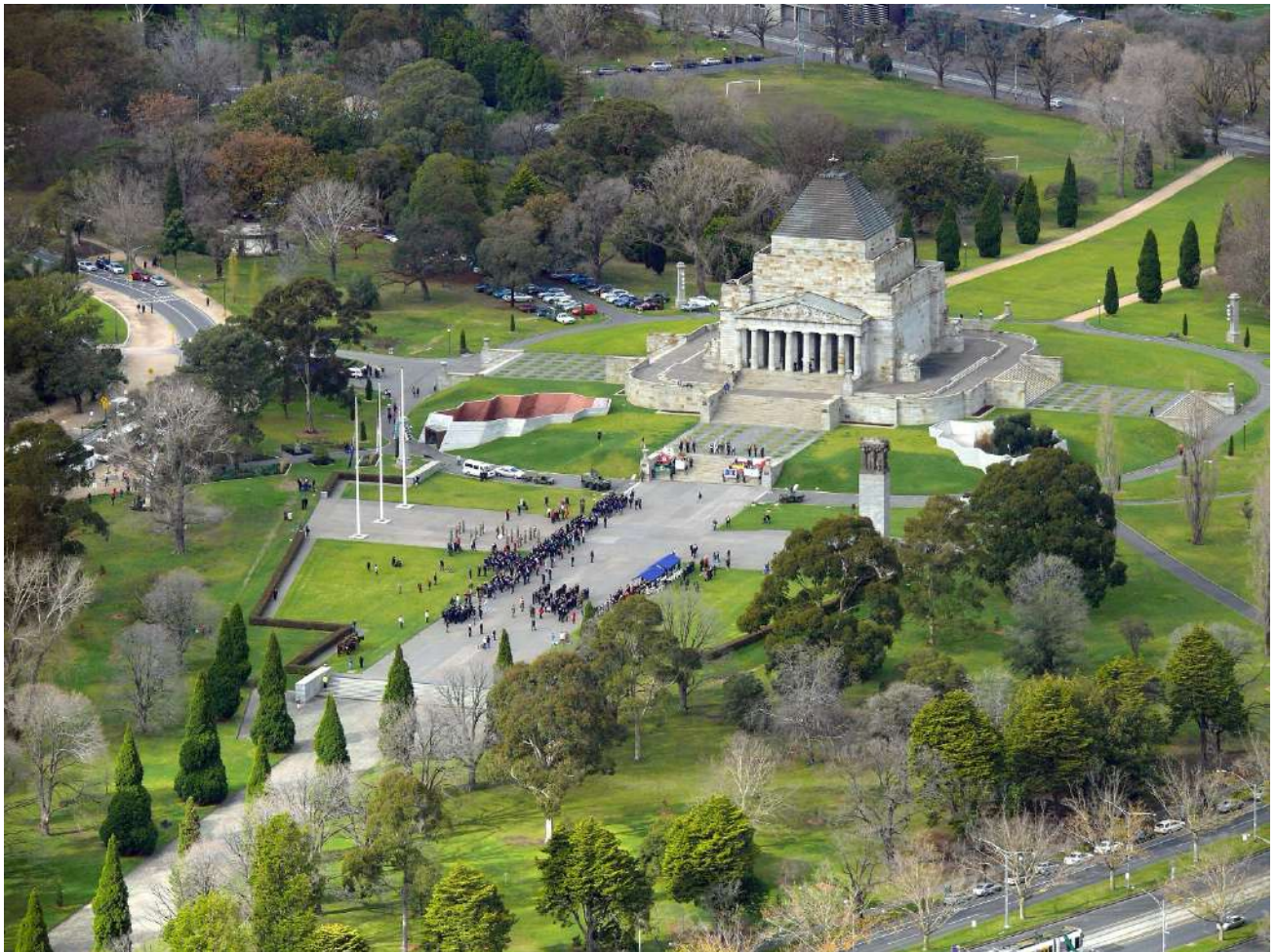




TOUKLEY RSL SUB-BRANCH

Newsletter



Melbourne Shrine of Remembrance

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NEW SUB BRANCH MEMBERS

Welcome to the following new Sub-Branch Members:

