



TOUKLEY RSL SUB-BRANCH *Newsletter*



NEW SUB BRANCH MEMBERS

Welcome to the following new Sub-Branch Members:

Service

Auxiliary

Sub-Else

VALE

Robert Crofton

David Cho

Donald Gordon

Richard Blanshard

Leslie Thompson

Leonard Webster

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	Monday 18 March 10.30 am
April General Meeting	Monday 1 April 10.30 am
CCDC Meeting – hosted by Doyalson/Wyee	Monday 8 April 2.00 pm
Wallarah Bay ANZAC Day Service	Sunday 14 April 9.00 am
ANZAC Day Dawn Service	Thursday 25 April 5.20 am
ANZAC Day March and Morning Service	Thursday 25 April 9.45 am

Toukley RSL Sub Branch President's Report:



For my report this month I will plagiarise the report I presented to the AGM.

It has been a challenging 12 months with three new executive members and two new committee men elected at the AGM last year. We also had one new Trustee come on board at the AGM then following the resignation of one of the trustees in May we then had another new Trustee elected in June. We also sadly lost our Honourary Treasurer in May so were left without financial advice until a local accounting firm was appointed in July.

As always our main aim as a committee is to ensure the Commemorative events that we are responsible for are held at a high standard. Our two services on

ANZAC Day attracted record crowds and we only received positive feedback which was an indicator of the amount of work that the committee had put in.

2023 also saw a greater emphasis on Vietnam Veterans Day as it was the 50th Anniversary of the withdrawal of troops from Vietnam. Again a lot of work went in to ensure the success of this day.

Remembrance Day was another Commemorative event and as it fell on a Saturday the crowd was bigger than usual and the Service was well received.

2023 also saw the 75th Anniversary of the sub-Branch. The committee, and especially the Secretary spent a lot of time to ensure this occasion was appropriately celebrated.

The committee also worked to ensure that our two centenarian members celebrated their parties appropriately.

2023 also saw the re-emergence of the Auxiliary in a fundraising capacity. Funds were raised for the sub-Branch in the leadup to ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day.

The Welfare section continue to provide support to our members who are not in good health with visits and phone calls.

The Transport Manager continues to monitor the use of the bus and reports back to the Committee each month on usage etc.

Bob Swift continues to put in the time to organise the monthly bus trips. The members that take advantage of these trips are appreciative of his efforts.

I would like to thank my executive members and committee members for their support throughout the year. Without their assistance things would not have gone as smoothly as they appeared to be. Four of the committee spent some time in hospital at various stages of the year – putting more pressure on the other members of the committee.

I also have to report that two members of the committee have resigned in the last month – Chris Doyle and Tommy Hobbs.

That means that there are two vacancies on the Committee.

Jenny Leach has also stood down as co-ordinator of the Auxiliary group and they are having a meeting to elect a new co-ordinator on 6 March.

ANZAC Day preparations are progressing well. All the school services and Aged Care Facility services have been booked in – starting on 8 April and ending on 2 May.

The sub-Branch will again be supporting the ANZAC Day service at Wallarah Bay on Sunday 8 April. We are again looking for members to be in the Flag Party. The bus will leave The Ary at 8.00 am.

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 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.

