



TOUKLEY RSL SUB BRANCH

Newsletter



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NEW SUB BRANCH MEMBERS

Welcome to the following new Sub-Branch Members:

VALE

Walter Horne

Lest We Forget



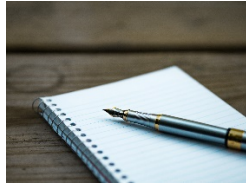
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



**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 General Meeting	Monday 3 April 10.30 am
Anzac Day Service at Wallarah Bay	Sunday 16 April 9.00 am
Dawn Service at Cenotaph	Tuesday 25 April 5.20 am
March & Morning Service 9.35 am March from Village Green morning service to follow	Tuesday 25 April 9.35 am

Toukley RSL Sub Branch President's Report:



Welcome to my first report as President of Toukley RSL Sub-branch. I feel honoured to have been given an opportunity to carry out this role and can assure everybody that I and my committee will be doing our best to try and ensure that Toukley RSL Sub-branch continues the good work that has been done by previous committees under the outstanding leadership of Bob Wilson. We are under no illusions of the enormity of the task in front of us but rest assured we will not die lightly. Actually I hope we don't die at all.

We have two new committeemen in Alan Thiele and Chris Doyle and a new Vice-President in Mike Humphries and a new Treasurer in Terry Murray. Already all four have come forward at our first committee meeting on Monday and expressed a willingness to get involved right from the start. This is very heartening to me as I try and settle into my role.

A letter has been sent to our current Patron to see if she is willing to remain in the position and we await her response.

Anzac Day is fast approaching and a Sub-committee has been established to ensure the day remains as good as it has always been. This task has been made easier by the amount of work already done by the outgoing President and the Sub-committee are more than appreciative of his sterling efforts.

At the time of writing this report there are 8 schools, 9 Aged Care facilities and 1 Preschool booked in for an Anzac Day service. There are still two Primary Schools to be followed up but this should be finalised by the time you read this report. The services will start on 29 March and conclude on 1 May. Obviously also there are the two Services to be held at the Cenotaph on Anzac Day so the total of services conducted will be 22.

Tickets for the Anzac Day luncheon for members and partners will be available for purchase at the March 2023 General Meeting from Tommy Hobbs.

The Annual Anzac Day Service is again being held at the Wallarah Bay Recreation Club on Sunday 16 April starting at 9.00 am. Toukley RSL Sub-branch has always supported this event and the Committee feels this should continue this year. We need a flag party so if anyone is available please let Tommy Hobbs know that you are willing to be in the flag party. The bus leaves the club at 8.00 am. A light meal and refreshments are served after the service and the bus will drop you back at the club after the lunch.

All of our efforts at this stage are concentrated on the Anzac Day services but there are other projects that we will be working on later in the year that we will keep all members appraised of.

On 9 November 2023, the Toukley RSL Sub Branch will celebrate 75 years in operation. This is a fabulous milestone and the committee has already had some discussions about holding a commemoration dinner. A tentative booking has already been made with the Ary for Sunday 5 November. More information on this to follow in coming months.

It is now fifty years since our involvement in the Vietnam War ended. The last Australian troops left Vietnam in December 1972 and Australia's war officially ended on 11 January 1973. This year, the Australian Government will mark the 50th anniversary of the end of Australia's involvement in the Vietnam War, culminating with a National Commemorative Service in Canberra on 18 August 2023 and the committee plan to work with our Vietnam Vets to ensure the day is commemorated appropriately.

Another project that will be undertaken when time permits is an upgrade to the memorabilia cupboards inside The Ary. Some of our committee members have noticed these cabinets in other clubs and our displays do not compare and we intend to do something to rectify this.

That concludes my report other than to say that I am unfortunately not available for the March General Meeting but the very capable Mike Humphries will move into the chair to run the meeting.

Ian Collier
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.



WANTED NEW MEMBERS

National Servicemen's Association Central Coast Sub-branch Toukley

Benefits- monthly meetings held 3rd Sunday every month except APRIL, DECEMBER and JANUARY, regular social luncheons for members, family and friends, BBQ's, Bus trips to places of interest.

Membership forms available from our Membership Officer Bobby Byrnes on 0400 352 811 or email robertbyrnes7@bigpond.com

Volunteers required for Vietnam Veterans Park at Gorokan.

The Vietnam Veterans Park which is on the left hand side of Wallarah Road just as you drive over the Toukley Bridge towards Gorokan is maintained by the Vietnam Vets group. The group would appreciate some assistance if anyone has a few hours to spare. They meet on a Wednesday at 9.30 every five weeks in winter and about every 2-3 weeks in growing season. If anyone has some spare time please contact John Fraher on 0408 092 230 or email at jffcashman@hotmail.com.au.

Puzzle Corner



Trivia

1. When making classic bruschetta, what ingredient is a must?
2. What are "Angels on Horseback"?
3. What flower is given the most at Christmas?
4. Galatasaray is a soccer team from which country?
5. I was the head of the Palestine Liberation Organization who died at age 75, who am I?
6. I became the first Pope from South America in 2013. Who am I?
7. I was a star player for the Chicago Bulls and I have a whole line of sneakers named after me. Who am I?
8. I'm a British comedian who married Katy Perry and starred in "Arthur". Who am I?
9. Julius Caesar is a figure associated with which ancient civilization?
10. Henry VIII had Anne Boleyn executed on what grounds?
11. Who destroyed Napoleon's French fleet in the 1798 Battle of Aboukir Bay?
12. Beirut is the capital city of which country?
13. Lima is the capital of which country?
14. Amsterdam is the capital city of which country?
15. In which continent is the capital city of Maputo?
16. What is the capital of Romania?