Service

Brian Knight

Auxiliary

Karen Kennedy

Sub-Else

Nil

VALE

Ralph Bull

Internment of Ashes

Nil

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.**

October General Meeting	Monday 7 th October - 10.30am
Remembrance Day	Monday 11 th November - 11.00 am

Toukley RSL Sub-Branch President's Report:



The month started for the Committee with Mike and Denise Humphries and I attending the matinee session of the Warnervale Primary School concert on 8 August. This was an enjoyable afternoon with all the primary school kids showcasing their talents. Warnervale Primary school continue to support the sub-Branch each Anzac Day so it is important for us to support them as well.

On the same day a funeral was held for our oldest member Molly Whittle at Palmdale. Judith Walker, Bob Swift and Tommy Hobbs represented the sub-Branch at the service.

On 9 August I had a meeting at Doyalson with Bob Dokter to plan our approach to the CCDC meeting on the following Monday re RSL NSW move in blocking the funding to the CCVC.

Mike Humphries and I attended the CCDC meeting on Monday 12 August where we had the chance to put forward our displeasure at the treatment of the CCVC. Doyalson and The Entrance/Long Jetty also joined us in this. A motion was moved and approved that the CCDC asked RSL NSW to reverse its decision on the CCVC. At this stage nothing has been heard on it.

Four members of the Committee and I performed an RSL tribute service at the Funeral of one of our members Ralph Bull at Palmdale on Thursday 15 August. The family and friends were appreciative of the service.

Vietnam Veterans Day on 18 August was reasonably well attended. It was good to see the Veterans MC Central Coast in attendance in numbers supporting our Commemorative service.

The repair to the rear wall at Diggers Inn was completed. All the damaged mortar was repaired and the bricks were coated with a water repellent

substance then two layers of acrylic paint were applied. I have applied for a grant from The Mounties Community Grants scheme to cover the cost of the work. The grant applications close on 31 August so we should find out next month if we have been successful.

I also had a half-day training session with Iva Prentice from our Accountants on the software they use for our accounts Xero Software.

Rob Sellers went to the Saltwater Sailors afternoon at Gosford on 20 August. Rob said he enjoyed the afternoon. If you want to know what it was like have a chat to Rob.

Friday 23 August saw a bus trip to a Pearl Farm at Moonee Moonee – see report later in magazine.

On that note I have to report that Bob Swift has handed in his resignation from the Committee effective 31 August. I would like to take this opportunity to, on behalf of all members of the sub-Branch, thank Bob for his great contribution to Toukley RSL sub-Branch. To give some indication as to the amount of time and effort Bob has contributed over the years I have had to allocate tasks to three different people to cover what Bob has been doing over the years. Steve Edmunds will be taking over the Managing role at Diggers, Christine Sellers and the Auxiliary have taken over organising the bus trips and Judith Walker has taken over the supervision of the Cenotaph and Cenotaph Gardens.

By the time you are reading this Roy Norman and I will be looking for a bar in Barcelona to try a few of the local ales.

We will both be back for the next General meeting in October.

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 - monthly meetings held 3rd Sunday every month except APRIL 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 located on the left hand side of Wallarah Road just as you drive over the Toukley Bridge towards Gorokan is maintained by the Vietnam Veterans 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 sheenasteve21@gmail.com

Vietnam Veterans Day – 18th August

We had an excellent turn out for the event it was good to see our Veteran Bikies turn out as well as the National Serviceman's Association and the Auxiliary.



Bus Trip to Broken Bay Pearl and Oyster Farm - Moonee Moonee

A very enjoyable day, the presentation by staff was terrific, complete with pearl displays and information on how pearls are made. We all were surprised that pearls are grown and not just inside certain shells. At the farm they grow the purest and most rare pearls in the world, they are called Akoya pearls. Following the morning at the Farm we headed to Gosford RSL for lunch and refreshments, followed by our usual trip to the Chocolate & Nougat Factory in West Gosford.