**Dear Mother In Law,
Don't teach me how
to bring up my
children.
I'm living with one of
yours.**



Puzzle Corner

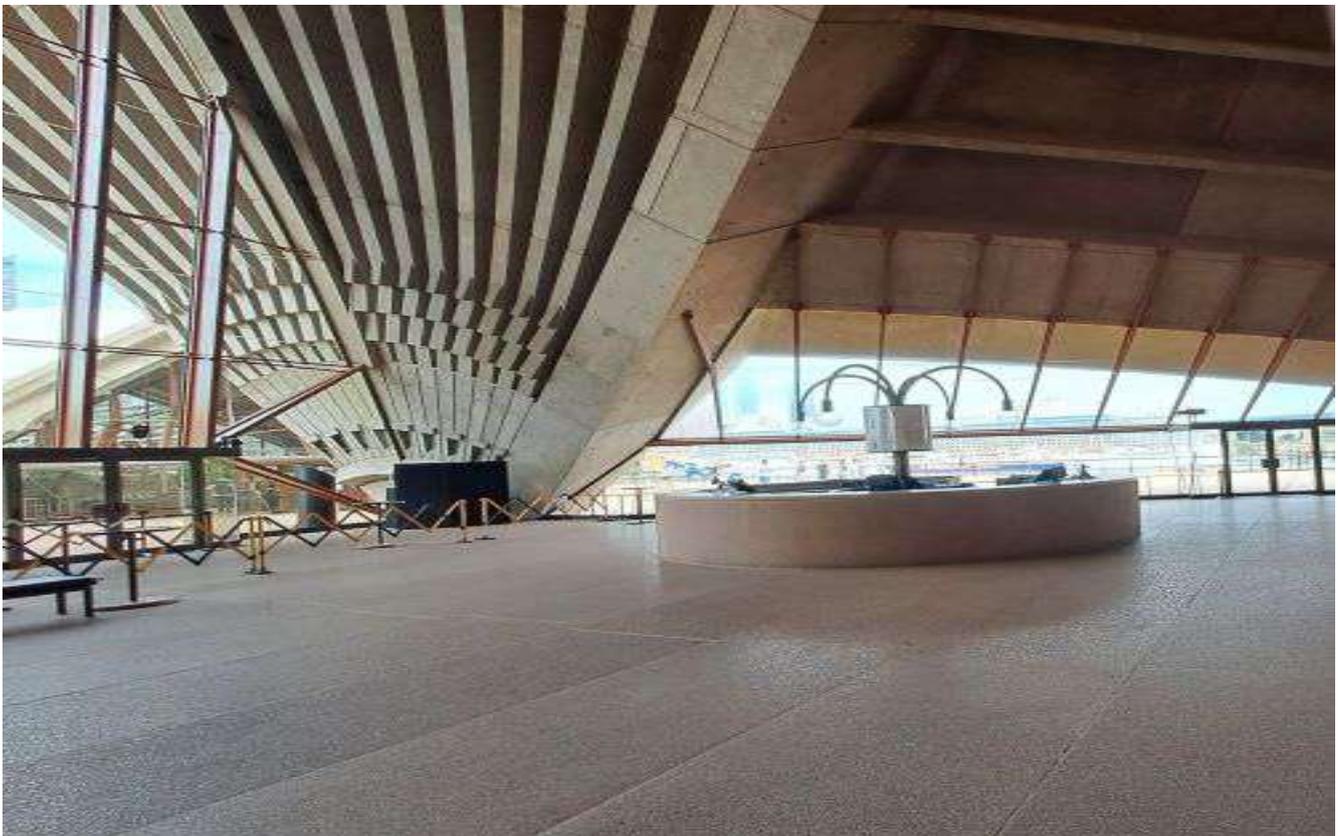


Trivia

1. What is Iceland's capital city?
2. What was the name of Polish director Roman Polanski's eight months pregnant wife, who was murdered in her home on 8 August, 1969?
3. What "Muppet" character sings "It's Not Easy Bein' Green"?
4. Which US state is nicknamed 'The Golden State'?
5. Beirut is the capital city of which country?
6. Lima is the capital of which country?
7. What do you call someone who studies earthquakes?
8. Prague is the capital of which country?
9. Which islands are famous for their giant tortoises?
10. Which famous rock star was killed in New York City on December 8, 1980?
11. What was Margaret Houlihan's nickname on TV's "M*A*S*H"?
12. What seventies punk band had the hit, "God Save the Queen"?
13. Seker, Osiris, Isis and Horus were gods in what culture?
14. The deadliest earthquake of 2012 occurred in which neighbor of India?
15. What were all Roman people who were not slaves called?
16. Who created the fictional detective Sherlock Holmes?
17. Galatasaray is a soccer team from which country?
18. Who has had a son, Flynn, with financier Arki Busson?
19. What is cider made of?
20. The casing holding the insides of an egg is called what?

