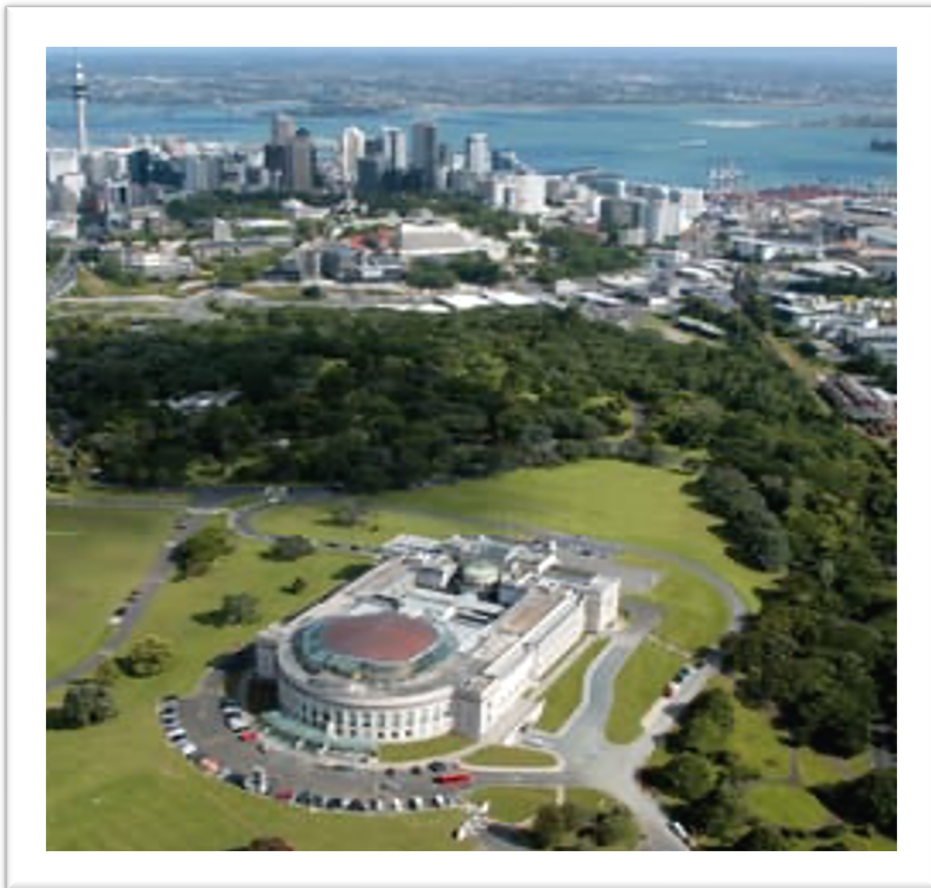




TOUKLEY RSL SUB-BRANCH *Newsletter*



Auckland War Museum - New Zealand

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NEW SUB-BRANCH MEMBERS

Welcome to the following new Sub-Branch Members:

Service

Allan Moffatt

Auxiliary

NIL

Sub-Else

NIL

VALE

NIL

Internment of Ashes

Sunday 1st December 2024 – Ralph Bull

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.**

December General Meeting	Monday 2nd December - 10.30am
Mariners Service – Norah Head	Saturday 7th December – 11am
Sub-Branch Christmas Party	Sunday 15th December – 11am
Sub-Branch General Meeting	Monday 3rd February – 10.30am
Sub-Branch AGM	Sunday 16th February – 10.30am



I was invited to represent the Toukley RSL Sub-Branch at Doyalson/Wyee RSL Sub-Branch 66th Anniversary dinner – again a good opportunity to foster the relationship with another local Sub-Branch.

I was also invited to represent the Sub-Branch at the Annual Presentation Dinner of the 236 Army Cadets Unit (Northlakes). I was pleased to accept this invitation to show the appreciation of the Sub-Branch for the continuing support that the 236 Army Cadets Unit provide at our two main Commemorative Services.