The ladies all tried on and handed around a pearl necklace worth \$34,000, Denise Humphries took a liking to it, [photograph is below]. The necklace was still at the farm when we departed.



From the Secretary's Desk

Judith has a few more books members may wish borrow and read:

Book 1 - "The Liverpool Boys" – **Book 2** - "A Rugged Bunch of Diggers"

Book 3 - "The Gurkhas"

The Adventures of Rob Sellers

The Sub-Branch sent our only volunteer Rob Sellers, on a Saltwater Veteran's Sailing expedition at Gosford. On the day, Rob was one of only two land lovers to participate in the event. Saltwater Veterans provide two qualified crew members to guide and instruct the newcomers to the activity.

The Saltwater Veterans acting as skipper and crew are from the three services and have the skills, knowledge and experience to make the events safe, enjoyable and relaxing. Rob can be seen in the photograph, in the boat, second from the left.

Thanks to the hard work, of Scott Reynolds, from Saltwater Veterans Sailing Project, for the invitation. Further sailing events will be scheduled every 6-8 weeks between Newcastle, Gosford and Newport.

Members interested in future trips, please advise the Sub Branch Committee



Rob enjoying his day, second from left Crew making all ship shape



“Time to get your sea legs Rob Sellers”

Interesting Statistics from CCDC Meeting 12th August

Central Coast Veterans – Census Data:

- 1. Previous ADF Service people – 7,615**
- 2. Currently Serving ADF – Regular – 172**
- 3. Currently Serving ADF – Reserves – 207**
- 4. ESO Veteran's Hub – 1**
- 5. RSL Sub-Branches – 11**
- 6. RSL Auxiliaries – 6**
- 7. Australian War Widows Branches – 3**
- 8. Active DVA Clients – 4,409**
- 9. Gold Card Holders – 1,843**
- 10. White Card Holders – 1,819**
- 11. War Widows – 791**
- 12. Legacy Dependants – 1,432**

Upcoming Committee Events:

- 1. Tuesday 5th September – Legacy Cocktail Party – at Legacy Hall, 51 – 57
Masons Parade Point Frederick – 5pm – 8pm. Mike Humphries attending.**
- 2. Friday 13th September – The Wyong Hub Opening Event – Hely Street
Wyong - 11am – 3pm – Mike Humphries, Steve Edmunds and Max Thom
confirmed as attending.**
- 3. Monday 16th September – Committee Meeting – 10.30am @ Ary.**
- 4. Saturday 21st September – Doyalson RSL Open Day – 11am – 3pm**
- 5. 14th October - CCDC Meeting – The Hub – Wyong - 2pm**



Join us for the

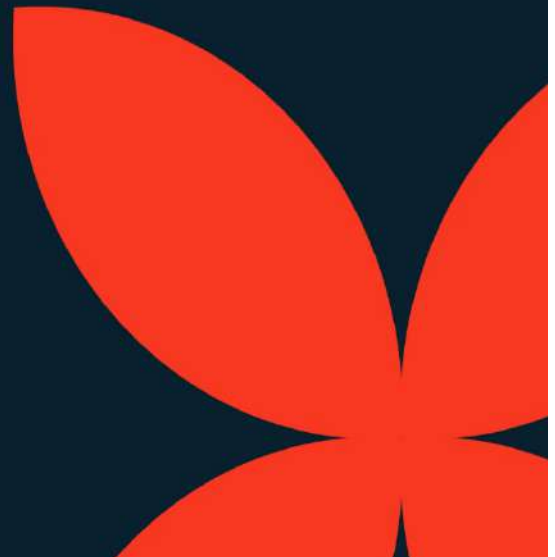
CENTRAL COAST VETERAN AND FAMILY HUB GRAND OPENING!

Date: Friday, 13 September 2024

Time: 11am to 2pm

Location: 31 Hely Street, Wyong

Enjoy complimentary food,
beverages and activities for
the whole family!