Sub-Branch Bus Trip 23 February

12 intrepid adventurers set off for a bus trip to the Opera House on Friday 23 February – not put off by the predicted 35 degrees temperature forecast or 300 steps that awaited us. Arriving at the Opera House we were dropped off by Ron Whitby who had to search for a place to park the bus. He eventually found a spot near St. Mary's Cathedral – quite a hike back to where he had dropped us off. Luckily Ron made it back in time for our tour at 10.45 am and we set off with our delightful guide Lia who provided some great insight into the workings of and the history of the iconic building. Lia quite early in the tour realised 300 steps may be a bit beyond our group so very skilfully guided us to areas that had lift access. We parted company with Lia an enlightened group at about 12.00 and thanked her for her entertaining presentation. We then headed to the Opera Bar for lunch where one of the staff was able to find us a small room so that we could all be together. After lunch Ron headed off to retrieve the bus – encouraged by the rest of us to take a taxi to it. After we all reboarded the bus Ron then headed north through the Friday afternoon traffic arriving safely back at the club at about 3.30 pm. Quite fittingly – for all the work he had put in – Ron won the lucky door prize.





*"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

Thursday 25th April 2024



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 09:45 am.**

Service commences on completion of the march

COMMEMORATION OF ANZAC

**March and Service 9.00 am
WBRC Sunday 14 April 2024**



Terry Murray – Vietnam Award

Our Treasurer, Terry Murray who served with the 110th Signal Squadron in Vung Tau, (Vungers) Vietnam has received from the Directorate of Honours and Awards, Department of Defence :

The Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm Unit Citation.

Congratulations Terry.



Welfare Report February 2024



TOUKLEY RSL SUB-BRANCH

WELLBEING/VISITATION OFFICERS' MONTHLY REPORT FOR THE SUB-BRANCH GENERAL MARCH 2024

OFFICER	NUMBER OF VETERANS/FAMILY VISITS	HOURS	KILOMETRES TRAVELLED	PHONE CALLS	TRAINING HOURS	FUNERALS Interments
Michael Humphries	5	8	25	6	4	2
Roy Norman	7	8	130	28	4	2
Alan Thiele	0	8	180	0	0	2
Bob Swift	0	8	0	0	0	2
Ian Collier	0	4	70	0	0	1
TOTALS	15	50	150	18	32	0

CENTRAL COAST VETERANS CENTRE Inc

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Helping Veterans and Their Families

We are located at 203 Main Road, Toukley. We are available at Toukley on Tuesday morning from 08.00 till midday by appointment, and on Thursdays from 08.00 till midday for interviews and as a drop in coffee centre to meet others and relax.

We are available to assist serving and ex serving veterans and their families in their interaction with DVA as Advocates. We have available;

- Four Advocates to assist with claims advice and general advice on DVA requirements.
- Wellness officers to assist with,
 - Counselling
 - Mental health contacts
 - Seeking appointments with Medical Practitioners
 - Homelessness
 - Widow and widower rights and entitlements.

If you have worn the ADF uniform for more than one day, or are the family of such a person, you may have entitlements that you do not know about. Drop in and let us help you.

We look forward to meeting you.

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

Puzzle Corner Answers



1. Reykjavik
2. Sharon Stone
3. Kermit the frog
4. California
5. Lebanon
6. Peru
7. Seismologist
8. Czech Republic
9. Galapagos
10. John Lennon
11. Hot Lips
12. Sex Pistols
13. Egyptian
14. Pakistan
15. Citizens
16. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
17. Turkey
18. Elle McPherson
19. Apples
- 20 Shell

TOUKLEY RSL SUB BRANCH

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