We now intend to proceed with the work we had always planned to do – which is build a garage in the backyard at Diggers to put some shelving in to allow the VMCC to move their fridge and other material out of the office at Diggers into the garage. Rob Sellers is the Project Manager for this job and is currently sourcing quotes for the concreting and electrical and plumbing work.

The Remembrance Day Commemorative Service on Monday 11 November went very well. Mike, Roy and Judith did a good job with the preparations while I was having a break for a week. The Service was very well attended, and we have to thank the catafalque party from 236 Army cadets, the choir from Warnervale Public School, Lyndon Ainsworth from Wallarah Community Band and the Toukley RSL Pipes and Drums for their contribution to the Service. We also had a new sound system company, and I have received good feedback from the quality of the sound set-up. As I said earlier the Service was very

well attended – so much so that our 75 chairs did not meet the requirements of the attendance. At our post Service review, we identified this as a problem and will be hiring extra chairs in 2025.

The Auxiliary – with the support of some of the Committee members set-up a table in The Ary from November 6 to November 10 to sell Poppy badges and pens etc. Bev Pritchatt and Christine Sellers with the support of Secretary Judith Walker and a few of the Committee raised \$999 in the five days. Well done to all involved.

Merchant Mariners Day is on again on Saturday 7 December at Norah Head Lighthouse. Toukley RSL sub=Branch has again been invited to participate in this Commemorative Service. The Committee have already committed to attending and if any members would like to attend the bus will leave the front of The Ary at 10.00 am

The Committee held an interment service for Ralph Bull on Sunday 1 December at 10.30 am.

And finally tickets for our Annual Wellness and Wellbeing Event (Christmas Party) on Sunday 15 December at 11.00 am will be on sale after today's meeting and on Thursday mornings at the Sub-Branch office up until 1 week before the event.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members and partners and families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.



Ian Collier

Ian Collier - President

Roy Norman's Visit to Singleton Army Barracks Open Day Saturday 9th November 2024:

Extensive displays of infantry military weapons, vehicles and hardware



Judith Walkers visit to Kokoda Day: Sunday 3 November 2024:

More than 350 people attended. Among the many guests, Federal Assistant Defence and Veterans' Affairs Minister Matt Thistlethwaite, NSW Veterans Minister David Harris, our guest speaker RAN Captain Richard Brickacek CSC DSM, Air Commodore Steve Pesce AM, NSW Police Commissioner Karen Webb APM plus Federal and State Members of Parliament, representatives from PNG, United Kingdom, NZ, USA, and Turkey Also proud to salute four WWII veterans, Len Sicard (101), David Trist (99), Bruce Robertson (104) and Reg Chard (100).

A wreath laying service followed the guest speaker, giving the opportunity for our special guests, ex-service representatives, community and school groups, plus many individuals to pay their respects on the day.



Remembrance Day 2024



Warnervale Public School Choir



Greg Mawson State President of the NSW National Serviceman's Association presented an award to Ken Furness awarded a State Life Member of the Association. Ken has also been a member of the Toukley RSL Sub-Branch since 6th June 2012.



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 December, 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

Upcoming Events:

1. Saturday 7th December – Merchant Mariners

At Norah Head Lighthouse commencing 10.30am. Committee attendance requested. Members also can attend, Bus times 10am.

2. Sunday 15th December - Sub Branch Xmas Party

Commences at 11am, function room The Ary.

3. Sub-Branch General Meeting – Monday 3rd February 2025

4. Sub-Branch AGM – Sunday 16th February 2025

****Reminder that there is no Sub-Branch General Meeting in January*

Next scheduled Sub-Branch meeting will be Monday 3rd February 2025.

