



TOUKLEY RSL SUB-BRANCH *Newsletter*



NEW SUB BRANCH MEMBERS

Welcome to the following new Sub-Branch Members:

Service

***John Doalman
Henry Owczarek***

Auxiliary

Sub-Else

VALE

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 15 th July 10.30 am
July General Meeting	Monday 5 th August 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:



A quieter month for the Committee this month following all the work in the previous couple of months.

Mike Humphries and I attended the Community of Practice Welfare and Advocates meeting at Ourimbah RSL on 10 May to hear a presentation from RSL LifeCare re the Central Coast hub. We were advised that the site was at 31 Hely Street Wyong and that renovations were under way. RSL LifeCare have secured a five year commercial lease on the property.

Then a week later I received an invitation to inspect the property so Mike and I travelled to Wyong. It is still a building site but good progress has been made. The Hub has been modelled on the Hub at Nowra and it will be good when completed. This is scheduled for the end of June with a Grand Opening sometime in August. There will be three fulltime staff – a Manager, an Advocate and one other. The building is in Hely Street behind Aldi. It is a bit of a walk from the station but there will be a vehicle attached to the building. There is also off-street parking for 12 vehicles. We were advised on the day it will take about \$500K per year to stay open. The Government Grant was only to either build a new Hub or to refurbish an existing building.

The RSLNSW SBA or Sub-Branch Annual return was required to be completed by 31 May. Thanks to the support of Bishop Collins our Auditors I was able to send this off on Tuesday 28 May.

Our association liability, public liability and personal accident insurance was also due on 31 May and this has been paid.

I have also sent our annual donation to RSL NSW. As outlined in the Budget I presented to members in December last year we donated \$50K split up as follows:

\$20K to RSL LifeCare Central Coast Hub

\$28K to CCVC Inc – the Advocates that operate out of Diggers

\$2K to Allegra dogs for training of companion animals.

The committee also have three interments to conduct this month. Doreen Porter was interred on 2 June, Laurie Bartlett will be interred on Sunday 23 June at 10.00 am and Kevin Ibbett will be interred on Thursday 27 June at 11.00 am.

Tickets are on sale on Thursdays for our Wellness & Wellbeing Function (Christmas in July), which will be held on Sunday 21 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.

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.

Auxiliary Report

Management Report – Toukley Sub Branch Auxiliary Report

Two Auxiliary members supported Toukley Sub Branch members in the Lakes Grammer Schools in Anzac Services on the 2nd of May. The Auxiliary members were given the honour of placing a wreath on the designated Anzac area in the Lakes Grammer primary school.

Three members of the Auxiliary attended the May Toukley Sub Branch meeting.

Phone Calls and home visits were undertaken with two War widows. The Co-ordinator will continue to follow up with these ladies to ensure that appropriate support and assistance is provided if required.

Following a decision made at the May Auxiliary meeting, an interview took place between the Co-ordinator and Auxiliary member, Kay Ungaro; It had been decided at the May 2024 Auxiliary meeting, that the quilt made by Kay, would be donated to RSL NSW LifeCare. The interview and pictures of the quilt, were sent to the Deputy Co-ordinator of RSL NSW – Sue Allen for consideration to be placed in the June Auxiliary newsletter. In addition, the Toukley Sub-Branch Co-ordinator, wrote an article on the assistance provided by the Auxiliary (which included a table of Anzac badges) at the Wallarah Bay Recreational Clubs Anzac Service which was co-ordinated by the Toukley RSL Sub Branch conducted on the 14th of April 2024.

Christine Sellers

Co-ordinator, Toukley Sub Branch Auxiliary

Puzzle Corner



Trivia

1. Which Australian city welcomed the Summer Olympics first?
2. Which Australian institution welcomed its first female students on an equal footing in 1881?
3. Which American fast-food brand had its first location in Australia in 1968?
4. Who was the first horse to win the Melbourne Cup three times?
5. Who received a heart transplant for the first time as a woman in Australia in 1984?
6. When was Advance Australia Fair first performed as the country's anthem on a global scale?
7. Which Australian Island has the SS Maheno Shipwreck on its beach?
8. Which Australian Prime Minister broke the world record for most beers consumed and now has a brewery in Sydney named after him?
9. What worldwide Pandemic killed more than 12,000 Australians in 1919?
10. What was the first album that sold over a million copies in Australia?
11. On what year did vegemite appear on shelves in Australia?
12. Who was Australia's "Golden Girl on Athletics" in the 1950's?
13. Which international cycling event is held in South Australia annually?
14. What is the National Flower of Australia?
15. In what year were the Colonies in Australia united into a Federation of States?
16. Who entered the Australian Parliament for the first time as an Indigenous Australian?

Sub-Branch

Christmas in July Party



Sunday 21 July 2024

11.00am – 4.00pm

3 course lunch

Refreshments

Entertainment by Brassick Duo

Monster Raffle

Tickets \$20 per person for members and partners.

Judith Walker will be at Sub-branch office on Thursdays from 10.00 am to noon and also at the July General meeting selling tickets

Tables of 8 can be reserved with names and money (8 X \$20.00 pp) at time of booking.

Did you know this about Australia?

- 1 There are three times as many sheep than people living in Australia.
- 2 The emu can run as fast as 45kmh.
- 3 Koalas sleep for about 20 hours per day.
- 4 Australia is home to around 1500 types of spiders, 4000 types of ants and 350 types of termites.
- 5 Australia has a larger population of camels than Egypt.
- 6 Australia's first police force was made up of 12 convicts who were judged to be the best behaved.
- 7 The state of Tasmania has the world's cleanest air.
- 8 Australia's dingo fence is longer than the Great Wall of China.
- 9 Melbourne has the largest public tram system in the world.
- 10 17 of the world's most poisonous snakes can be found in Australia.

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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

Welfare Report May 2024



TOUKLEY RSL SUB-BRANCH

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

OFFICER	NUMBER OF VETERANS/FAMILY VISITS	HOURS	KILOMETRES TRAVELLED	PHONE CALLS	TRAINING HOURS	FUNERALS Interments
Michael Humphries	4	12	15	0	0	1
Roy Norman	8	19	28	9	0	
Ian Collier						1
TOTALS	12	31	43	9	0	2

Puzzle Corner Answers



1. Melbourne in 1956
2. Adelaide University in 1881
3. KFC – in Guildford NSW
4. Makybe Diva – 2004 and 2004 and 2005
5. Fiona Coote who was 14 at the time, in April 1984 by Dr Victor Chang
6. Advance Australia Fair was approved a day before the Los Angeles Olympics on 19th April 1984
7. Frazer Islands 75 Mile Beach
8. Bob Hawke – he sculled 2.5 pints in 11 seconds, set a Guinness World Record in 1954
9. Spanish Fle
10. Whispering Jack – John Farnham
11. 1923
12. Betty Cuthbert
13. The Tour Down Under
14. The Golden Wattle
15. 1901
16. Nigel Bonner 1971 to 1983 representing the Liberal Party and Queensland in the Upper House.

TOUKLEY RSL SUB BRANCH

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