



TOUKLEY RSL SUB BRANCH

Newsletter



NEW SUB BRANCH MEMBERS

Welcome to the following new Sub-Branch Members:

Auxiliary

Clementine Pappas

Wendy Blandon

VALE

Keith Pritchatt

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 Committee Meeting	Tuesday 16 May 10.30 am
Next General Meeting	Monday 5 June 10.30 am
July General Meeting	Monday 3 July 10.30 am
Wellness & Wellbeing Xmas in July party	Sunday 16 July 11.00 am

Toukley RSL Sub Branch President's Report:



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

Our Schools and Aged Care Anzac Services commenced on 29 March 2023 and will conclude on 1 May 2023. Thank you to the Committee who, between them, attended ten schools, eight Aged Care Facilities, one pre school, Wallarah Bay Recreation Club plus the Dawn and Morning Services at the cenotaph on Anzac Day.

The Dawn Service attracted a huge crowd in attendance at our very moving Dawn Service. We were lucky with the weather this year and were very pleased to see a starry sky when we arrived at the Cenotaph at 4.00 am to begin setting up for the day. It is hard to gauge the number of residents who turned up to pay their respects to our Anzacs but it is the biggest crowd that I have seen. 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 24 servicemen and women on the day. The 236 Army Cadets did themselves proud in assisting as catafalque party and flag party respectively at both services. The 236 Army Cadets also had a presence in the march and carried the National Servicemen Association banner in the march. The newly formed Australian Cadet Corps marched and have committed to having a band for the march next year.

Thanks should also go to the Wallarah Bay Community Band, the Toukley RSL Pipes and Drums, the Warnervale Public School Choir and Brassick for their continued support and their performances at the two services.

The members' breakfast was very well attended and the luncheon had 104 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.

I am very pleased with the outcome of the day, the most important day on the Sub Branch calendar. The performance of "Spirit of the Anzacs" by Brassick at the Dawn Service and "Lest We Forget" 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.

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 also need to thank my dedicated and hard working committee who have put in long hours for the last couple of months to ensure that all the services were carried out to the best of their ability. Again we have received a lot of positive feedback from the Schools and Aged Care Facilities that we visited.

Thanks are also expressed to the CEO of The Ary Trevor Haynes and his staff for their support in making Anzac Day such a successful event.

A reminder for our Wellness & Wellbeing Function (Christmas in July), which will be held on Sunday 16 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.

Special thanks also have to be extended to one of our new Auxiliary members Jenny Leach who volunteered to sell badges for the sub-Branch leading up to Anzac Day. She spent quite a few days in The Ary and with the help of some of the other Auxiliary members has raised \$1496 selling badges to club clients. As previously stated this money goes directly to the sub-Branch. There is an article later in the newsletter with more information about the Auxiliary.

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



Toukley RSL sub Branch Auxiliary

Congratulations to the sub Branch Committee on a wonderful and successful Anzac Day.

Thank you to everyone who supported us buying Anzac Emblems etc and the staff at the Ary for all their help.



Jenny Leach & Wendy Blandon on badge selling duty at The Ary

Sadly for a number of reasons our Auxiliary has been in limbo for a while but now we are back.

The word Auxiliary means “providing supplementary or additional help and support:” RSL Auxiliaries enable people who have not served in the defence services to do just that.

Over the next few months we will be starting a membership recruiting campaign and putting together a program for fundraising events.

For information on becoming a member of the Auxiliary please call Sue Allen on 0409 608 901 or email at sueallen123@bigpond.com.

You can also follow us on Facebook at **Toukley RSL sub Branch Auxiliary**

Veterans Connect

Veterans Connect is a pilot program that is being trialled on the Central Coast. Their goal is to help veterans and their families find DVA friendly medical and health services across the coast.

An example of how you would use them would be: Your physiotherapist moved away and you needed a new physiotherapist that could take either white or gold card. You can contact Veterans Connect and they will help find one in your area that meets your requirements.

They can provide the following support option:

- Connection to or information about health and specialist clinical providers
- Connection with social and community services
- Increase understanding of your overall health and wellbeing
- Dealing with practicalities such as finding transport to appointments.

Veterans Connect can be contacted on 1800 719 625 or emailed at :

veteransconnect@socialfutures.org.au

VE DAY 8TH May 1945

Victory in Europe Day is the day celebrating the formal acceptance by the Allies of World War II of Germany's unconditional surrender of its armed forces on Tuesday, 8 May 1945, marking the official end of World War II in Europe on the Eastern Front, with the last shots fired on the 11th. Russia and some former Soviet countries celebrate on 9 May.

Several countries observe public holidays on the day each year, also called Victory Over Fascism Day, Liberation Day or Victory Day. In the UK it is often abbreviated to **VE Day**, or **V-E Day** in the US, a term which existed as early as September 1944, in anticipation of victory.

The end of all combat actions was specified as 23:01 Central European Time, which was already 9 May in eastern Europe, and thus several former Soviet bloc countries—including Russia and Belarus, as well as some former Yugoslav countries like Serbia—celebrate Victory Day on 9 May.



Puzzle Corner



Trivia

1. "Yes, they'll all come to meet me, arms reaching, smiling sweetly" is from which song?
2. Which type of dance was Eydie Gorme blaming it on in a 1963 hit?
3. Which group sang "I'm just a soul whose intentions are good"?
4. Chandler, Joey, and Ross are three of the main characters in what TV show that ended in 2004?
5. Where is the world would you most likely be served Biscotti?
6. What is a quarter of 48, plus 55?
7. Squirrel, Proboscis and Tamarin are types of which animal?
8. Which element makes up diamond and graphite?
9. Karl Benz, an early car manufacturer, was from which country?
10. Toulouse is in which country?
11. Tracey had a collection of 1,600 dolls and 20% of these were Barbies. How many Barbies did she have?
12. A football team wins 11 matches, draws 4 and loses 2. At 3 points for a win, 1 for a draw and 0 for a loss – how many points does the team have?
13. What did the New Seekers say they'd like to "Teach the World" to do in 1971?
14. Where are the Andes mountains?
15. Waterloo station is named after a victory in which war?
16. Bremen is in which country?
17. Insulin is a natural hormone secreted by which organ or gland?
18. Ceylon adopted what new name in 1972, which means Resplendent Land?
19. The Irish Famine was a result of the failure of which crop?
20. Candy canes were traditionally given which flavour?



Committee members at Long Khanh for Anzac Service



Long Khanh residents at Anzac Service



Committee and flag party at Toukley Public School Anzac service

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	1	4	30	5	0	1
Roy Norman	5	28	135	15	0	0
Tiffany Kelly	0	0	0	0	5	0
Ian Collier	1	1	0	0	0	2
Judith Walker	2	7	15	4	0	1
TOTALS	9	40	180	24	0	0

From the Editor : Thank you to Roy Norman, Mike Humphries, Tiff Kelly, Sue Allen and Judith Walker 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. Green,Green Grass of Home
2. Bossa Nova
3. The Animals
4. Friends
5. Italy
6. 67
7. Monkey
8. Carbon
9. Germany
10. France
11. 320
12. 37
13. Sing
14. South America
15. Napoleonic
16. Germany
17. Pancreas
18. Sri Lanka
19. Potato
20. Peppermint

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