Member Profile: Shirley Watling

Shirley was born on the 22nd January 1936 at Hurstville N.S.W. in her grandmother's house.

Shirley's Primary schooling was at Five Dock Public School and her Secondary schooling was at Burwood Girls High.

When Shirley left high school she started work at the Bonds Factory at Camperdown as an office clerk.

Shirley joined the C.M.F in 1956 at Victoria Barracks, Sydney and then joined the W.R.A.A.C. in 1957 and was posted to Queenscliff Training Camp in Victoria where she served for over 3 years.

In 1961 Shirley was posted to the W.R.A.A.C. School at Mosman, N.S.W. as a Librarian and Projectionist.

Shirley was discharged from the W.R.A.A.C. in 1965 with the rank of Corporal.

After leaving the W.R.A.A.C. Shirley worked around New South Wales in various jobs which included picking fruit and vegetables on farms.

Shirley also worked at Dri Glo Towels and ended up moving to Coogee N.S.W and worked at Johnson and Johnson.

On the 14th December 1982 Shirley joined the N.S.W.R.S.L.

Shirley retired in 1989 and moved to Noraville.

Shirley attends all our Sub Branch monthly meetings at The Ary and always sits with Helen Sullivan, Judith Walker and Michael Humphries.

Shirley enjoys reading, doing all sorts of puzzles, drawing and especially her days at The Ary...



Shirley at the club at the 2023 AGM

The cashier told me “Strip
Down Facing Me”.

By the time I realized they
meant the debit card, it
was too late.

Roland Gloss 50 Year Service Certificate

In early February this year the Committee was delighted to receive from RSL NSW a 50 Year Service Certificate for one of our newer members Roland Gloss. Roland transferred to Toukley RSL Sub-branch a few years ago when he and his lovely wife Merrilynne moved from Lyndhurst NSW to the Heritage Village at Noraville.

Roland served in Vietnam with 1 Fld Sqn 2 Troop as a Sapper.

The pictures below show Roland's Certificate of Service, the 50 Year Service Certificate and Roland proudly holding the certificate after it was presented to him by Committee man Roy Norman.







*"They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn,
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We shall remember them"*

Toukley RSL Sub-Branch

ANZAC Day

Holmes Avenue Toukley

Commemorative Services

Tuesday 25th April 2023



Dawn Service - Toukley RSL Sub Branch Cenotaph
commences 05:20 am.

Morning Service — At Toukley RSL Sub Branch
Cenotaph

**March from Toukley shops, Village Green to Toukley RSL
commences at 09:35 am.**

Service commences on completion of the march

COMMEMORATION OF ANZAC

**March and Service 9.00 am
WBRC Sunday 16 April 2023**



96KM - THE COURSE FOR OUR HEROES

This March, you can help our brave heroes by conquering 96km, the length of the Kokoda Track to symbolise the courage and sacrifice of our veterans and their families.

The above excerpt is lifted off the webpage of www.marchonchallenge.org.au which is another cause that Tom Hobbs has adopted to raise money to assist in Raising funds to support Soldier On's life changing mental health services and programs so that our returned ADF members and their families can march on.

Tom has committed to running 96 KM in the month of March for this very worthy cause.

Donations can be made at :

www.marchonchallenge.org.au/fundraiser/tomhobbs or cheques can be mailed to – Attn Santosh

Soldier On

PO Box 537

Concord

NSW 2137

And Tommy will also be taking collections at the March General Meeting.

Welfare Report

WELLBEING/VISITATION OFFICERS' MONTHLY REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2023

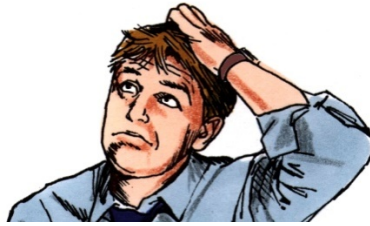
OFFICER	NUMBER OF VETERANS/FAMILY VISITS	HOURS	KILOMETRES TRAVELLED	PHONE CALLS	TRAINING HOURS	FUNERALS Interments
Michael Humphries	3	18	22	12	3	0
Roy Norman	5	41	40	28	0	0
Ian Collier	0	0	0	0	3	0
TOTALS	8	59	62	40	6	0

From the Editor : Thank you to Roy Norman, Tommy Hobbs and Brian Murphy for contributions to the newsletter.

Emergencies	000
Open Arms	1800 011 046
Lifeline	13 11 44
Kids Helpline	1300 224 636



Puzzle Corner Answers



1. Extra virgin olive oil
2. Oysters wrapped in bacon
3. Poinsettia
4. Jan 20 – Feb 18
5. Turkey
6. Yasir Arafat
7. Francis
8. Michael Jordan
9. Russell Brand
10. Roman
11. Adultery
12. American Revolutionary/Civil War
13. Horatio Nelson
14. Lebanon
15. Peru
16. Netherlands
17. Africa
18. Bucharest

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