**Details of the opening is above – all members
welcome to attend on the day 11am – 2pm.**

Auxiliary Report

September 2024 Toukley Sub-Branch Auxiliary Report

Planning is underway for bus trips for the remainder of the year, two members of the sub-branch met with the Auxiliary Co-Ordinator to discuss finalising arrangements as quickly as possible. Thanks to Joan Kennedy, and Rosaleen Millwood for contacting me to volunteer in this endeavour. A gentle reminder, the sub-branch general meetings are a great opportunity to raise any suggestions for bus trips for next year. Details of bus trips that have been investigated by the Auxiliary will be discussed at Monday the 1st of September's meeting.

At last count, there are 12 members on the Auxiliary; it is obvious that even though we have 12 members, encouragement is required to ensure that all members actively participate in some capacity to make the Auxiliary efforts easier for all.

With Remembrance Day fast approaching, members are requested at the next meeting, to volunteer to sell Military Memorabilia at the Auxiliary stand that will be set up in the ARY Club prior.

Christine Sellers

Co-ordinator, Toukley Sub-Branch Auxiliary

The Sub-Branch acknowledges the hard work by Committeeman Bob Swift over the years. Bob's assistance at RSL Services, Bus trips and Diggers has been amazing. Bob and Rosemary are moving to Scone.



Puzzle Corner



Trivia

- 1. Which planet is known as the “Red Planet”?**
- 2. What has a face and two hands, but no arms or legs?**
- 3. What is the currency of Japan?**
- 4. What is the most widely spoken language in the world?**
- 5. What comes once in a minute, twice in a moment, but never in a thousand years?**
- 6. What has a thumb and four fingers but is not a hand?**
- 7. What is the tallest land animal in the world?**
- 8. How many colours are there in a rainbow?**
- 9. What is the largest species of shark?**
- 10. What do you call a baby kangaroo?**
- 11. What do you call a baby cat?**
- 12. What do you call a baby butterfly?**
- 13. What do you call a baby horse?**
- 14. In French, what does “merci” mean?**
- 15. Which famous scientist developed the theory of gravity after an apple fell on his head?**
- 16. Which Disney movie features a genie who can grant three wishes?**

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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 August 2024



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

OFFICER	NUMBER OF VETERANS/FAMILY VISITS	HOURS	KILOMETRES TRAVELLED	PHONE CALLS	TRAINING HOURS	FUNERALS Interments
Michael Humphries	4	12	22	14	0	1
Roy Norman	4	4	30	4	0	1
Ian Collier	0	2	0	0	0	1
Rob Sellers	0	2	0	0	0	1
Bob Swift	0	2	0	0	0	1
Judith Walker	0	2	0	0	0	1
Alan Thiele	0	2	0	0	0	1
TOTALS	8	26	52	18	0	7 in total



The brochure above is for the field day at Doyalson RSL Sub-branch. Doyalson have arranged a good display of items and we would like as many of our members to attend. It will be a family day with rides for the children and plenty to see and enjoy. We have membership and transfer forms with the hope new members or transferees join us. Our members Judith Walker, Mike Humphries, Max Thom, Alan Thiele, Dave Regan and Steve Edmunds, have already volunteered for the day, however we require a few more volunteers. Especially in the set up of the marquee, tables and display banners. We will be taking the bus should we have members who wish to come, but please remember the bus will not be returning until after the event. The bus will depart Ary at 10.30am sharp.

Puzzle Corner Answers



1. Answer: Mars.
2. Answer: A clock.
3. Answer: Japanese yen.
4. Answer: Mandarin Chinese.
5. Answer: The letter 'M'.
6. Answer: A glove.
7. Answer: Giraffe.
8. Answer: Seven.
9. Answer: Whale Shark
10. Answer: Joey.
11. Answer: Kitten.
12. Answer: Caterpillar.
13. Answer: Foal.
14. Answer: Thank you.
15. Answer: Isaac Newton.
16. Answer: Aladdin.



"Enjoy your holiday – Ian – Roy – Judith"

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