



TOUKLEY RSL SUB-BRANCH *Newsletter*



NEW SUB BRANCH MEMBERS

Welcome to the following new Sub-Branch Members:

Service

Auxiliary

Janice Cooper

Patricia Harris

Sub-Else

VALE

Edwin Lawrence Leslie Bartlett

Lest We Forget



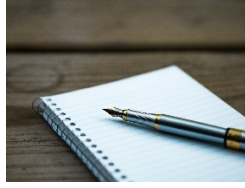
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



**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 20 May 10.30 am
May General Meeting	Monday 3 June 10.30 am
Xmas in July Wellness & Wellbeing	Sunday 21 July 11.00 am
Vietnam Veterans Day	Sunday 18 August 11.00 am

Toukley RSL Sub Branch President's Report:



What a wonderful turnout this year for our March and Anzac Day Commemoration Services at the cenotaph!

Our Schools and Aged Care Anzac Services commenced on 5 April 2024 and concluded on 2 May 2024. Thank you to the Committee who, between them, attended eleven Commemoration services at ten schools, nine Aged Care Facilities, one Retirement home, one pre-school, the Wallarah Bay Recreation Club Commemoration service, the Greek Orthodox Church Commemoration service plus the Dawn and Morning Services at the cenotaph on Anzac Day. Thanks also to Trustee Max Thom, member Brian Murphy and Auxiliary ladies Denise Humphries and Christine Sellers who assisted at various times.

The coolish weather did not deter the huge crowd in attendance at our very moving Dawn Service to pay their respects to our Anzacs. The inclusion of Brassick Duo in the service I feel adds to the solemnity of the occasion and the sub-Branch thanks them for their continued involvement. Huge crowds also again turned out for the well-attended march from the Village Green to the cenotaph and Morning service. This year we picked up another school in Lakes Grammar for the March giving us 10 schools in all who join the march. Another plus for the march this year was the availability of two bands to march. The sub-Branch would like to thank the Toukley RSL Pipes and Drums for marching this year and also the Australian Cadet Corps Band who joined us for the first time this year.

We are very grateful to have the ongoing support of 381 Squadron RAAF Williamtown and the attendance of 22 servicemen and women on the day. The 236 Army Cadets and Australian Cadet Corps did themselves proud in assisting as catafalque party and flag party respectively at both services.

We are also very pleased to have the support of The Ary and I thank the CEO, the Board and all the staff for their efforts in ensuring the success of the day.

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

We know that people travelled from afar to attend our Anzac Services, including Sydney, and we thank you all for your support. All in all, I am very pleased with the outcome of the day, the most important day on the sub-Branch calendar. The performance of "I am Australian/Anzac Version" by Brassick Duo 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.

Photos from the day are posted on the Facebook pages of both The Sub Branch and The Ary.

The Memorial Gardens looked a picture for this important day and we thank The Ary for ensuring that it looked at its absolute best.

Tickets will go on sale on Thursday for our Wellness & Wellbeing Function (Christmas in July), which will be held on Sunday 24 July 2024 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. **If you wish to reserve a table of 8, then money (8 x \$20) with names must be given at the time of booking.**

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 Steve Edmunds on 0428 093 726 or email at sheenasteve@bigpond.com.

Auxiliary Report for Month of April

1Hr Training Working on digital 'Square'payment process in preparation for 3 day Auxiliary Anzac stall

1 Hr Admin Co-ordinator and Deputy Co-ordinator prep for April Auxiliary meeting

1Hr Meetings Auxilery Meeting

3Hr Memorabilia Co-ordinator and Deputy Co-ordinator conducted stock take of Anzac and Remembrance day Memorabilia in readiness for Wallarah Bay Club Anzac Service and Ary Club Anzac Service

1 Hr Admin

4Hr Fund raising Co-ordinator and Deputy Co-ordinator man Auxiliary Anzac day stall at Wallarah Bay Anzac Service; \$146.00 was raised

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\$1189.25 raised in the three days at The Ary. When added to the \$146.00 taken at Wallarah Bay equals \$1335.25 Raised for the sub-Branch.

3Hr Memorabilia

2 Hr Admin Handing out Anzac day booklets and candles to the public attending Dawn and Morning services - Co-ordinator and Auxiliary member

1.5Hr Ceremonies Two Auxiliary members attended the Dawn Service, and a total of five attended the Morning service. Two of the five members, took part in the Morning march.

3Hr Other Assisting with First Aid and incident report

Christine Sellers

Auxiliary Co-ordinator

The photo gallery on the next two pages depict some of the activities of April.

Puzzle Corner



Trivia

- 1 What is both the symbol for gold and the internet country code for Australia?
- 2 Which of the following is a type of fish: jellyfish, whale shark or cuttlefish?
- 3 Can you name the three countries whose name begins with the letter H?
- 4 Who was the first woman to win a Nobel Prize?
- 5 How many aces are there in a standard deck of cards?
- 6 How many squares are there on a chessboard?
- 7 The number of strings on a cello?
- 8 What number does the Roman numeral "M" represent?
- 9 What is the capital of Pakistan?
- 10 What zodiac sign has a goat as its symbol?
- 11 What is Banjo Paterson's first name?
- 12 Where are you if you are visiting Happy Valley Racecourse?
- 13 What is the square root of 64?
- 14 What number is represented by the Roman numeral XV11?
- 15 Which German city is famous for the perfume it produces?
- 16 What planet is furthest from the sun?
- 17 Who starts first in chess?
- 18 What colours make purple?





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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;

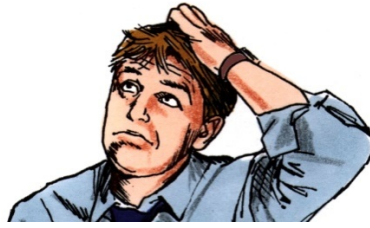
- Four Advocates to assist with claims advice and general advice on DVA requirements.
- Wellness officers to assist with,
 - Counselling
 - Mental health contacts
 - Seeking appointments with Medical Practitioners
 - Homelessness
 - Widow and widower rights and entitlements.

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. Au
2. Whale shark
3. Honduras, Haiti & Hungary
4. Marie Curie
5. 4
6. 64
7. 4
8. 1000
9. Islamabad
10. Capricorn
11. Andrew
12. Hong Kong
13. 8
14. 17
15. Cologne
16. Pluto
17. White
18. Red and Blue

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