“Lone Pine – Toukley RSL Cenotaph”



Auxiliary Report

AUXILIARY REPORT – November 2024

Only two Auxiliary members attended the Remembrance Day Service this year. Auxiliary assistance was provided to the Sub-Branch by handing out service booklets, bottles of water, assistance to the public in attendance when required, and handing out cold drinks and ice blocks/ice creams to children at the end of the service.

At the Remembrance Day stall conducted between the 6th – 10th November at the ARY, a total of \$842.00 was raised by the Auxiliary and Sub-Branch volunteers that manned the stall. This was an outstanding effort.

I would personally like to thank Bev Pritchatt for the extra effort that was required, to amend the roster several times due to the 'last minute' unavailability of Auxiliary members, including spending extra time at the stall; and to Denise Humphries, who despite difficulties with managing family health issues for some time, makes herself available time and time again.

In addition to the Remembrance Day stall, the ARY Reception staff rostered on at the time Donna, advised the Sub-Branch Secretary that several of the general public coming into the ARY were asking to buy Poppies and other Remembrance Day memorabilia. A decision was made that several poppy badges etc would be sold at the ARY Reception desk. On behalf of the Auxiliary, I would like to thank Donna for taking the initiative to assist the public with their requests, and helping to take the overall monies raised to \$999.00.

As mentioned in our previous report, Joan Kennedy, myself and Bev Pritchatt (as backup) were nominated to plan the Sub Branch Wellness bus trips; it was also stated, that sheets of paper would be passed around at the Sub Branch General meeting to give members the opportunity to put their names down for recommended trips, and to make suggestions for trips that the members would like to nominate. Sheets with suggested trips were distributed around the room at the September General meeting, but unfortunately, the Auxiliary members present did not receive any sheets with response to trips suggested. Please note, if there are insufficient numbers for a planned trip, it may need to be cancelled.

Christine Sellers

Co-Ordinator, Toukley RSL Sub-Branch Auxiliary

Puzzle Corner



Trivia

1. Which British band sang “Hey Jude”?
2. What is Elvis Presley’s middle name?
3. Who is known as the “Queen of Pop”?
4. Which instrument does a pianist play?
5. In which city was Ludwig van Beethoven born?
6. What is the name of the music festival held annually in California’s Coachella Valley?
7. Which singer is known for the hit song “Thriller”?
8. Who sang “Like a Rolling Stone”?
9. What genre of music did Taylor Swift start in before switching to pop?
10. Which band released the hit song “Bohemian Rhapsody”?



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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 November 2024



TOUKLEY RSL SUB-BRANCH

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

OFFICER	NUMBER OF VETERANS/FAMILY VISITS	HOURS	KILOMETRES TRAVELLED	PHONE CALLS	TRAINING HOURS	FUNERALS Interments
Michael Humphries	4	14	25	12	0	1
Roy Norman	6	18	40	31	0	1
Alan Thiele	0	4	66	0	0	1
Midge Scott	1	2	18	1	0	0
TOTALS	11	38	149	44	0	1 in total

Sub-Branch Christmas Party



Sunday 15th December 2024

11.00am – 4.00pm

3 course lunch

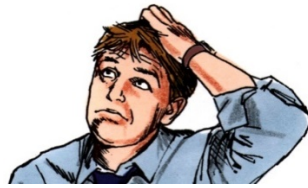
Refreshments

Entertainment by Brassick Duo

Monster Raffle

Tickets \$20 per person for members and partners, tickets on sale today and every Thursday until the event.

Puzzle Corner Answers



1. Answer: The Beatles
2. Answer: Aaron
3. Answer: Madonna
4. Answer: Piano
5. Answer: Bonn
6. Answer: Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival
7. Answer: Michael Jackson
8. Answer: Bob Dylan
9. Answer: Country
10. Answer: Queen

Below is an invitation to the Wyong Hub Xmas Party, I have accepted for Alan Thiele, Judith Walker, Max Thom, Alan Love and Mike Humphries. Should other Sub-Branch members wish to go advise Mike Humphries



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