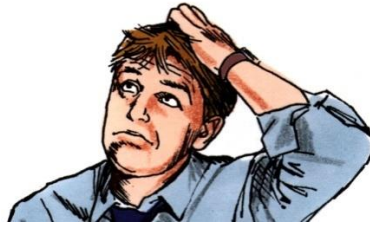
**MOTHER IN LAW
CAME FOR DINNER
AND SAID "WHY DOES
YOUR DOG KEEP
LOOKING AT ME"**

**I SAID "IT'S BECAUSE
YOU'RE USING HIS
PLATE"**

**Learning to write in
Mandarin during
the quarantine.**



Puzzle Corner Answers



- 1. Box Tops**
- 2. The Beatles**
- 3. Jack Ruby**
- 4. John F Kennedy & Richard Nixon**
- 5. Robert Kennedy**
- 6. Pago Pago**
- 7. Germany**
- 8. 18**
- 9. Big toe**
- 10. Fish**
- 11. Laurel and Hardy**
- 12. New York**
- 13. The Philippines**
- 14. Adultery**
- 15. American Civil War**

From the Editor :

Thank you to Cec Baker, Judith Walker, Mike Humphries, Bob Swift, Roy Norman, Bob Wilson and Brian Murphy for contributions to the newsletter.

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